

Liturgies and Mass Intentions ~ Week of September 9, 2018

Sunday, September 9

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

11:00 am – Joan Randolph (Jack Randolph)

Monday, September 10

No Mass

Tuesday, September 11

6:00 pm – Success of Capital Campaign

Wednesday, September 12

6:00 pm – Success of Capital Campaign

Thursday, September 13

6:00 pm – Success of Capital Campaign

Friday, September 14

6:00 pm – Bill Hottinger (Jack Olson)

Schedule of Sunday Liturgical Ministries

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

Ministers of Hospitality (Greeters)

September 9 – 9 am – Joyce Schneider, Rick Miller

11 am – Marilyn Smith, Theri Brady

September 16 – 9 am – Lorri Kuczynski, Frank Schneider

11 am – Bob Ariss, Gretchen Rivera

Servers

September 9 – 9 am – Steve Hillyer, 11 am – Gaetan O'Brien

September 16 – 9 am – Elizabeth Maite 11 am – Nolan Rothrock

Crucifers (Cross Bearers)

September 9 – 9 am – Kathy Porter, 11 am – Dan O'Brien

September 16 – 9 am – Susan Kyanko, 11 am – Lori Tocarzic

Lectors

September 9 – 9 am – Cecilia McAdams, Chris Solon

11 am – Jon Murphy, Sue Cruickshank

September 16 – 9 am – Chris Solon, Joyce Schneider

11 am – Diane Meves, Will Brenner

Eucharistic Ministers

September 9 – 9 am – J. Capestany, F. Conway, R. Morkassel

11 am – ME O'Shaughnessy, Lori Tocarzic, Mary Ann Kerscher

September 16 – 9 am – K Kriedermann, Rick Miller, S Hillyer,

11 am – Louisa Celebrezze, Renee Morkassel, Mark Coleman

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, September 9

▶ 12:00 pm – Caregivers Support Group

▶ 2:00 pm – St. Francis Seniors

Monday, September 10

▶ 6:00 pm – Flytown Men

▶ 7:00 pm – Liturgy Committee Meeting

Tuesday, September 11

▶ 6:30 pm – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday, September 13

▶ 4:00 pm – Executive Finance Meeting

Parish News and Information

The next meeting of the **St. Francis Book Discussion Group** will be after the 11:00 Mass on September 16. At that time, we will discuss *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak. All are welcome.

Hygiene Bags for NNEMAP – Last Sunday at Hospitality

Sunday, members of St. Vincent de Paul 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 were not at Hospitality Sunday, and would like a bag, please see a member of SVDP.



Our Lady of Fatima – Our Lady is arriving Saturday, September 22 at 12:00 pm. Please join us in welcoming Our Lady. While Our Lady is here, the rosary will be said Tuesday – Friday at 5:30. If you would like to have Our Lady come to your home for a 2-3 week visit, or have any questions, please contact Mary Thompson at 614-221-1890.

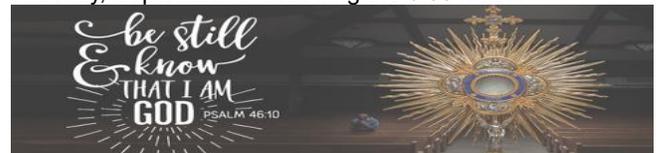
Animal Blessing – Saturday, October 6

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 apart of this event. Any questions, please contact Amy Knight. All donations received that day will be sent to the Capital Area Humane Society.



Parish Picnic – 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. More details to come, but you won't want to miss the fun and time of fellowship with your fellow parishioners.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - In an apparition to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Jesus spoke these beautiful words: "I have a burning thirst to be honored by men in the Blessed Sacrament." Jesus desires to be with you, to have you gaze upon Him, as He so lovingly gazes upon you. Adoration is this Tuesday, September 11 following the 6:00 Mass.



Reflection ~ September 9, 2018

Each year on Holy Saturday during the Easter Vigil, thousands are baptized into the Catholic Church in the United States or are received into the Church from other Christian faith communities. Parishes welcome these new Catholics through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA).

Our own parish community is presently welcoming participants into the RCIA process as inquirers or seekers, those who have experienced the initial awakenings of conversion in their lives and are moved to search for or deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ.

