

Liturgies and Mass Intentions ~ Week of February 3, 2008

Sunday, February 3

9:00 am – Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi
11:00 am – Pauline Demko (Tom Demko)

Monday, February 4

NO MASS

Tuesday, February 5

6:00 pm – Marian Bird (Tom Demko)

Wednesday, February 6, Ash Wednesday

6:00 pm – Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi

Thursday, February 7

6:00 pm – For Sick and Homebound Persons

Friday, February 8

6:00 pm – For Peace in Our World

Saturday, February 9

NO MASS

Sunday, February 10

9:00 am – Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi
11:00 am – Angelo Bianco (Ruth Bianco)

Ongoing Educational Opportunities

Baptism Workshop *Meeting time/place:* 3rd Sunday of each month at 12:30 pm, in the parish hall. **Contact:** Sue Cruickshank at 614.273.0069, or Julia Phillips at 614.882.4420.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) *Meeting time/place:* Wednesday evenings, 7 pm – 9pm, in the parish hall. **Contact:** Kathleen Dancy at 614.421.7652.

Catholic Bible Study and Faith Sharing *Meeting time/place:* Thursday afternoons at 1:30 pm, in the 7th floor lounge at Westminster Thurber Community. **Contact:** Jay Jackson at 614.443-6739.

Bible Study *Meeting time/place:* Thursday evenings from 7 pm – 8 pm in the church hall. **Contact:** Dennis Ring at 614.523.2822

KRIC (Kids Rooted In Christ) *Meeting time/place:* Sessions are for kids age 9+ and are held at 9:30 am on the **first and third Sundays** of every month, unless otherwise indicated. Drop-off and pick-up will be in front of neighboring Westminster Thurber campus, to ensure each session begins promptly. Breakfast is provided. **Contact:** Sarah or Carlos del Rio at stfrancis.kric@gmail.com, or 614.595.8984.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd ... Level I for children ages 3 – 6 meets on Sundays at during the 11:00 am Mass, in the Atrium located in the rectory basement during the school year. **Contact:** Therese Terndrup at 614.853.0322

ARTI GRAS! Celebration of Art & Spirit, Saturday, Feb 9,

First Community Church, 1320 Cambridge Blvd.

9:00AM – 4:30PM. Break-out sessions for different modes of artistic and creative expressions. See brochures on bulletin board. Call 228.8867.

This Week at St. Francis of Assisi Parish

Today, Sunday, February 3

- Hospitality Sunday, after each Mass, church hall
- Parish Council Teams Open House, after each Mass

Monday, February 4

- Flytown Men, 6 pm, hall

Tuesday, February 5

- Parish Council, 7 pm, hall

Wednesday, February 6, Ash Wednesday

- RCIA, 7 pm, hall

Thursday, February 7

- Bible Study / Faith Sharing at W. Thurber
- Bible Study, 7 pm, church hall

Next Sunday, February 10

- RCIA Rite of Sending Potluck, following 11 am Mass
- St Francis Seniors, 2 pm, hall

Today, every member of parish will have the opportunity to learn more about the Parish Teams that are the hands of the work of our parish. Representatives of each team will be in the basement hall after both Masses, during Hospitality. The teams are: Education, Spiritual Life, Grounds and Buildings, Social Justice, and Welcoming & Affirming.

Schedule of Liturgical Ministries

Ministers of Hospitality (Greeters)

Feb 3 – 9 am – Lynn Willford, Eric Willford, Ava Willford

11 am – Joe Hanosek, Tom Main

Feb 10 – 9 am – Phyllis DeVictor, Frank Schneider

11 am – Maryellen O'Shaughnessy, Marilyn Smith

Servers

Feb 3 – 9 am – Nancy Booth; 11 am – Isabel Tonneman

Feb 10 – 9 am – Steven Hillyer; 11 am – Pat Cassidy

Crucifers (Cross Bearers)

Feb 3 – 9 am – Butch Goffos; 11 am – Dan Tonneman

Feb 10 – 9 am – Chris Paisley; 11 am – Jim Gremling

Lectors

Feb 3 – 9 am – Linda Crossley, Lorri Kuczynski

11 am – Barb Finan, Dan Kerscher

Feb 10 – 9 am – Lynn Willford, Linda Wolfe

11 am – Ben Gibbons, Diane Meves

Eucharistic Ministers

Feb 3 – 9 am – Steven Hillyer, Carolyn Jurkowitz, Katherine Kriedermann; 11 am – Joe Blasko, Pat Cassidy, Mark Coleman

Feb 10 – 9 am – Terry Laurila, Michael Wheeler, Paul Scanlan; 11am – Sue Cruickshank, Maria Elliott, Brian Elliott

Help Wanted: We need help updating our parish website on a regular basis, and are looking for someone to coordinate information updates with staff and our webmaster Dianna Williams. Please contact the parish office (614.299.5781) if you are interested.

