

Liturgies and Mass Intentions ~ Week of September 23, 2018

Sunday, September 23

9:00 am – Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi
11:00 am – Geraldine Notturmano (Peggy Schneider)

Monday, September 24

No Mass

Tuesday, September 25

6:00 pm – Family of Dr. Thom Lisk (Thom Lisk)

Wednesday, September 26

6:00 pm – Success of Capital Campaign

Thursday, September 27

6:00 pm – Success of Capital Campaign

Friday, September 28

NO MASS

Schedule of Sunday Liturgical Ministries

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

Ministers of Hospitality (Greeters)

September 23 – 9 am – Jeanna Diederich, OPEN

11 am – Megan Murphy, Andy Randel

September 30 – 9 am – Stephanie Good, Jeanna Diederich

11 am – Theri Brady, Bob Ariss

Servers

September 23 – 9 am – Susan Kyanko, 11 am – Nolan Rothrock

September 30 – 9 am – Charlotte Maite 11 am – Gaetan O'Brien

Crucifers (Cross Bearers)

September 23 – 9 am – Frank Conway, 11 am – Julie Byrne

September 30 – 9 am – Bob Geoghegan, 11 am – OPEN

Lectors

September 23 – 9 am – Sue Cruickshank, Louisa Celebrezze

11 am – Tim Feran, Jon Murphy

September 30 – 9 am – Joyce Schneider, Cecilia McAdams

11 am – Chris Solon, Julie Byrne

Eucharistic Ministers

September 23 – 9 am – S Hillyer, MA Kerscher, K Kriedermann

11 am – Sandy Glasner, Pat Visel, Joanna Nunn

September 30 – 9 am – MA Kerscher, C Paisley, K Porter

11 am – Mark Coleman, Marilyn Smith, ME O'Shaughnessy

Prayer for Priests

O Jesus, eternal Priest,

keep your priests within the shelter of Your Sacred Heart,

where none may touch them.

Keep unstained their anointed hands, which daily touch Your Sacred Body.

Keep unsullied their lips, daily purpled with your Precious Blood. Keep pure and unearthly their hearts, sealed with the sublime mark of the priesthood.

Let Your holy love surround them and shield them from the world's contagion.

Bless their labors with abundant fruit

and may the souls to whom they minister be their joy and

consolation here and in heaven

their beautiful and everlasting crown. Amen.

by St. Thérèse of Lisieux



Calendar of Events at St. Francis of Assisi Parish

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

Sunday, September 23

▶ 2:00 pm – Secular Franciscan Order

▶ 6:30 pm – Adult Faith Formation

Monday, September 24

▶ 7:00 pm – Saint Vincent DePaul Meeting

Tuesday, September 25

▶ 12:00 pm – Flytown Women

▶ 6:00 pm – Caregivers Support Group at Panera

▶ 7:00 pm – Stewardship Council Meeting

Parish News and Information

Adult Faith Formation - Tonight - 6:30 pm

Please join us in the Parish Hall for a presentation by our parishioner, Louisa Celebrezze, instructing us on praying the **Daily Examen**. As Fr. James Martin says, this Jesuit form of prayer can be used to further our personal relationship/friendship with God. God wants to be with us.

The **Creation Care Team** invites you to help with planting 3 ornamental trees as a response to Bishop Campbell's call to celebrate the 150-year anniversary of the Columbus Diocese. You can visit <https://www.columbuscatholic.org/150th-commemoration> for more details.

Where: St. Francis of Assisi parking lot

When: Sunday 9/23 at 2pm (rain day to be announced)

What to bring: garden gloves and a shovel (if you can)

Please contact Karen Scheid at klscheid@gmail.com or Debora Lipetz at debora.lipetz@gmail.com if interested in helping.

Hygiene Bags for NNEMAP – Members of St. Vincent de Paul group distributed plastic bags to collect hygiene products for the clients at NNEMAP Food Pantry. The proposed items for donation are noted on the bag. After filling the bag, it can be placed in the wooden box, on the right, when you enter the church. The bags need to be returned by October 1st. Thank you for any contribution

you can make to these very deserving people. If you would like a bag, please see a member of SVDP.



Our Lady of Fatima – St. Pope John Paul II once said, "Our Lady of Fatima is more relevant today than in 1917." The statue of Our Lady of Fatima is now with St. Francis of Assisi until October 13 at 10:00 am (Feast of the Miracle of the Sun we all would believe). Come join us Tuesday – Friday at 5:30 pm to **pray the Rosary for the conversion of sinners and peace in the world!** Please stay with us for Mass at 6:00 pm. For six years this statue has been making 2-3 week home visits through the Columbus Diocese. If you would like her to visit your home, contact Mary Thompson at 614-221-1890 for more information and to schedule a visit in your home.

Suggested Reading:

Fatima is Forever by Fr. Robert J Fox

Fatima for Today by Fr. Andrew Apostoli, CRF

Our Lady of Fatima asks us to **Pray Her Rosary Daily saying, "In the end my immaculate heart will triumph!"**

The **St. Francis book discussion group** will meet next on Sunday, October 21 following the 11 o'clock Mass to discuss Jodi Picoult's book, *Small Great Things*. All are welcome.

