

Liturgies and Mass Intentions ~ Week of March 9, 2008

Sunday, March 9 – Fifth Sunday of Lent

9:00 am – Living & Deceased Members of Mangini Family

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

Monday, March 10

NO MASS

Tuesday, March 11

NO MASS

Wednesday, March 12

6:00 pm – For Homeless Persons

Thursday, March 13

6:00 pm – For Sick and Homebound Persons

Friday, March 14

6:00 pm – For Peace in Our World

Saturday, March 15

NO MASS

Sunday, March 16 – Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

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

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

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)
THIS PROGRAM CURRENTLY SUSPENDED

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

Can Confronting the Past Heal a Community?

Tuesday, March 11, 6 – 9PM, at Wexner Center for the Arts.
6PM – Documentary film, "Greensboro: Closer to the Truth."
7PM – Dinner. 7:45PM – Keynote speaker, Adam Zucker, producer, director of the documentary. 8PM – Panel & Q & A, including widow of one of the victims of the Greensboro anti-civil rights killings. Tickets are \$20; purchased at www.clfilmfest.org or by calling 614.559.6205. Discounts available for students, educators, and clergy.

This Week at St. Francis of Assisi Parish

This Sunday, March 9

- UHCAN Ohio survey, following each Mass, hall
- St. Francis Seniors, 2 pm, hall
- Stations of the Cross, 3 pm, church

Tuesday, March 11

- Flytown Women, 12 noon, hall

Wednesday, March 12

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

Thursday, March 13

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

Next Sunday, March 16

- Baptism Workshop, 12:30 pm, hall
- Reconciliation Service, 3 pm, Holy Name Church

Schedule of Liturgical Ministries

Ministers of Hospitality (Greeters)

Mar 9 – 9 am – Katherine Kriedermann, Susan Kyanko

11 am – Sara Calvey, Tom Main

Mar 16 – 9 am – Mary Jo Hulett, Jeannette Dobrich

11 am – Dan Emch, Jackie Emch

Servers

Mar 9 – 9 am – Michael Loutzenhiser; 11 am – Sophia Brown

Mar 16 – 9 am – Nancy Booth; 11 am – Pat Cassidy

Crucifers (Cross Bearers)

Mar 9 – 9 am – Butch Goffos; 11 am – Lori Tocarzic

Mar 16 – 9 am – Sam Hulett; 11 am – Jim Gremling

Lectors

Mar 9 – 9 am – Carolyn Jurkowitz, Louisa Celebreeze

11 am – Larry Charles, Sue Cruickshank

Mar 16 – 9 am – Lynn Willford, Katherine Kriedermann

11 am – Rose Hamilton, Sara Calvey

Eucharistic Ministers

Mar 9 – 9 am – April Williams, Linda Wolfe, Sister Sharon

11am – D Belcastro, Joe Blasko, Julie Byrne

Mar 16 – 9 am – Jaime Capestany, Barb Finan, Steven

Hillyer; 11 am – Mark Coleman, Sue Cruickshank, Noelle Gremling

"I don't remember Easter ever being this early."

It hasn't been unless you are 95 or older. No one living now will ever experience Easter this early again. The last time it was this early was 1913; the next time it will be this early (March 23) will be 2228 (220 years from now). Easter is always the first Sunday after the first full moon after the Spring Equinox (March 20). This is based on the lunar calendar which Hebrew people use to identify Passover.

Pastoral Reflections ~ for week of March 9, 2008

Hundreds of Thousands braved the elements to vote this Tuesday. Another election is upcoming for members of St. Francis of Assisi Parish. Every confirmed, registered member of our parish is asked to prayerfully consider voting for several fellow parishioners to serve for three years on the Parish Pastoral Council. There is no campaigning (positive or negative), there are no advertising dollars spent, there are no public debates. This is a peaceful process of selecting which of 13 qualified and willing nominees you support and affirm with your vote. Those selected will influence the direction and future of our parish. Some of them will participate in a very thorough assessment of our parish's profile and life that will help Bishop Campbell in making decisions about the make-up of our parish in the future. Please pray, learn about our nominees, and vote. ~ *Fr. Ron*