Pastoral Reflections ~ for week of February 3, 2008

Blessed are those who live in circumstances that make it clear that life is incomplete, but continue to hope and trust that God will make it complete. This is the truth woven through all of the beatitudes. This is the truth that we touch during Lent whenever we face our mortality, whenever we fast and abstain, whenever we give time or treasure to those in need, whenever we pray. During this holy season, fast more, pray more, give more.

~ Fr. Ron

Parish News and Information

ASH WEDNESDAY, Feb. 6, is **NOT** a Holy Day of Obligation. Participating at Mass and receiving ashes are not mandated by the Church. Fast and abstinence, however, are mandated. Abstinence from meat is observed on this Wednesday, on Good Friday, and on every Friday of Lent by all Catholics 14 years and older. Fasting is observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59. Those bound by this rule may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals may be taken according to one's needs to maintain strength. No solid snacks between meals. Those participating in our Wednesday Soup Suppers are encouraged to fast on those Wednesdays also (not required). The topic for this Lent's Soup Supper discussions will be "Fasting."

Book of Intentions is located near entrance of church on a podium. Worshippers are invited to write the names of persons or situations for which we might pray.

Help clear our church of floral adornment for Lent. Those who fashioned the wreathes hanging on our walls are encouraged to take them home. Anyone willing and able to adopt one or more of our poinsettia plants, please take one or more with you today. (FYI, poinsettia foliage is toxic for pets.)

We welcome, through Baptism today, our new brother, JAVIER ETHAN DEL RIO. He is the son of Sarah & Carlos del Rio, who were married in this church and have generously guided, taught, and companioned the very few children of our parish in the Kids Rooted In Christ (KRIC) Sunday morning faith-formation sessions. As an increasing number of our members bring to our community new born children, we are blessed. Because of the lack of children participating in our KRIC program, we will temporarily suspend this effort. Our parish is very grateful to Carlos and Sarah for their generosity of time and energy in providing an exceptional program for young people. The lack of children and teens in our community is a sad deficit. The increasing number of newborn children of involved, active parents is very hopeful. Thank you Carlos & Sarah.

Individual financial contribution (tax) statements for tax year 2007 are now available in the back of church. Please pick up your statement today. Every effort has been made to produce an accurate statement, but we will gladly make any adjustments or corrections. Please call the parish office (614.299.5781) if you have any questions. Thank you.

Parish News and Information

RCIA NEWS – Next Sunday, February 10, at the 11:00 Mass, we will celebrate the "Rite of Sending for Election" with our catechumens. We will celebrate the "Rite of Sending for the Call to Continuing Conversion" with our baptized candidates. The Church has discerned their readiness for reception of the initiation sacraments this Easter. After these rites are celebrated here next Sunday morning, these catechumens and candidates, along with their godparents and sponsors, will be sent by our parish to the bishop for the "Rite of Election" and the "Call to Continuing Conversion." Based on the testimony given by the sponsors and our support of their readiness for the sacraments, the bishop will declare the catechumens to be elect, chosen by God for the sacraments this Easter. The bishop also recognizes the desire of the baptized candidates for the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist within the Catholic community.

After Mass, please join us in the church hall to celebrate God's action in our catechumens and candidates. We plan to have a potluck lunch and would invite you to bring a dish to share with others. Thank you! *The suggested breakdown of food items for the potluck is as follows:*

Last Names Beginning with the Letters:	Food Item
A-F	Side Dishes
G-L	Salads
M-R	Entrees
S-Z	Desserts

Beverages and tableware will be provided by the parish.

Lenten Spiritual Growth Opportunity ... The Catholic Bible Study and Faith Sharing group will offer a series of video presentations to help open up the meaning of the Sunday Lenten Gospel readings. The 20-minute videos feature popular preacher and teacher, Fr. Michael Himes of Boston College. With easy wit and sharp insight, Fr. Himes encourages the audience to become participants in this scriptural journey into the Easter faith. *The presentation and discussion are by no means limited to Catholics. All are welcome to bring their minds and hearts to share in a spirit of mutual acceptance and encouragement. If you want to grow in faith, come listen to the Scriptures and share your faith with others on the journey.* The group meets for an hour every Thursday at 1:30 pm in the 7th floor common area of the Westminster building. For more information, please contact Jay Jackson at 443.6739. Thank you.

Please vote **YES** to Issue 29 on March 4, a levy for the children and adults in Franklin County who have mental retardation or other developmental disabilities. The Franklin Co. Board of MR/DD serves over 14,000 of our disabled citizens and relies on our support to fund these services. Both Bishop Campbell and Fr. Ron have endorsed Issue 29. For more information, please talk to Mike Schmidt or go to www.voteformrdd.com.