Gospel Reflection ~ September 23, 2018

Jesus seeks solitude to instruct the disciples about what awaits them in Jerusalem. Here he teaches the disciples about the Christian community's exercise of authority: not as one who lords over others, but as one who serves. Jesus, the Son of Man, came to serve, not to be served (expressed also in 10:45). Once again, the disciples fail to understand the prediction of Jesus' Passion, Death, and Resurrection.

Like the prediction in the previous chapter, this one is followed by teaching about discipleship. The first part concerns humility and the true meaning of greatness. The disciples' failure to comprehend reflects one of Mark's themes as he unfolds their portrait. The nucleus of this section is the saying about the one who is first being last and the importance of becoming a servant of all. That saying advocates a reversal of values: all that society regards as honorable is called into questions, and the disciples, in imitation of Jesus, will adopt the role of the lowest community member.

Mark illustrates the inversion of roles with the saying about the child. Children in the ancient world were not as highly valued as they are in contemporary Western society; they had a lowly status. Jesus presents the child as an example of what the disciples are to strive for: as servants, they are to be attentive even to the least esteemed of society, the children; thus, they serve Jesus, and by implication, God himself.

This instruction was necessary, even if perhaps unpalatable, because it demanded that the disciples adopt a reversal of commonly accepted values. It required an adjustment in their estimates about salvation and in their way of interacting in community. The believer is to measure his or her greatness in terms of service. A person is considered valuable insofar as he or she puts into practice the role of servant.

From the perspective of the disciples, the news in the Gospel reading seems to have gone from bad to worse: shockingly, the death of the just person (as in the First Reading) is unavoidable in Jesus' understanding of God's plan. The disciples cannot comprehend Jesus' teaching. They argue about a hypothetical hierarchy among themselves. So Jesus embraces a child in their midst, and with this tender gesture reveals the mystery of God. Amidst power plays and shameless ambition, Jesus unmasks the depth of God's heart. Instead of scolding or rejecting his disciples, God presents a child, who stands in for each one of us.

Without becoming discouraged in the face of our clumsiness, fear, cowardice, or greed, God sets greatness aside and embraces that little child that resides in every human being. With this gesture, he does more than just give us his attention. God opens our eyes to the absurdity of our ambitions, disagreements, and the torments that unsettle our communities and families. In the disorder engendered by envy and rivalry, Jesus opens the wound and shows us what needs to be healed – as James writes: the cancer of egoism that invades the heart. Jesus demonstrates that God's love approaches and embraces every human being, and thus he engenders in our soul a new birth.

Next Week's Readings

Numbers 11:25-29
James 5:1-6
Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48



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Save the date for our annual parish picnic. On Sunday, October 7 we will gather in the Parish Hall to celebrate with each other after one 10:00 Mass. Again, this year, we will be doing the picnic potluck style, so please be sure to bring your favorite side dish or dessert to share. Chicken and beverages will be provided. If you would like to help

with the setup, clean up or decorating, please contact Megan Murphy at 614-832-6652 or mjmurphy1155@gmail.com.

Animal Blessing – Saturday, October 6 at 10:00 am, St. Francis will host the annual Blessing of the Animals. The event will take place in the courtyard in front of the church. Please invite your friends and families to be a part of this event. Any questions, please contact Amy Knight at 614-251-1477. All donations received that day will be sent to the Capital Area Humane Society.



Donations – Thank you to all who put items into the donation boxes at the entrance to the church and in the church hall. Just as a reminder, please don't donate opened packages of food or expired items. The food pantries cannot accept those items, and they are thrown out.

Friends of the Poor Walk, 2018 - The 2018 Friends of the Poor Walk, sponsored by Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Columbus, will take place on Saturday, September 29th from 9 a.m. to noon, with registration starting at 9:00 a.m. This year's WALK has moved back to St Francis DeSales High School. All proceeds from the walk go back to the walker's SVP conference to serve the needy and poor in their community.

To register as a walker log onto www.fopwalk.org. If you are unable to walk, but would like to contribute, go the website and find someone from our parish. Any questions, please contact Lorri Kuczynski

Capital Campaign



Honoring the Past, Serving the Present, Preserving God's Gift for the Future - This past week Associated Crafts started working on the Stained-Glass Window Project. The work is expected to take 3-4 weeks to complete. This project will not impact our Mass and Weddings that are schedule.

The Steering Committee is preparing for our move into the Parish Hall the week of January 10, 2019. We will be out of the Sanctuary/Church until the end of May 2019 (No weddings have been booked during this time frame). The Desert Room will be totally unavailable as it becomes the temporary sacristy & Reconciliation Room. The Ocean Room will be vacant-and could be used for overflow and will have a speaker installed in the room. The main entrance into the Parish Hall worship area will be the south door by restroom hallway.

A meeting was held with the various groups that use the Parish Hall for meetings and events to discuss the upcoming temporary changes and to proactively plan and coordinate the use of space. During this period Hospitality Sundays will not be held.