

Liturgies and Mass Intentions ~ Week of April 15, 2018

Sunday, April 15

9:00 am – Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi

11:00 am – Joan Randolph (Jack Randolph)

Monday, April 16

No Mass

Tuesday, April 17

11:00 am – Westminster Thurber

Wednesday, April 18

6:00 pm – For the Success of the Capital Campaign

Thursday, April 19

6:00 pm – For the Success of the Capital Campaign

Friday, April 20

6:00 pm – For the Success of the Capital Campaign

Schedule of Sunday Liturgical Ministries

Thank you for your willingness to serve to make our Mass Successful

Ministers of Hospitality (Greeters)

April 15 – 9 am – Stephanie Good, Lorri Kuczynski

11 am – Mason Rothrock, Gretchen Rivera

April 22 – 9 am – Mary Jo and Sam Hulett

11 am – Bob Ariss, Maryellen O'Shaughnessy

Servers

April 15 – 9 am – Frank Conway, 11 am – Nolan Rothrock

April 22 – 9 am – Chris Paisley, 11 am – Nolan Rothrock

Crucifers (Cross Bearers)

April 15 – 9 am – Susan Kyanko, 11 am – Julie Byrne

April 22 – 9 am – Bob Geoghegan, 11 am – Julie Byrne

Lectors

April 15 – 9 am – Sr. Sharen Baldy, Cecilia McAdams

11 am – Emily Wu, Diane Meves

April 22 – 9 am – Louisa Celebrezze, Jarret Chirafisi

11 am – Pat Visel, Gary Snyder

Eucharistic Ministers

April 15 – 9 am – K. Kriedermann, R. Morkassel, J. Capestany

11 am – Sue Cruickshank, Lori Toczczic, Mark Coleman

April 22 – 9 am – Frank Conway, Rick Miller, Mary Ann Kerscher

11 am – Mark Coleman, Marilyn Smith, Joanna Nunn

Gluten "Free"/Low Gluten Hosts...are available for those who wish to receive them. If you would like to receive a low-gluten host at Communion, please notify one of the greeters before Mass. This will allow us to observe and maintain safety protocols for those who are sensitive or allergic to gluten.

Capital Campaign

At the end of January we had commitment Sunday, when we asked parishioners to make their pledges for our Capital Campaign – Honoring the Past, Serving the Present, Preserving God's Gift for the Future. The response was phenomenal and this truly is a community planning for our future! Our goal is \$292,000 and to date we have \$193,490 paid. Thank you to those who have responded so generously. If you have not yet made your pledge, please consider doing so, so that you, too, can take ownership of this project. Statements have been mailed to those who have requested them. If you were expecting a statement and did not receive one, please contact the parish office.

Calendar of Events at St. Francis of Assisi Parish

Please check the St. Francis website for the full calendar of events

Sunday, April 15

▶ 10:00 am – Sandwiches for St. Lawrence Haven

▶ 12:00 pm – Book Discussion Group

▶ 7:00 pm – Confirmation Preparation

Tuesday, April 17

▶ 11:00 am – Mass at Westminster Thurber

▶ 7:00 pm – Confirmation at St. Christopher

Wednesday, April 18

▶ 7:00 pm - RCIA

Parish News and Information

Spring Craft Fair – It's time to start planning for the spring craft fair. The fair will be on Sunday, May 6 following both Masses in the Parish hall. If you would like to have a table and sell your crafts, please contact Amy Knight at 614-251-1477. Remember there is no table fee, but we do ask that 10% of your sales be donated back to the church to be sent to the St. Francis Center in McArthur, OH. Let's make this the best Craft Fair ever!

Confirmation – You are invited to join 7 of our young parishioners as they make their Confirmation with the youth at St. Christopher on Tuesday, April 17 at 7:00 pm. Please come and support these kids as they have taken time to prepare for this next step in their faith journey. A cake and punch reception will follow in the cafeteria at Trinity



School. Any questions, please contact Joyce Schneider at joycemckownschneider@gmail.com

Travel with Fr. Fritzner Valcin to the Holy Land

Where: Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Nazareth, Galilee, Via Crucis, Last Supper, Gethsemane, Dormition, Nativity Church, Capernaum, Tel Aviv

Trip Dates: Oct 17-27, 2018 Cost:

\$4,000.00 Airfare and ALL-Included. To register, please contact (855) 842-8001 or (508) 340-9370. You can also register online at www.proximotravel.com.



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First Communion – On Sunday, April 22 at 12:30 we will have a special Mass to celebrate First Communion. Please plan on joining us to celebrate this group of kids who have been preparing for this next step in their faith journey. A reception will follow in the parish hall.

Seasons of Hope - "If you are suffering the loss of a loved one and are looking for friends to share in your grief and healing, please join us at our Seasons of Hope Bereavement Ministry meetings. This is a Christ-Centered peer support group that meets for six consecutive weeks, four times per year. During the spring season we will meet on Sundays from April 8 - May 13, at St. Francis of Assisi Church, in the Parish Hall. Registration is from 1:30 to 1:55 pm and the group shares from 2:00 to 4:00. You may join us for any or all of our sessions by just showing up. And please feel welcome to bring a friend! If you have any questions you may contact Mike Schmidt of St. Francis, michaeljameschmidt@yahoo.com or Michael S. Julian, of Immaculate Conception Church at mjulian@columbus.rr.com.

