

Liturgies and Mass Intentions ~ Week of April 22, 2018

Sunday, April 22

9:00 am – Chris Carter (Frank Conway)
11:00 am – Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi

Monday, April 23

No Mass

Tuesday, April 24

6:00 pm – Ronald J. Atwood (Maite/Nunn Families)

Wednesday, April 25

6:00 pm – Souls in Purgatory (Mary Thompson)

Thursday, April 26

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

Friday, April 27

No Mass

Schedule of Sunday Liturgical Ministries

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

Ministers of Hospitality (Greeters)

April 22 – 9 am – Mary Jo and Sam Hulett

11 am – Bob Ariss, Maryellen O'Shaughnessy

April 29 – 9 am – Jeanna Diederich, Joyce Schneider

11 am – Megan Murphy, Sandy Glasner

Servers

April 22 – 9 am – Chris Paisley, 11 am – OPEN

April 29 – 9 am – Susan Kyanko, 11 am – Gaetan O'Brien

Crucifers (Cross Bearers)

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

April 29 – 9 am – Frank Schneider, 11 am – Dan O'Brien

Lectors

April 22 – 9 am – Louisa Celebrezze, Jarret Chirafisi

11 am – Pat Visel, Gary Snyder

April 29 – 9 am – Cecilia McAdams, Sr. Sharen Baldy

11 am – Jon Murphy, Tim Feran

Eucharistic Ministers

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

11 am – Mark Coleman, Marilyn Smith, Joanna Nunn

April 29 – 9 am – J. Capestany, L. Celebrezze, K. Kriedermann,

11 am – Mark Coleman, Joanna Nunn, Marilyn Smith

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.

As the Good Shepherd, Jesus Reveals His Character

- The prophets knew the Lord as this...
 - David in Psalm 23, "The Lord is my shepherd"
 - Isaiah wrote, "He shall feed His flock like a shepherd" (40:11)
 - Ezekiel penned, "I Myself will search for My sheep..." (34:11-16).
- The "Good" Shepherd!
 - "The Lord is good..." **Nahum 1:7**
 - "Only One is good, that is, God" **Matt.19:16-17**
 - This reveals Jesus' deity.

Calendar of Events at St. Francis of Assisi Parish

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

Sunday, April 22

- ▶ 12:30 pm – First Communion Mass with Reception
- ▶ 2:00 pm – Secular Franciscan Order
- ▶ 7:00 pm – Post Confirmation Meeting

Monday, April 23

- ▶ 7:00 pm – Saint Vincent DePaul
- ▶ 7:00 pm – Leadership Team Meeting

Tuesday, April 24

- ▶ 12:00 pm – Flytown Women
- ▶ 7:00 pm – Stewardship Council Meeting

Wednesday, April 25

- ▶ 7:00 pm - RCIA

Thursday, April 26

- ▶ 6:30 pm – Campaign Steering Committee Meeting

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!

St. Francis of Assisi St. Vincent DePaul is interested in supporting Women Affirming Women again this year. You generously donated gently used items for the Boutique last year,



so if you begin your spring cleaning early set things aside. We are collecting now through the end of May.

Some needed items are – Jewelry, Purses, Belts and Scarves, Hats and Sunglasses, Perfume, Makeup (New only), Flip-flops, Umbrellas

Adult Sunday School - Barb Finan's first session on the Pope's exhortation, *Gaudete et Exsultate*, will be Sunday, May 6 from 6:00 - 7:30 pm in the Parish Hall. Quoting *America Magazine*, "The universal call to holiness requires a relationship with God; it is a lifelong discernment process. Francis is clear that in accepting God's grace, we cooperate with God and are more fully transformed over time." And "The important thing," Pope Francis explains, "is that each believer discern his or her own path, that they bring out the very best of themselves, the most personal gifts God has placed in their hearts." Time with the Pope's thoughts is always fruitful!

Creation Care - Parishioners are invited to a special Hospitality Sunday in commemoration of Earth Day following Masses on Sunday, April 29. Join the Creation Care team in the church hall on that day for donuts, coffee, and conversation.



Our Condolences - Romans 12:15 says, 'Be happy with those who are happy, and weep with those who weep.' Today we weep with Skip Camerucci and his family, as they mourn the loss of his son, Reno who passed away on Tuesday, April 10. Our prayers for Skip are peace and comfort during this difficult time.

