

Liturgies and Mass Intentions ~ Week of February 21, 2010

Sunday, February 21

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

11:00 am – Tom & Joan Gorman & Kathleen Rurak
(Gorman Family)

Monday, February 22

NO MASS

Tuesday, February 23

6:00 pm – Joseph Baldy (Sister Sharen Baldy)

Wednesday, February 24

6:00 pm – For Sick and Homebound Persons

Thursday, February 25

6:00 pm – Dan Crawford (John Connor)

Friday, February 19

6:00 pm – For Peace in Our World

Saturday, February 20

NO MASS

Sunday, February 21

9:00 am – Jean Reed (Barbara & Mike Betts)

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

Schedule of Liturgical Ministries

Ministers of Hospitality (Greeters)

Feb 21 – 9 am – Sam Hulett, Mary Jo Hulett

11 am – Sandy Glasner, Ariana Gremling

Feb 28 – 9 am – Katherine Kriedermann, Susan Kyanko

11 am – Jim Gremling, Gillian Gremling

Servers

Feb 21 – 9 am – Lynn Willford

11 am – Jack Cotting, Pat Cassidy

Feb 28 – 9 am – Nancy Booth

11 am – Sophia Brown, Jordan Griffith

Crucifers (Cross Bearers)

Feb 21 – 9 am – Susan Kyanko; 11 am – Jim Gremling

Feb 28 – 9 am – Frank Conway; 11 am – Brian Elliott

Lectors

Feb 21 – 9 am – Lorri Kuczynski, Leslie Main

11 am – Julie Byrne, Louise Celebrezze

Feb 28 – 9 am – Maggie McCoy, Sister Sharen

11 am – Barb Finan, Ben Gibbons

Eucharistic Ministers

Feb 21 – 9 am – Chris Paisley, Gretchen Rivera, Jan Rosenfield; 11 am -- Sue Cruickshank, Isabel Tonneman, Dan Tonneman

Feb 28 – 9 am – Frank Schneider, Phyllis DeVictor, Mary Ann Theado; 11 am – Judy Petrou, Jaime Capestany, Mark Coleman

For a Catholic perspective, the **Catholic Times** weekly newspaper features insightful and informative news from around our diocese, our country, and the world. Sign up (or renew), by placing your *Catholic Times* envelope with only \$15 (parish rate) into the regular Mass collection. Checks should be made payable to St. Francis of Assisi Church. As an evangelization tool, Bishop Campbell encourages every Catholic household to receive the *Catholic Times*.

Calendar of Events at St. Francis of Assisi Parish

TODAY, Sunday, February 21

➤ RCIA Community Potluck, following 11 am Mass

➤ Baptism Workshop, 12:30 pm

Tuesday, February 23

➤ Knitting Group, 6:30 pm, small meeting room

Wednesday, February 24

➤ RCIA, 7 pm, hall

➤ Soup Supper, following 6 pm Mass

Thursday, February 25

➤ Bible Study at Westminster Thurber, 1:30 pm

➤ Bible Study, 7 pm, hall

Looking Ahead ... Sunday, February 28

➤ Compassionate Communication Series, 1-3 pm

➤ Secular Franciscan Order, 3 pm, hall

Monday, March 1

➤ Flytown Men, 6 pm, hall

Tuesday, March 2

➤ Parish Council, 7 pm, hall

➤ Knitting Group, 6:30 pm, small meeting room

Wednesday, March 3

➤ RCIA, 7 pm, hall

➤ Soup Supper, following 6 pm Mass

Standing Events at St. Francis of Assisi Parish

MONTHLY

First Sunday – Hospitality Sunday, after each Mass

First Monday – Flytown Men, 6 pm

First Tuesday – Parish Council, 7 pm

Second Sunday – St Francis Seniors, 2 pm

Second Monday – Women's Group, 7 pm

Second Tuesday – Flytown Women, 12 noon

Third Sunday – Baptism Workshop, 12:30 pm

Fourth Sunday – Secular Franciscan Order, 1-5 pm

Fourth Tuesday – Spirituality Network Board, 6:30 pm

WEEKLY

Tuesday – Knitting Group, 6:30 pm

Wednesdays – RCIA, 7 pm

Thursdays – Bible Study, 7 pm

Note -- This schedule is subject to change, depending on the need for parish-wide events.

Schedule for Make- Sessions for Ministry Rededication

All sessions take place at 10 am (between Masses)

Today, Sunday, Feb 21 - Eucharistic Ministers

Sunday, Feb 28 – Servers

Sunday, March 7 – Crucifers

Sunday, March 14 – Lectors

Sunday, March 21 – Greeters

All those wishing to serve in any of these liturgical ministries must have already attended a session, or must attend the make-up session

This week's Soup Supper discussion features parishioner Frank Conway, speaking on the topic



“Charity Begins at Home.” Join us on Wed, Feb 24, following the 6 pm Mass, for a simple meal and fellowship, followed by discussion.

