

Liturgies and Mass Intentions ~ Week of April 29, 2018

Sunday, April 29

9:00 am – Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi
11:00 am – Margaret Dunleavy (Kevin Dunleavy)

Monday, April 30

No Mass

Tuesday, May 1

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

Wednesday, May 2

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

Thursday, May 3

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

Friday, May 4

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 29 – 9 am – Jeanna Diederich, Joyce Schneider
11 am – Megan Murphy, Sandy Glasner

May 6 – 9 am – Stephanie Good, Frank Schneider
11 am – Andy Randel, John Nunn

Servers

April 29 – 9 am – Lynn Willford, 11 am – Gaetan O'Brien
May 6 – 9 am – Chris Paisley, 11 am – Gaetan O'Brien

Crucifers (Cross Bearers)

April 29 – 9 am – Frank Schneider, 11 am – Dan O'Brien
May 6 – 9 am – OPEN, 11 am – Dan O'Brien

Lectors

April 29 – 9 am – Cecilia McAdams, Sr. Sharen Baldy
11 am – Jon Murphy, Tim Feran
May 6 – 9 am – Sr. Sharen Baldy, Katherine Kriedermann
11 am – Julie Byrne, Sue Cruickshank

Eucharistic Ministers

April 29 – 9 am – J. Capestany, L. Celebrezze, K. Kriedermann,
11 am – Mark Coleman, Joanna Nunn, Marilyn Smith
May 6 – 9 am – Steve Hillyer, Joyce Schneider, Kathy Porter
11 am – Joanna Nunn, ME O'Shaughnessy, Renee Morkassel

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.



Calendar of Events at St. Francis of Assisi Parish

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

Sunday, April 29

- ▶ Creation Care Hospitality
- ▶ 2:00 pm – Bereavement Group Meeting
- ▶ 6:00 – Confirmation Cookout at Schneider's

Tuesday, May 1

- ▶ 7:00 pm – Pastoral Council Meeting

Wednesday, May 2

- ▶ 7:00 pm - RCIA

Saturday, May 5

- ▶ 8:30 am – Men's Coffee and Prayer Group

Parish News and Information

Spring Craft Fair – Next Sunday, May 6 is the craft fair 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. Please be sure to join us and support our parish crafters as well as those in need in McArthur.

St. Francis of Assisi's 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 – 1st Session – Sunday, May 6th 6pm – 7:30pm - *Gaudete et Exsultate* = Rejoice and be glad. Pope Francis is inviting us to truly accept God's call to holiness by reminding us that we should let the Spirit of Grace fill us with JOY. Every person has a unique vocation to whom he or she is called by God: the parents who raise their children with immense love; the sick who never lose their smile; the volunteer who feels equality and solidarity in service to others. This essay by the Pope isn't rules and regulations. It is a contemplation on Christ's life and leads us to mirror Him in our choices and attitudes. Come and join in on the learning and conversation! Or just relax and soak it in.

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 Bishop's Annual Appeal, 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. Next week is Commitment Week-end for the Appeal, at which time you can make your gift or pledge. Our parish has been asked to raise \$23,501.36. We can accomplish this if, after prayerful consideration, everyone gives what they can. Any amount raised over our goal will be returned to our parish to be used for our particular needs.

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Gospel Reflection ~ April 29, 2018

An important theological and verbal link between the reading from 1 John and the Gospel according to John is the word “remain” (*meno*). In the concluding verse of 1 John, we heard that those who keep Jesus’ commandments remain in him and he in them. John uses this word more than all the rest of the New Testament combined. In John’s writing, *meno* signifies a deeply intimate and constant communion. In this Gospel reading, the evangelist uses the image of a vine and branches to develop the significance of Jesus remaining in the disciples and the disciples remaining in him.

The metaphor of the vine was already a part of the Jewish tradition, often symbolic of the covenant relationship with God gone awry. God had planted a choice vine, but Israel became a wild, untamed vine instead (Jeremiah 2:21; compare with Isaiah 5:1-7). Whereas the old vine did not produce good fruit, Jesus gives the image of new life. He says, “I am the true vine,” the last of his “I am” statements in John’s Gospel. Along with Jesus’ identity as the vine, he says his Father is the Vine grower, the one who prunes the branches so they will bear more fruit.

With the vine and branches imagery, Jesus connects his identity with that of his disciples. Precisely because they remain in him, and his words remain in them, his disciples are able to bear fruit. Apart from him they can do nothing. The effects of remaining in Jesus are many: the disciples’ prayers will be answered; their ministry will be fruitful; and God will be glorified.

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

BREAD Nehemiah Action

Follow the path of Jesus with Father Fritz & our St. Francis family at the BREAD Nehemiah Action May 7!

“The path of Jesus began on the peripheries. It goes from the poor and with the poor, towards others. To all of you working for social justice: never tire of working for a more just world, marked by greater solidarity!” --Pope Francis, 2015

Join Father Fritz and your fellow parishioners and other people of faith throughout Columbus 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 7 pm at the Celeste Center on the Ohio State Fairgrounds (717 E. 17th Ave., Columbus, OH 43211), thousands (really? Maybe hundreds?) will gather to call for commitments to justice from our community leaders. **You should have also received an eVite this week to gather for a tasty pizza dinner at St. Francis at 5:30 pm on May 7**, and then carpool together to this important event.

Will you join us and answer Christ’s call for justice? Our goal is to turn out 50 or more people from SFA. Simply your presence together with so many other people of faith can truly make a difference. Bring your family and friends! If you’d like more information about this special night, please reach out to one of the St. Francis Social Justice Network Members below:

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Pat Cassidy (Cassidy.jpatrick@yahoo.com)

Gary Snyder (snyderg47@gmail.com)

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Next Week’s Readings

Acts of the Apostles 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

1 John 4:7-10

John 15:9-17



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 devotions. 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:

5. They honor their roles to the best of their abilities.

I had a friend once have me list out all my roles in life. It was hard for me to think through at first, but he seemed to be able to do it easily. This ease was the result of him constantly being aware of his roles and how he served in them—how he loved as a husband, how he served as an employee, and how he cared as a father. Often times, we can be blind to our roles. But Jesus calls us to glorify Him in these roles. That means choosing to be excellent in our roles. We can’t let them slip by unnoticed any longer.

Stay tuned for habits 6-8...

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 \$195,269 paid. Thank you to those who have responded so generously. Projects have begun and it won’t be long and we 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.

Electronic Recycling

Have old computers, TVs, VCRs, cell phones, or other devices cluttering your space? Bishop Ready High School is holding a recycling drive at the school on Thursday, May 3, from 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. and from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.; on Friday, May 4, from 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m.; and on Saturday, May 5, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. There is a \$10 donation request per delivery with an additional \$10 for each tube monitor (computer or TV). All computer hard



drives will be wiped and certificates of destruction will be provided upon request. All proceeds benefit the Bishop Ready Boys’ Basketball Program. For more information, contact Dan DeCrane, Boys’ Basketball Coach, at 614-276-5263, ext. 231.