

Liturgies and Mass Intentions ~ Week of March 7, 2010

Sunday, March 7

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

11:00 am – Angelo Bianco (Ruth Bianco)

Monday, March 8

NO MASS

Tuesday, March 9

6:00 pm – Nathan Pisauro (Pisauro Family)

Wednesday, March 10

6:00 pm – The Intentions of Phil Absi

Thursday, March 11

6:00 pm – For Peace in Our World

Friday, March 12

6:00 pm – For Sick and Homebound Persons

Saturday, March 13

NO MASS

Sunday, March 14

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

11:00 am – Special Intention (Sue Cruickshank)

Schedule of Liturgical Ministries

Ministers of Hospitality (Greeters)

March 7 – 9 am – Ted Klupinski, Lorri Kuczynski

11 am – Sandy Glasner, Rachel Glasner

March 14 – 9 am – Maggie McCoy, Gretchen Rivera

11 am – Susie Sarwark, Jean Cotting

Servers

March 7 – 9 am – Steven Hillyer

11 am – Pat Cassidy, Michael Schmidt

March 14 – 9 am – Michael Loutzenhiser

11 am – Sophia Brown, Ariana Gremling

Crucifers (Cross Bearers)

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

March 14 – 9 am – Frank Schneider; 11 am – Lori Toczorczic

Lectors

March 7 – 9 am – Carolyn Jurkowitz, Dan Kerscher

11 am – Sara Pastore, Matt Pastore

March 14 – 9 am – Leslie Main, Katherine Kriedermann

11 am – Diane Meves, Maryellen O'Shaughnessy

Eucharistic Ministers

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

11 am – Brian Elliott, Gretchen Rivera, Barb Finan

March 14 – 9 am – Nancy Booth, Jan Rosenfield, Frank Conway; 11 am – Sandy Glasner, Noelle Gremling, Joanna Nunn

Schedule for Make-Up Sessions for Ministry Rededication

All sessions take place at 10 am (between Masses)

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

Calendar of Events at St. Francis of Assisi Parish

TODAY, 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

Tuesday, March 9

- Knitting Group, 6:30 pm, "Desert" meeting room

Wednesday, March 10

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

Thursday, March 11

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

Saturday, March 13

- Parish Council Retreat, offsite

Next Sunday, March 14

- Blood Drive 8 am – 2 pm, hall
- Book Discussion Group, 12 noon, hall
- St Francis Seniors, following Blood Drive, hall

Tuesday, March 16

- Monthly Mass at Westminster Thurber, 11 am

RCIA – a Celebrating the Rites of the Period of Purification and Enlightenment. In the Scrutinies on the Third, Fourth, and Fifth Sundays of Lent, the elect [the unbaptized] are prayed for under the banner of the gospels of Year A. The powerful symbols of water, light, and life, which are central to the baptismal rites, are opened up by these readings and the rituals constructed around them. In the reflections on the Scrutinies, the elect themselves fill each of these symbols with specific content. As they reflect on their own lives and the state of the world in which they live, water and thirst, light and blindness, and life and death easily gain shape, texture, color, faces, and names. As the Scrutinies progress, the elect learn that some of these faces and names are indeed our own.



This week's Soup Supper discussion features parishioner **Barb Finan** will present thoughts and perspectives on the Holy Trinity. Join us on Wednesday, Mar 10, following the 6 pm Mass, for a simple meal and fellowship, followed by discussion.

Looking ahead ... **Volunteers will be needed to help clean church and hall on two special occasions** – 1) following Living Stations on Wednesday, March 31, to start preparing for Holy Thursday adoration, which will take place in the hall; and 2) on Thursday, 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 to help.



REMINDER – Daylight Savings Time begins next Sunday, March 14. It's SPRING FORWARD, so set your clocks AHEAD one hour.

Thanks to those who so generously responded to our WISH LIST needs! We received all items on our list.