Pastoral Reflections ~ for February 21, 2010

Lent is not a "giving up" or "doing something." It is an acknowledgment of human frailty. Our fear of that holy frailty tempts us day in and day out to build a defense against that frailty. The best defense is the ability to control. Jesus resisted that defense. There are different opportunities during this season to loosen our grip of control. Prayer, Fasting, Almsgiving are the oldest and most universal. Christians, Jews, and Muslims have practiced these for centuries as a way of returning control to God. Join others, here, on Wednesday nights. We will fast by eating simply (bread & soup); we will give alms (the amount that we would have spent for a full meal); we will pray & be enlightened about our relationship with God and others by presentations & discussion. **PLEASE SIGN UP TO BRING A CROCK OF SOUP.** Loosen your grip this Lent. ~ Fr. Ron

Parish News and Information

Our small meeting rooms in the church hall are now complete and ready for use! We have 2 meeting rooms, one on the east (parking lot) side of the church, known as "Desert" (painted a brown, sandy color), and one on the west (Harrison Street) side known as "Ocean" (painted a blue/green color). **Use of these rooms must be reserved through the parish office** (office@sfacolumbus.org or 614.299.5781). We express sincerest gratitude to Pete Sullivan for overseeing the construction of these rooms, to Lynn Sullivan and Linda Fowler for coordinating the décor, and to Mike Schmidt for organizing the painting.

Compassionate Communication (or Non-Violent Communication) Series will take place here at St. Francis of Assisi Church for **3 consecutive Sundays, starting next week, Sunday, February 28, from 1 - 3 pm**, in the "Desert" meeting room in our church hall. The mission of Compassionate Communication of Central Ohio is to promote peace, eliminate violence, and work through conflict by systematically using non-violent communication. The group giving the presentation envisions a community where we live in peace and compassion for all. The trainings will be held on February 28, March 7, and March 14. A donation of \$10/person is requested, but scholarships are available. In order to provide for materials, registration via phone or email is required – office@sfacolumbus.org or 614.299.5781.

BLOOD DRIVE. You can change a life! If you have donated on or before January 17, you are eligible to donate blood on **Sunday March 14 any time from 8am to 2pm.** To schedule an appointment or help with the drive call Mary Ann Kerscher at 614.457.1314 (napaker@wowway.com) or Lorri Kuczynski at 614.291.4666 (lorrik09@gmail.com)

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP will meet on **Sunday, March 14** in the church hall after 11am Mass to discuss "The Cloister Walk" by Kathleen Norris. Please join us even if you haven't read the book for lively discussions and yummy snacks. Contact Dee Bruney with any questions 740.881.6324.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION is administered in our sacristy *every Friday evening* from 5:30 PM until 6:00 PM. The Lenten Penance for the neighborhood Catholic parishes will be at St. Francis of Assisi Church, on **Palm Sunday afternoon, March 28, at 2:00 PM.**

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RCIA ... RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS – RITE OF SENDING

Today, at the 11:00 Mass, we will celebrate the "Rite of Sending for Election" with our catechumen, Matt Roberson. We will celebrate the "Rite of Sending for the Call to Continuing Conversion" with our baptized candidates: Claire Cahoon, Charlie Caldwell, Nathan Castorena, Jenny Gable, Philip Jones, Ryan Kilpatrick, Kerry McGinnis, Sean Morrison and Heather Reichle. They, along with candidate Adrienne Auker who will not be able to participate in today's Rite, have expressed their desire to celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation at Easter Vigil. The Church has discerned their readiness for reception of the sacraments and our parish now sends them to Bishop Campbell who will declare the catechumens to be elect, chosen by God for the sacraments this Easter. The Bishop will also recognize the desire of the baptized candidates for the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist within the Catholic community. **Please join our catechumen and candidates today in the Church hall for a potluck after the 11:00 Mass and offer them your prayers and support.**

NEW PARISH LIBRARY provides books for parishioners. We are in need of volunteers who will take turns at Soup Suppers and Hospitality Sundays and other parish events held in our basement hall to be available to assist those who wish to sign a book out for a month. If interested notify Fr. Ron or Therese or Sister Barbara as soon as possible. (email = office@sfacolumbus.org or 614.299.5781). There are books which might help a deepening awareness during Lent: 174 on Spirituality; 73 on lives of the saints and other exemplary Christians; 17 on Mary; 63 on Scripture. Books may be taken for a month by parishioners who write the date of return on the card and drop it in marked box; and who write their name, the title of the book, and their contact information on a designated sheet. Books may be returned to designated box near shelves.

WISH LIST ... with the completion of our new meeting rooms in the church hall, we have developed a wish list of furniture and other items. We are hoping for – **2 Floor lamps** for new meeting rooms; a **small (5 x 7) area rug**; an **end table** or **small coffee table**. Donations such as these can be included in your financial contribution statement for tax purposes.

BETHLEHEM CHRISTIAN FAMILIES

SUNDAY, MARCH 7, after each Mass, in church hall
Hand-carved Olive Wood from the Holy Land --
Nativity Scenes, Crucifix, Rosaries, Ornaments.
All income from sales goes to support Christian
wood carvers of Bethlehem.
Checks, Cash, and Major Credit Cards accepted

Why Support the Bethlehem Families? Images carved from the wood of olive trees that have grown in the Holy Land, will be available for purchase in our basement hall. The families who carve them live in Bethlehem and have been cut off from their previous trades and professions by the wall erected by the Israeli government. The Bishop of Bethlehem has said that many of the Christian families depend upon these sales for survival. Please help by purchasing their crafts.