Gospel Reflection ~ April 15, 2018

The first verses in the Gospel are a transition from the account of Jesus and two disciples on the road to Emmaus and his appearance to his disciples in Jerusalem. The stories have similar features: Jesus appears unexpectedly; he answers their questions through the interpretation of Scripture; he proclaims the Good News of his Resurrection; they share a meal. The two Emmaus disciples tell others what they have seen and heard, and in today's Gospel, Jesus commissions those gathered in Jerusalem to preach to all nations. The common features present essential dimensions of Christian faith: Jesus is present as the risen Messiah; he has fulfilled the Scriptures; the Paschal Mystery is the lens to understand the Scriptures; they will meet him when they gather, particularly in their common meal; they are expected to share the Good News with all people.

In today's scene, Jesus appears to disciples who have just heard their two Emmaus-bound friends tell their story that isn't even finished when Jesus stand in their midst. Luke emphasized the effect of his appearance: they were startled, terrified, troubled, and questioning. Not recognizing him, they must be reassured that this is the Jesus they had known. He shows them that he is no ghost, for they are able to touch him, and he even eats in their presence. Then he opens their minds to understand how the Scriptures were fulfilled in him. Only after his passing from death to life are they able to grasp how the Scriptures had spoken of him. Then, having opened their minds, Jesus commissions his followers to proclaim repentance and forgiveness in his name to all nations – a commission continues by the Church today.

Source: Workbook for Lectors, Gospel Readers, and Proclaimers of the Word.

Our Condolences

Romans 12:15 says, "Be happy with those who are happy, and weep with those who weep." Today we weep with Kathy Dancey and her family as they celebrate the life of her aunt, Geraldine "Jeri" Notturiano, who passed away on Monday, April 9. Our prayers for Kathy are peace and comfort during this difficult time

Next Week's Readings

Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12
1 John 3:1-2
John 10:11-18



Bishop's Annual Appeal

"Sharing His Love, Encouraging Hope", the theme of the 2018 Bishop's Annual Appeal inspires us, as people of Faith, to share the love that God has for us, which can often bring hope to those who might not have felt His love. Works of kindness and help, in sometimes the smallest way, can bring about a profound change in a person's life. Through the BAA, we have an opportunity to bring about a positive change in the lives of many of God's people. Through your generosity, you are supporting the various ministries and programs that are so vital in spreading His love.

Adult Sunday School

Our Professor of Theology (that we happen to share with Ohio Dominican University), Barb Finan, will be conducting 3 discussion sessions on Pope Francis's new exhortation, *Gaudete et Exultate*. The dates will be **Sunday, May 6th, Sunday, May 20th and Sunday, June 3rd**. The sessions will be held from **6:00 pm to 7:30 pm in the Parish Hall**. You can view the document online and the office will have one printed copy to read in the Parish Hall. There will be more information to come next week.

Living Our Faith - An 8 Part Series

As our society grows more and more complex, our ability to juggle it all deteriorates. We make choices as to which activity, passion, or pursuit we'll entertain with our attention. And in the midst of this, we often push our faith to the margins of our life—to become something we do on the side, when we're not focusing on our career or taking care of our family.

The danger of today is that in this excess of choice, we'll choose everything and let the things that matter drown in our flooded schedules.

This is what has happened to many of us. We've let our faith become a Sunday thing, not a 24/7 thing.

Of course, I speak this from experience. There were times when I was overwhelmed with zeal and passion for ministry, and then other times when I struggled to do my devotionals. I still struggle with living faith out every day, especially amidst my heavy entrepreneurial schedule. But in bearing the dissatisfaction of a complacent faith, I forced myself to adopt new habits—habits that would allow me to bring my faith to the center of things again.

They are habits I learned from watching others and following their example. Now I've put a vocabulary to what they did differently. Consider these few habits, and learn from their example as well:

3. They consider character, when everyone else considers outcome.

Christianity gives us an awareness of our internal matters. It allows us to not be blind to how certain decisions affect our heart. But most of the times, we can only be focused on our external success, and how outcomes can make us profitable or not. We can entirely ignore character if we're not careful. The people who live out their faith daily always keep an eye on their character. They never wholly follow a decision that leads to a profitable, external outcome. They weigh the heart behind the matters.

So next time, don't silence the voice that begs you to consider character in a situation. Instead, amplify it.

Stay tuned for habits 4-8...

Source: <http://jesushacks.com/live-out-faith/>

St. Vincent DePaul

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MICROLOAN PROGRAM-MENTOR TRAINING

Day: Saturday, April 21, 2018

Time: 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Place: St. Michael, 5750 N. High Street, Worthington, OH 43085

Hosted by: St. Michael's Conference of St. Vincent de Paul

Who is invited: those interested in being financial mentors and at least one home visitor from each conference

RSVP: debzabloudil@gmail.com

We are inviting those interested in being financial mentors for our Microloan program to our next training. We will update you on the program, acquaint you with the basics of being a financial mentor for this program, provide background on what home visitors should look for during a home visit, talk about how the county boards will make their decisions, and acquaint you with how to use *Your Money, Your Goals* and other resources from the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau and the Federal Trade Commission. If you already have a copy of *Your Money, Your Goals*, please bring that to the training.

Please RSVP (with your name, conference and email) by April 18 so we have enough food and materials for the day.