

Liturgies and Mass Intentions ~ Week of June 10, 2018

Sunday, June 10

9:00 am – Ellen and John Kerins (Kevin Dunleavy)

11:00 am – Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi

Monday, June 11

No Mass

Tuesday, June 12

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

Wednesday, June 13

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Thursday, June 14

6:00 pm – Mr. and Mrs. Tony Buscemi (Frank Conway)

Friday, June 15

6:00 pm – Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Conway (Frank Conway)

Schedule of Sunday Liturgical Ministries

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

Ministers of Hospitality (Greeters)

June 10 – 9 am – Mary Jo and Sam Hulett

11 am – Stephanie Good, Sandy Glasner

June 17 – 9 am – Lorri Kuczynski, Louis Schulte

11 am – Bob Ariss, Mason Rothrock

Servers

June 10 – 9 am – Frank Schneider, 11 am – Gaetan O'Brien

June 17 – 9 am – Chris Paisley, 11 am – Nolan Rothrock

Crucifers (Cross Bearers)

June 10 – 9 am – Kathy Porter, 11 am – Dan O'Brien

June 17 – 9 am – Bob Geoghegan, 11 am – Lori Toczorczic

Lectors

June 10 – 9 am – Sue Cruickshank, Emily Wu

11 am – Diane Meves, Pat Visel

June 17 – 9 am – Cecilia McAdams, Jarret Chirafisi

11 am – Maryellen O'Shaughnessy, Emily Wu

Eucharistic Ministers

June 10 – 9 am – Steve Hillyer, Chris Paisley, K. Kriedermann

11 am – ME O'Shaughnessy, Lori Toczorczic, Jaime Capestany

June 17 – 9 am – K. Kriedermann, R. Morkassel, L. Celebrezze

11 am – Sue Cruickshank, Sandy Glasner, 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.



Calendar of Events at St. Francis of Assisi Parish

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

Sunday, June 10

▶ 2:00 pm – St. Francis Seniors Meeting

Monday, June 11

▶ 7:00 pm – Liturgy Committee Meeting

Tuesday, June 12

▶ 6:30 pm – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Parish News and Information

St. Francis Book Discussion Group is currently reading *Waking Lions* by Ayelet Gundar-Goshen. The group will meet next Sunday, June 17 following the 11 o'clock Mass to discuss the book. All are welcome.

A Note of Thanks – Dear Members of St. Francis Church, Thank you so much for your monetary donation (proceeds from the craft show). It is greatly appreciated! With the support of individuals like you, it helps us continue to assist those in our community. With the increase of food that goes into our food boxes, every donation helps. Have a blessed day! God Bless! Sincerely, The St. Francis Family (McArthur)

Honoring the Past, Serving the Present, Preserving God's Gift for the Future - Our goal for this campaign is \$292,000 and to date we have \$205,683 paid. Thank you to those who have responded so generously. The pew that was removed and reconditioned as a sample of the work to be done is back. Please take a moment and look it over and provide us your feedback by making comments on the cards located by the pew and placing in the comment box.

Special Prayer Request – Please keep Catherine Damm in your prayers. She fell last week in the Parish Hall. Catherine is now at Westminster Thurber Village, Rehab Unit, 3rd floor, room 2. They think she will be there for about 4 weeks. Catherine would love to have visitors to help break up her days. Please pray for peace of mind and healing for Catherine, and for Marti as she cares for her. So many in our family are struggling with illness, worry, hurt, and personal needs, and we lift each of you up in prayer.



Missions Appeal

Today we welcome Fr. Daniele Criscione, PIME. Fr. Daniele Criscione, PIME, is from Ragusa on the island of Sicily in Italy. He was ordained as PIME priest on April 6, 2013. From 2012-2017 he worked in Mission Outreach at the PIME Missionaries Mission Center in Milan, Italy. In addition, during this time, he was Pastoral Assistant at Sacred Heart Catholic University in Milan. He was assigned to the U.S. Region arriving in October of 2017. Fr Daniele is now working in Mission Outreach at the U.S. Mission Center in Detroit and is completing his Masters in Christology.



Gospel Reflection ~ June 10, 2018

In this Gospel members of Jesus' family think he is out of his mind and religious authorities accuse him of being possessed by the devil. This is not the first time Mark reports that Jesus meets rejections (see Mark 2:7, 16, 18, 24); there is growing hostility to him because he does not conform to what people expect of him and his disciples. This represents a closed attitude toward the Good News embodied by Jesus. Resistance to his person is designed to discredit him and anyone who identifies with him – which says a lot about the community that Mark is evangelizing and leading to maturity.

The only argument that the scribes have against Jesus is their own authority, a typical attitude of someone who feels threatened. The family wants to protect him, but in reality, what is important for them is what the people might be saying about them. Jesus' argument to the scribes consists of showing them the absurdity of their reasoning. Jesus uses the occasion of his family's attempt at intervention to redefine the real family of God. He invites his hearers to become a part of that family, the basis of which is an intimate friendship with God and obedience to his will.