Formally, this is called the Period of Evangelization and Precatechumenate, sort of a getting-to-know-you time where the seekers test the waters of faith formation. At the same time, the Church is fulfilling her duty of evangelization, for "from evangelization, completed with the help of God, come the faith and initial conversion that cause a person to feel called away from sin and drawn into the mystery of God's love. (RCIA #37)

Perhaps it might be wise to pause a moment and look at three key words that have already been expressed here—conversion, community, and evangelization.

Have you ever made a change in the direction or the course of your life or perhaps changed a long-held belief, whether religious or political or personal? If so, you have experienced conversion. Conversion in the Christian sense is a radical change which leaves us feeling the strong embrace of God and searching for a community of like-minded believers.

Conversion can happen suddenly as the result of a life-changing event, or it can come on very gradually as we perceive a tension or disorientation in our life which causes a transformation in the way we experience ourselves, others, the world and the universe. With conversion comes faith, the on-going and life-long response that is sometimes whispered, sometimes shouted in the depths of our very being.

Conversion in seekers leads them to a community that can help them to understand and articulate the faith that has begun to take hold. They already belong to many communities – family, workplace, neighborhood. But it is the community of believers that attracts the seekers in their quest to satisfy the longing that is now present in their lives, the desire to encounter fellowship, participation, and service which is directed toward the common good.

Most of us have experienced the door-to-door evangelization efforts of our brothers and sisters from other Christian faith communities. The Catholic understanding of evangelization is to proclaim the Gospel through witness. Witness means testifying by our lives, words, and actions, and thus giving inspiration and example to others by our testimony. Pope Paul VI wrote the encyclical *On Evangelization in the Modern World*, where he said, "Above all the Gospel must be proclaimed by witness."

As we welcome seekers into the RCIA process, let us all individually and communally witness to them the true discipleship to which Christ calls all of us. Let us all individually and communally support them on their journey through our love and thoughts and prayers.

Around the Diocese

Save the date: The Basilica and National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation, Carey, OH invites you to come for Latino Day on Sunday, September 23rd. We offer confessions, Mass in Spanish at noon, food and an outdoor Rosary procession. For more information call the Shrine office, 419-396-7107 or www.olcshrine.com.

Immigration Update - Robert Cohen of Porter, Wright, Morris, and Arthur LLP will speak on the current situation of immigration on Tuesday, Sept. 25, 2018, St. James the Less Ministry Center, 1614 Oakland Park Ave. at 7:30 PM. Mr. Porter has practiced immigration law for over 30 years, and his primary areas of practice include business and family immigration representation. Mr. Cohen is on the Board of Community Refugee and Immigration Services in Columbus. The Church encourages Catholics to be informed about our immigrant brothers and sisters. Sponsored by the St. James the Less Social Justice and Peace Ministry. Refreshments will be available. For information, contact Dave Frickey at 614-268-3828 or Suzie Latham at 614-267-4350.

Suicide Prevention and Intervention Summit –Wednesday, September 26, 2018, from 9 am -3 pm, at the Pontifical College Josephinum Jessing Center. Diocesan offices have partnered with the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, NAMI, OSU Suicide Prevention Program, and other community agencies to develop the summit. The summit will address awareness, prevention, response, and post-vention. Parishes and schools are encouraged to build and send a team, but individuals are welcome. The summit is open to adult leaders, as well as high school youth leaders. Cost is \$10 per person which includes lunch. To register a parish and school team, visit www.columbuscatholic.org/suicide-prevention.



614 Artisan Market - St Timothy 614 Artisan Market (previously known as Craftypalooza) is seeking local crafters, artists and creatives to showcase and sell handmade goods on 10/20/18 from 9am-3pm! This show of 50+ booths features all handcrafted items. Booth rental is \$45 for a 8'D x 10'W space or \$40 for a 6'D x 8'W space. All proceeds from booth rentals, concessions, baked goods and raffle sales benefit St Timothy School. For more information, please email 614ArtisanMarket@gmail.com

Capital Campaign



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 \$227,843 paid. Thank you to those who have responded so generously.

Next Week's Readings

Isaiah 50:5-9a
James 2:14-18
Mark 8:27-35