Parish News and Information

PREPARE FOR EASTER: a) Donate for flowers in memory of deceased family members and friends. Print names clearly on "flower envelopes". b) Participate in Stations of the Cross this afternoon at 3PM; c) Participate in Lenten Reconciliation Service at Holy Name church on Patterson Avenue on Palm Sunday at 3PM; d) Volunteer to help clean/decorate the church for Holy Thursday night (call office 299.5781) or for Easter Vigil & Sunday (come to church 9AM-12 noon on Holy Saturday). e) Help provide refreshments for our Easter Vigil reception (call office 299.5781, and we'll get you in touch with the reception coordinator).

The **beautiful postcards** of St. Francis church in the pews have been purchased for our visitors and others who are NOT REGISTERED as members of our faith community. They are provided as a means of communicating with us their interest in participating in the life of our parish. If you are a registered member, feel free to give one to a neighbor or friend who is looking for a welcoming parish.

Two Books on podiums at back of church. One is for your prayers, write names of persons or situations for which you want our prayers offered; the other acquaints you with the wonderful persons who are becoming members of the Church at Easter. Read their answers to important personal faith questions.

Children's Stations of the Cross ... will be held on **Good Friday, March 21, at 3 pm.** Please contact Lynn Willford at 614.296.1239 (cell) or 614.291.0717 if your child would be



willing to participate. All – children and “grown-ups” alike – are welcome to attend the Children's Station on Good Friday. Mark your calendars and plan to attend.

Please join us for the Stations of the Cross, this afternoon, Sunday, March 9, at 3 pm, here in our church. We will also

sing music from the Taize Community, and receive a collection for the Mid-Ohio Food Bank.

Parish News and Information

Lenten Soup Suppers ... are an opportunity for parishioners to gather for a simple meal of soup and bread, while engaging in faith-sharing, fellowship and almsgiving. Each soup supper will begin immediately after the 6:00 pm Mass. Parishioners are encouraged to make a donation, equivalent to what you would have otherwise spent on dinner, as a display of almsgiving. **All are welcome to attend these dinner discussions.** Our parish teams will be providing soups each Wednesday. Please contact the parish council member listed below if you can help. (At least 6 soups are needed each Wednesday.)

Wednesday, 3/12: Welcoming & Engaging Team, Marilyn Smith, smith.3171@osu.edu or Jaime Capestany, jnr1292@aol.com
Wednesday, 3/19: Spiritual Life Team, Rick Miller, rjmiller@columbus.gov or 614.445.0847

Thanks to those members of our parish teams who have generously provided delicious homemade soups on the Wednesdays of Lent, and additional thanks to Eleni Christina bakery for their donation of hearty breads. The bakery provides breads and desserts for Rigsby's and Tasi's restaurants.

Notes on the Fifth Sunday of Lent, from Catholic Relief Services ... Being diagnosed with HIV and AIDS can be devastating. At first, Angeline and Prosper were in denial, even as they became sicker. Catholic Relief Services helped them to accept their situation, gain access to anti-retroviral medications and other treatments, and meet others living with HIV and AIDS in their village in Cameroon. This new support system helped them face the future with renewed confidence. Angeline and Prosper now work to educate others about HIV and AIDS and how to prevent it. Jesus celebrates the gift of life by restoring it to his friend Lazarus. CRS health initiatives seek to preserve this gift, and inspire local volunteers to work for the health of their communities. Your participation in Operation Rice Bowl helps CRS restore a feeling of hope for millions living with HIV and AIDS across the globe.

Proceeds from our Lenten Soup Suppers are shared between Operation Rice Bowl, and a local food bank, to help restock their depleted shelves.

Around Town

Give yourself the gift of a Cum Christo weekend. The Cum Christo ministry brings Christians together in an ecumenical environment to renew their relationship with Jesus Christ and to grow as disciples of Christ in their churches, everyday lives and other places where God leads them. Applications are now being accepted for upcoming Men's and Women's Cum Christo weekends. Men's weekend is April 10-13; Women's weekend is May 15-18. For more info, please contact Judy Unger at 451.3861 or judyunger@yahoo.com, or visit www.cumchristo.org.