The Beelzebul controversy is framed by two halves of the family's visit. Their failure to accept him is akin to the scribes' hostility. As the story progresses Jesus becomes increasingly more isolated as he moves steadily closer to home and one group after another deserts him. The present controversy demonstrates the intense hostility from the religious officials (see also 1:22, 2:6), who are "from Jerusalem," a clear indicator of the distinction between Galilee and Jerusalem. (Jerusalem will be the seat of hostility and place of execution.)

The matter in question is Jesus' authority; and the scribes accuse him of using demonic power to cast out demons. Jesus replies in parables based on one principle: a power that battles against itself is bound to collapse. By implication, Satan's kingdom is still operative, so Jesus' power must have another source. In the saying, "No one can enter a strong man's house to plunder his property unless he first ties up the strong man," Satan is the strong home owner who has been bound and whose property is being plundered by Jesus, whose exorcisms demonstrate the overthrow of Satan's power. The saying about the forgiveness of sins reverts to the issue of Jesus' authority: all sins are forgivable, except blasphemy against the Holy Spirit is a denial of Jesus' power in his exorcism, so the implication is that Jesus expels demons by the power of the Holy Spirit (as we see also in 1:12-13). Refusal to accept this is the unforgivable sin. To the news of the arrival of his family, Jesus responds by showing that not family ties by doing God's will is decisive in the Kingdom.

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

Next Week's Readings

Ezekiel 17:22-24
2 Corinthians 5:6-10
Mark 4:26-34



Bishop's Annual Appeal

Your gift to the 2018 Bishop's Annual Appeal is vital to the success of this diocesan wide campaign. Our parish goal is \$23,501.36. Thank you to those families that have made a gift or pledge. If you have not yet made your gift to this year's appeal, please consider doing so in the days ahead. Your gift will help to continue the vital work of the various ministries and services that reach so many in need. Please pray for the success of the Appeal and remember no amount of giving is too small. To date, we have \$10,144.36 pledged/paid, which is 43% of our goal, with 13% of our parishioners participating.

Around the Diocese

A Garden Party - Sunday, June 24, 2018, 4:30 P.M., \$125.00/person to benefit Hope Hollow. Hope Hollow is a non-profit organization, founded by Jane Jacquemin-Clark and Kevin Clark, parishioners of Holy Name parish. Hope Hollow's mission is to provide meals, lodging, transportation, hospitality and emotional support to persons traveling to Columbus, Ohio for cancer treatment, who are in financial need. At "A Garden Party", you will enjoy hors d'oeuvres and drinks, a delicious dinner and great entertainment by singer and songwriter, Matt Munhall. Hosted by Kim Knoppe and Marian Hutson at Pinnacle Country Club, 1500 Pinnacle Golf Club Drive, Grove City, Ohio. Event tickets and details can be found at: www.hopehollow.com

Bring the whole family to the Josephinum 4-Miler! The Friends of the Josephinum invite adults and children of all ages for a 4-mile run/walk at Glacier Ridge Metro Park, Dublin, from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM on September 15, 2018.

This professionally run event is open to the public; free parking is available. Participants will receive great takeaways, including wine or jam and bread. Register now to receive a family discount or early registration rate for the first Catholic-sponsored event of this kind in the area. Register at m3ssports.com (click "coming events" then "Josephinum 4-Miler").

The Friends of the Josephinum offer this unique event to the whole diocese and invite you to join the family fun! Walk or run at your own pace and enjoy a September morn in the park. Proceeds benefit seminarians of the Pontifical College Josephinum. Sponsorships are available; please call Joe Kohler at 614-436-2441.

Religious Freedom Week is June 22-29 - The U.S. Catholic Bishops remind us of our call to follow Christ as missionary disciples by serving others and living our faith in all we do. During Religious Freedom Week, we are asked to pray, reflect, and take action on religious liberty, both here in this country and abroad. For resources, visit www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/religious-liberty/religious-freedom-week.

Join Catholic Times columnist Mary van Balen and Rick Hatem, international retreat leader, for an evening of reflection and a day-long retreat, *Journeys of Compassion: A Response to Life's Challenges and Opportunities* on Friday, June 29, 7-9pm and Saturday, June 30, 9am-4pm. Both events will be held at the Martin de Porres Center located at St. Mary of the Springs, 2330 Airport Dr., Columbus OH 43219. Saturday's retreat will complement Friday's reflections, but both sessions are complete in themselves.

For more information, visit the Speaking page on van Balen's website (www.maryvanbalen.com), contact her at maryvanbalen@gmail.com, or contact Rick Hatem at rickhatem@gmail.com.