

Liturgies and Mass Intentions ~ Week of January 24, 2010

Sunday, January 24

9:00 am – Jean Reed (Barbara & Mike Betz)
11:00 am – Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi

Monday, January 25

NO MASS

Tuesday, January 26

6:00 pm – Dorothy Kraujalis (Martha & Tom Moore)

Wednesday, January 27

6:00 pm – For the People of Haiti

Thursday, January 28

6:00 pm – John Neblo (Michael Neblo)

Friday, January 29

6:00 pm – Richard Palencar, Jr. (Marlene Palencar)

Saturday, January 30

NO MASS

Sunday, January 31

9:00 am – Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi
11:00 am – Claribel Tweed (Anna Maurer)

Schedule of Liturgical Ministries

Ministers of Hospitality (Greeters)

Jan 24– 9 am – Dennis Smith, Carol Smith
11 am – Theri Brady, Sophia Brown
Jan 31– 9 am – Skip Camerucci, Jeannette Dobrich
11 am – Sara Pastore, Matt Pastore
Feb 7– 9 am – Lynn Willford, Kathleen Dancy
11 am – Gretchen Rivera, Jack Cotting

Servers

Jan 24– 9 am – Michael Loutzenhiser
11 am – Gillian Gremling, Ariana Gremling
Jan 31– 9 am – Susan Kyanko
11 am – Rachel Glasner, Pat Cassidy
Feb 7– 9 am – Linda Wolfe
11 am – Sam Callison, Pat Cassidy

Crucifers (Cross Bearers)

Jan 24– 9 am – Susan Kyanko; 11 am – Lori Tocarzik
Jan 31– 9 am – Frank Schneider; 11 am – Dan Tonneman
Feb 7– 9 am -- Skip Camerucci; 11 am – Julie Byrne

Lectors

Jan 24– 9 am – Nancy Booth, Regina Marcum
11 am – Diane Meves, Jon Murphy
Jan 31– 9 am – Sue Cruickshank, Mary Ann Theado
11 am – Maryellen O'Shaughnessy, Judy Petrou
Feb 7– 9 am – Dennis Smith, Carolyn Jurkowitz
11 am – Matt Pastore, Sara Pastore

Eucharistic Ministers

Jan 24– 9 am – Linda Wolfe, Louise Celebrezze, Frank Conway
11 am – Marilyn Smith, Dan Kerscher, Mary Ann Kerscher
Jan 31– 9 am – Jaime Capestany, Regina Marcum, Carolyn Jurkowitz
11 am – Noelle Gremling, Joanna Nunn, Gretchen Rivera
Feb 7– 9 am – Dan Kerscher, Mary Ann Kerscher, Katherine Kriedermann
11 am – Judy Petrou, Maryellen O'Shaughnessy, Barb Schmitzer

Calendar of Events at St. Francis of Assisi Parish

Sunday, January 24

- Secular Order Franciscans, 3 pm, hall

Wednesday, January 27

- RCIA, 7 pm, hall

Thursday, January 28

- Bible Study at Westminster Thurber, 1:30 pm
- Bible Study, 7 pm, hall

Looking Ahead ...

Sunday, January 31

- Special Collection to benefit Columbus Haitians

Monday, February 1

- Flytown Men, 6 pm, hall

Tuesday, February 2

- Parish Council, 7 pm, hall

Wednesday, February 3

- RCIA, 7 pm, hall

Thursday, February 4

- Bible Study at Westminster Thurber, 1:30 pm
- Bible Study, 7 pm, hall

Collection offering envelope boxes are now available in the back of church. They are labeled with names of those who are currently receiving envelopes, or those who have requested them on the recent Tapestry forms. If you are currently receiving envelopes and don't see your name, please call the parish office. If you would like to receive envelopes, please fill out one of the forms available on the envelope table, and we will prepare an offering box for you, and leave it in church. Note that the form gives you the choice of several different giving options – electronic funds transfer, credit card deductions, envelopes. (Please note: due to the bulk of the envelope boxes and the additional postage required, we do not mail envelope boxes.)

Mandatory Ministry Rededication Sessions ...

Mandatory Ministry rededication sessions will be held in January and February, for all liturgical ministers. **These sessions will last around an hour and will be held in the church following both the 9 am and 11 am Masses.** The dates and ministry to be covered are:

TODAY – January 24 – Altar Servers
January 31 – Greeters
February 7 – Lectors
February 14 – Crucifers

These sessions are for all existing and new ministry volunteers.

The Ohio Psychological Association's **Union of Psychology and Spirituality Retreat** will take place Friday and Saturday, February 20-21, 2010, at Mohican State Park, Loudonville, OH. Registration information is available at: www.ohpsych.org/spiritualityretreat.aspx. The Union of Psychology and Spirituality Retreat is offered for psychologists, pastoral counselors, other mental health professionals, clergy and all individuals who share an interest in the overlapping realms of psychology and spirituality. Among the Presenters for this year's retreat are **spiritual director Vicky Murphy** and Psychologist Dan Davis. They will offer a session entitled "Dancing with the Shadow: A Synthesis of Psychotherapy and Spiritual Direction."

