

Liturgies and Mass Intentions ~ Week of February 28, 2010

Sunday, February 28

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

Monday, March 1

NO MASS

Tuesday, March 2

6:00 pm – Ellen Buddelmeyer (Amy Ax)

Wednesday, March 3

6:00 pm – For Peace in Our World

Thursday, March 4

6:00 pm – For Sick and Homebound Persons

Friday, March 5

6:00 pm – Julia Volpe (Roseann Volpe)

Saturday, March 6

NO MASS

Sunday, March 7

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

Schedule of Liturgical Ministries

Ministers of Hospitality (Greeters)

Feb 28 – 9 am – Katherine Kriedermann, Susan Kyanko

11 am – Jim Gremling, Gillian Gremling

March 7 – 9 am – Ted Klupinski, Lorri Kuczynski

11 am – Sandy Glasner, Rachel Glasner

Servers

Feb 28 – 9 am – Nancy Booth

11 am – Sophia Brown, Jordan Griffith

March 7 – 9 am – Steven Hillyer

11 am – Pat Cassidy, Michael Schmidt

Crucifers (Cross Bearers)

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

March 7 – 9 am – Sam Hulett; 11 am – Kevin Griffith

Lectors

Feb 28 – 9 am – Maggie McCoy, Sister Sharen

11 am – Barb Finan, Ben Gibbons

March 7 – 9 am – Carolyn Jurkowitz, Dan Kerscher

11 am – Sara Pastore, Matt Pastore

Eucharistic Ministers

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

March 7 – 9 am – Lori Toczor, Linda Wolfe, Sister Sharen

11 am – Brian Elliott, Gretchen Rivera, Barb Finan

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.

Calendar of Events at St. Francis of Assisi Parish

TODAY, Sunday, February 28

- Compassionate Communication Series, 1-3 pm
- Secular Franciscan Order, 2 – 5 pm, hall

Monday, March 1

- Flytown Men, 6 pm, hall

Tuesday, March 2

- Parish Council, 7 pm, hall
- Knitting Group, 6:30 pm, "Desert" meeting room

Wednesday, March 3

- RCIA, 7 pm, hall
- Soup Supper, following 6 pm Mass

Thursday, March 4

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

Next Sunday, March 7

- Bethlehem Wood Carvers, following each Mass, hall
- Hospitality Sunday, following each Mass, hall
- BREAD sign-up meeting, following each Mass, hall
- St Vincent dePaul organizational meeting, 10 am

Monday, March 8

- Women's Group, 7 pm, hall

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, 2-5 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 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 **Maryellen O'Shaughnessy**, who will present **Faith, Hope and Grieving: A Funeral Director's Personal Journey**. Join us on Wednesday, Mar 3, following the 6 pm Mass, for a simple meal and fellowship, followed by discussion.

Pastoral Reflections ~ for February 28, 2010

Last Sunday 800 men and women told the Catholic community of the Columbus Diocese that they wanted to be initiated into that community of faith. They came from many backgrounds and different journeys of faith. They were accompanied by Catholics who knew them and testified to their readiness to be initiated at this year's Easter Vigil. Nine of them have prayed with and have been supported in their seeking by the community of St. Francis of Assisi. Our community will surround them during these next 35 days accompanying them to the full initiation of Easter sacraments. We will measure our own sinfulness by listening to the scrutinies (examinations of conscience) that they have inspired. We will hear the Gospel stories chosen for those who are to be initiated. The mystery of their faith lives will be a sign for us of the Transfigured Christ bringing a glimpse of the glory in the cloud of obscurity.

~ 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).

Compassionate Communication (or Non-Violent Communication) Series will take place here at St. Francis of Assisi Church for **3 consecutive Sundays, starting today, 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 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 Kerschler at 614.457.1314 (napaker@wowway.com) or Lorri Kuczynski at 614.291.4666 (lorrik09@gmail.com)

Looking ahead ... Volunteers needed to help clean church and hall on April 1 to prepare for Holy Thursday liturgy and the special adoration site in parish hall. Contact the parish office (office@sfacolumbus.org or 614.299.5781)

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

More Parish News and Information

All **BREAD** Justice Ministry Network Members and anyone interested in learning about BREAD, please plan to meet downstairs in the church hall after both Masses on **Sunday, March 7**. We will review plans for meeting our goal of turning out **120 people** for this year's **Nehemiah Action Meeting, which takes place on Monday, May 3 at Veterans Memorial**. We will also discuss other upcoming meetings, including a BREAD Justice Team Assembly Meeting on Thursday, March 18 at 7:00 pm at North Broadway United Methodist Church (48 East North Broadway Street, Columbus 43214) and the BREAD Rally Meeting on Monday, May 3, starting at 6:30 pm at First Congregational Church (444 E. Broad St Columbus 43215). Please contact Pat Cassidy, 614.596.5545 / cassidy.jpatrick@yahoo.com, or Carol Smith, 614.481.7616 / casmith1@ameritech.net for further info.

T.V. Celebrity in our midst. *Erik Tracy*, of our parish, will appear this Thursday night (March 4) at 7:30PM on ABC's "Who Wants To Be A Millionaire." Erik, who usually worships at the 9:00AM liturgy, has been selected for the show's "Movie Week" because of his exceptional knowledge of cinema.

VOLUNTEERS needed to assist parishioners borrow books from our new PARISH LIBRARY. The library is "available" during anytime the church basement hall is in use. Volunteers from each organization are needed to guide "borrowers". Directions for borrowing are available on the bright yellow fliers located near the book shelves. PLEASE CONTACT the office (office@sfacolumbus.org) or 614.299.5781, if you will volunteer.

RCIA – The Penitential Rite and Scrutinies ... This morning at the 9:00 am Mass, we will celebrate with our baptized candidates the "Penitential Rite." On the 3rd, 4th, and 5th Sundays of Lent, we will celebrate the "Rite of Scrutiny" with our Elect. The prayers offered in these rites ask for God's protection on those who will soon become full members of the Catholic Church through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.

"The structure of the 'Penitential Rite' is identical to that of the scrutiny, yet a close look at the language of the scrutinies and the 'Penitential Rite' reveals that their underlying theology is in fact quite different. The characteristic themes of rescue and deliverance from the powers of darkness that one finds in the texts of the scrutinies are absent from the 'Penitential Rite.' The language of the scrutinies is pastoral, yet there is always an edge and an urgency to the scrutinies, a sense that matters of life and death hang in the balance. This emphasis is consistent with the texts of the baptismal liturgy itself: the litany of saints, blessing of water, renunciations and promises. The milder language of the 'Penitential Rite,' on the other hand, evokes baptismal grace that the candidates already possess. Spiritual growth and healing – motifs familiar from the sacrament of Penance – give the 'Penitential Rite' its characteristic tone." (*Foundations in Faith, Celebrating the Rites*)

Children's Stations of the Cross ... if your children would like to participate in the Children's of the Cross, at 3 pm on Good Friday, April 2, please contact Sr Barbara (614.299.5781).