Next Week's Readings

Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31
1 John 3:18-24
John 15:1-8



Gospel Reflection ~ April 22, 2018

In the Old Testament, sheep and shepherds were so much a part of daily life that they easily became a means of illustrating the relationship between God and Israel. One of the most popular Psalms opens with "The Lord is my shepherd" (Psalm 23:1). In contrast to the Lord, some of Israel's leaders destroyed and scattered the sheep, leaving them as food for wild animals (see, for example, Jeremiah 23:1-4; Ezekiel 34:5-6). Reinterpreting the ancient symbolism, Jesus applies the metaphor of shepherd to himself. Just as the God of Israel was totally different from Israel's unfaithful leaders, Jesus is absolutely different from hirelings who have no concern for the sheep.

In today's reading, part of the longer discourse of Jesus as the shepherd (10:7-18, 27-30), Jesus says twice that he is the Good Shepherd, describing his actions for the flock. First, he lays down his life for the sheep. Such willingness to die for the flock is a loving commitment, that goes far beyond Jesus' parable of searching for the lost sheep. When he speaks of laying down his life and taking it up again, he is foretelling his Death and Resurrection. As a Good Shepherd, he knows those who are his own and they know him. He likens their mutual knowing to the knowing between himself and his Father, signifying knowledge that is intimate and enduring.

After speaking of those who are already part of his fold, Jesus foresees others who do not yet belong. He will lead them, and they will hear his voice. The little flock during Jesus' lifetime will be greatly increased. All will be brought into one flock under the guidance of one shepherd, Jesus himself. Today we pray for the unity and universality that Jesus promised.

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

BREAD Nehemiah Action

Live out Christ's call to us and our parish mission by standing for justice May 7!

There is so much to be done to better our society, but what can "just one person" do to help? Certainly we pray, but it is through the work of His church, the Body of Christ, that our prayers will be answered. Our St. Francis mission statement calls us: "We labor to transform society through acts of social justice and charity, to promote peace, and to ease the burdens of poverty, illness, and discrimination within our parish and the larger community."

Our parish has a rich tradition of social justice and there are so many ways you can get involved as "just one person." One simple way is joining your fellow parishioners and other people of faith throughout Columbus one night each year at the Nehemiah Action, hosted by B.R.E.A.D. (Building Responsibility, Equality And Dignity). Established in 1996, BREAD is an organization of 41 religious congregations which are working together to solve critical community problems. It is not a service provider, but a grassroots, direct action, multi-issue organization, which has come together to be a powerful force for improving the quality of life in Columbus, OH. Check out some of the successes at breadcolumbus.com.

On Monday May 7 at 7pm at the Celeste Center on the Ohio State Fairgrounds (717 E. 17th Ave., Columbus, OH 43211), thousands will gather to call for commitments to justice from our community leaders. In the next week, you will receive an eVite to gather for dinner at St. Francis and carpool together to this important event. Will you join us and answer Christ's call? Simply your presence as "just one person" joined together with so many other people of faith can make a difference. If you'd like more information on this or any other St. Francis social justice programs, please reach out to one of the St. Francis Social Justice Network Members below: Karen Scheid (klscheid@gmail.com) Pat Cassidy (Cassidy.jpatrick@yahoo.com) Gary Snyder (snyderg47@gmail.com) Phil Pennino (phil.pennino@gmail.com)

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:

4. They cultivate and sharpen community in all contexts.

I have a friend who intentionally creates community everywhere—even at the job he hates. He's not concerned about whether or not he can be friends with certain people. He simply gives all people around him the space to be themselves—and that creates, sustains, and sharpens community.

Creating community is about adding value to people's lives. It recognizes that people are not to be used but loved.

A person who lives out their faith every day is involved in the messy work of creating community because they believe people are in their lives for a godly purpose—not to be wasted for a quick flash of entertainment.

Stay tuned for habits 5-8...

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

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 \$194,909 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. This week the stained glass window company came in and cut out some of the more damaged and delicate pieces of the windows. They will be taken back to their shop to be repaired before being reinstalled. Also, one pew has been restored and looks amazing! The last pew on the right hand side of the church (looking at the altar) was sent to North Carolina for restoration. It will be reinstalled soon for all to see. Projects have begun and it won't be long and will be in full renovation mode. Please continue to pray for this campaign, the leaders involved, and the vendors we are using, that they may stay within budget and within the allotted time frame.