Pastoral Reflections ~ for March 7, 2010

Today and on the next two Sundays we will hear the three Gospel stories that are read every year to those who will be initiated at Easter. The stories that help us understand the gifts of Baptism: water for those thirsting for life; light and sight for those wanting to see and believe; new life for those who are dead. As we heard the story today of the woman who kept marrying different men in order to find meaning, we are painfully aware of the high percentage of marriages in our nation that fail. The American bishops are calling upon every parish in our nation to become proactive in supporting sacramental marriages. There will be more thorough preparation and more continuing support of married couples by the parishes. We are seeking couples who are in sacramental marriages (married in the presence of a Church representative) to volunteer to be part of a mentoring team helping those couples who marry at St. Francis of Assisi Parish. Our first urgent need is for a couple or an individual living in a sacramental marriage who would assist the couple during their rehearsal and wedding ceremony. This assistance would involve 45 minutes on a Friday evening and perhaps one and a half hours on a Saturday late afternoon. For this mentoring role there would be some remuneration because of the time commitment required. Please step forward if you would like to help. Let Fr. Ron or our office know of your interest. Also, ask any questions of Fr. Ron or Sister Barbara or Therese Phillips (in our office). (614.299.5781; office@sfacolumbus.org) ~ Fr. Ron

Parish News and Information

Compassionate Communication (or Non-Violent Communication) Series continues to take place here at St. Francis of Assisi Church, **today and next Sunday, 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. **You can attend one of both of the remaining sessions.**

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 next 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).

Countdown to Earth Hour 2010 ... Earth Hour will be celebrated on **March 27, 2010.** On Earth Hour hundreds of millions of people around the world will come together to call for action on climate change by doing something quite simple—**turning off their lights for one hour.** The movement symbolizes that by working together, each of us can make a positive impact in this fight, protecting our future and that of future generations. Learn more about how Earth Hour began, and what's in store for 2010. Visit the website www.myearthhour.org/home to learn more.

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.

Parish Library will endure ONLY with support of volunteers. We need men & women to volunteer to keep an eye on our library usage: a) offer guidance to anyone who wants to borrow a book; b) replace returned books to appropriate shelves; c) call or e-mail delinquent borrowers after one month. This attention requires limited time investment. Please step forward and make our library possible. (office@sfacolumbus.org) or 614.299.5781



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).

Everyone who came to the 2010 Mardi Gras Pasta Dinner had a wonderful time, and we want to thank everyone who helped make this event such a rousing success. First and foremost, to the Fly Town Men and Women – your delicious sauce and tempting baked goods meant that everyone had a great meal. Generous donors sponsored tables and made good use of the giving tree to help with expenses. Gloria and Orv Lyons supplied perfect wine and company. Nick Quелlette made sure that all of the ingredients made it to the kitchen on time in spite of the dreadful weather. Thanks to Michael Schmidt and Don Terndrup for getting the hall ready and for making sure that the outside paths were safe for our guests. Therese Phillips responded to countless e-mails, Amy Ax spread the news about the dinner, Theri Brady's signs brightened the hall; and Matt and Sara Pastore distributed fliers designed by Claudia Retter. Phil Adams found great entertainers, and stepped in to help as photographer. Leslie Main kept track of every volunteer, and made sure that everything was on hand to keep service running smoothly, even when we had to add more tables. Parish artists created beautiful gifts for the silent auction, and two tables were filled with a great variety of raffle prizes for lots of happy winners. Lorri Kuczynski found "green" carryout containers, and Butch Goffos made sure that the leftover food would be enjoyed by hungry people. Many, many thanks to all of you who decorated the hall, set the tables, sold the tickets, served the food, and cleaned the kitchen at the end of the day. We never imagined that it could be so much fun to do so much work! **And we're ready to do it again next year, as long as all of you will come back to help us on Saturday, March 5, 2011.** Food, friends and fun – we wouldn't miss it for the world. *David Burgess and Therese Terndrup, Partners in Pasta*