Pastoral Reflections ~ for January 24, 2010

From the readings chosen for today's liturgy, we have heard accounts of Ezra and Jesus reading Scripture to congregations. We have heard that one congregation wept when hearing the Scripture and that the other congregation looked intently at the reader. Did we weep this morning as we listened? Did we look intently at the reader? To the congregation that wept, Ezra said, "Do not be saddened, for rejoicing in the Lord must be your strength." To the congregation that watched him intently, Jesus said, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." Are we rejoicing in the Lord? Have we recovered our lost sight, have we been freed from oppression and captivity, have we become good news for the poor because of what we have heard? Choose Parish Council members conscientiously. Generously give money to those in need. Commit time and energy to one or more ministries of this community. Let us not just listen to the Scriptures but live them. ~ Fr. Ron

Parish News and Information

WOMEN'S RETREAT. . . Wide-eyed Wonder and Cowboy Boots. The Women's Retreat will focus on nourishing the childlike faith that Jesus desires for us. Stories, journaling, remembering, art, and play will be a part of the day. This day of reflection in nature will be held at Dee's home on **Saturday, February 27th, from 9:00 to 3:00.** There will be a \$15 charge for lunch and supplies. The retreat is limited to a maximum of 15 participants. The Retreat will be led by Dee Bruney (740-881-6324), Mary Ann Kerscher (457-1314), and Bobbi Gill. If you are interested or have questions, call one of us.

Bring in old palms for making ashes ... it's hard to believe that Lent will be here soon, starting with Ash Wednesday on February 17. We make our own ashes here at St. Francis of Assisi Parish, and need your old palm branches to do so.

How your generosity has helped and will continue to help our Haitian brothers and sisters. We have sent \$3,725.88 to Catholic Relief Services. On Tuesday of this week, bottles of clean water and food kits containing enough nutritious food for a family of five for several days were distributed by Catholic Relief Services to 2,000 Haitians. You helped provide these necessities for survival. Each kit contained sardines, granola bars, peanut butter, and mixed nuts. Your contributions to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith provide support for missionaries throughout the world, including those working in Haiti. Next Sunday, our second collection will be to offer support to the Haitian Catholic community in Columbus, who worship at St. Matthias church. The pastor of the Columbus Catholic Haitians is Fr. Valcin who lives at St. Francis of Assisi. Many members of that community still await information about their family members. As Paul writes in today's epistle, "If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it."

Pasta Dinner News!



Raffle prizes needed!

We're looking for baskets, items or gift cards that can be raffled at the dinner. We'd



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to see lots of people go home as winners, and we promise to make room for gifts of all sorts and sizes. Please bring your donation to the church hall during the day on Friday, Feb. 12, or before 10:30 am on Saturday, Feb. 13. **Contact Therese Terndrup at tterndrup00@hotmail.com** if you need to make other arrangements for delivery.

Find a treasure! This year's dinner will feature a silent auction with items fashioned and donated by artists in the St. Francis of Assisi community. This will be a perfect chance to buy a special Valentine's Day gift for someone you love.

Attention all bakers! We want to fill a table or three with delicious cookies, cakes and other homemade treats to sell during the pasta dinner. Please bring your items bagged or wrapped ready to sell; our volunteers will take care of pricing them for sale. It's helpful for us if you provide a label with a description, especially if the item contains nuts or peanut butter. Please bring items to the church hall on Saturday, February 13; we'll be there after 9:00 am and will be happy to accept donations throughout the day.

Help wanted: If you've signed up to volunteer, we will have schedule sheets available after masses on Sunday, Feb. 7 so that you can indicate when and where you would like to work. If you haven't signed up yet, we'd love to hear from you. Please send a message to Therese Terndrup at tterndrup00@hotmail.com and David Burgess at vguy65@hotmail.com.

Around the Diocese

THE WISDOM OF THE WORLD'S RELIGIOUS TRADITIONS Will be held at the Martin de Porres Center, 2330 Airport Drive, Columbus, on Saturday, January 30, 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM. Join Fr. Dan Millisor in a journey to uncover the wisdom of the world's living religious traditions. Focusing on Judaism, Christianity, Islam, Hinduism, and Buddhism, the presentation will explore how religion functions in human life and how religious traditions relate to one another. *Suggested donation is \$20.00, includes lunch. Please register by January 27.*

The Spirituality Network and First Community Church is pleased to present an **Ecological Spirituality** weekend with **Sr. Alexandra Kovats, CSJP, PhD. Belonging to the Universe: Three Cosmic Principles** will take place on Friday and Saturday, February 5 and 6, 2010, at First Community Church North Campus, 3770 Dublin Road, Columbus. PREREGISTRATION IS REQUESTED: Please visit: www.fcchurch.com. **KEYNOTE ADDRESS:** Friday, February 5, 7:00 – 9:00 pm, fee: \$20. **PRAYERSHOP:** Saturday, February 6, 9:30am – 3:00 pm, fee: \$45 if prepaid by February 1/\$55 after Feb. 1. Fee to attend both: \$65.