

Liturgies and Mass Intentions ~ Week of March 16, 2008

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)

Monday, March 17

NO MASS

Tuesday, March 18

6:00 pm – For Homeless Persons

Wednesday, March 19

6:00 pm – Special Intention (Sue Cruickshank)

Thursday, March 20 – Holy Thursday

7:00 pm – For the People of St. Francis of Assisi Parish

Friday, March 21 – Good Friday

7:00 pm – Good Friday Liturgy

Saturday, March 22 – Holy Saturday

8:30 pm – For Our Candidates and Catechumens

Sunday, March 23 – Easter Sunday

9:00 am – Ricky Stull (Steven Hillyer)

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

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 Dancey 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

"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.

This Week at St. Francis of Assisi Parish

This Sunday, March 16

- Sandwiches for St Lawrence Haven, 10 am, hall
- Baptism Workshop, 12:30 pm, hall
- Reconciliation Service, 3 pm, Holy Name Church

Tuesday, March 18

- Monthly Mass at Westminster Thurber, 11 am

Wednesday, March 19

- Soup Supper, following 6 pm Mass, church hall

Thursday, March 20, HOLY THURSDAY

- Bible Study / Faith Sharing at W. Thurber, 1:30 pm
- Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7 pm

Friday, March 21, GOOD FRIDAY

- Children's Stations, 3 pm
- Good Friday Liturgy, 7 pm

Saturday, March 22, HOLY SATURDAY

- Church Cleaning, 9 am – 12 noon
- Easter Vigil, 8:30 pm, reception following

Next Sunday, March 23, EASTER SUNDAY

- Happy Easter!

Schedule of Liturgical Ministries

Ministers of Hospitality (Greeters)

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

11 am – Dan Emch, Jackie Emch

Mar 23 – 9 am – Kathy Dancey, Sam Hulett

11 am – Maryellen O'Shaughnessy, Theri Brady

Servers

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

Mar 23 – 9 am – Linda Wolfe; 11 am – Jean Cotting

Crucifers (Cross Bearers)

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

Mar 23 – 9 am – Chris Paisley; 11 am – Dan Tonneman

Lectors

Mar 16 – 9 am – Lynn Willford, Katherine Kriedermann

11 am – Rose Hamilton, Sara Calvey

Mar 23 – 9 am – Dick Wolf, Kay Wolf

11 am – Julie Byrne, Dan Kerscher

Eucharistic Ministers

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

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

Gremling

Mar 23 – 9 am – Nancy Booth, Carolyn Jurkowitz, Katherine

Kriedermann; 11 am – Pat Cassidy, Rose Hamilton, Judy

Petrou

Please Note: the above lists of ministers for Easter Sunday was taken from the March-April monthly listing and might not reflect the most updated email communication and correspondence. Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Vigil) ministry lists are located in the sacristy.

Pastoral Reflections ~ for week of March 16, 2008

We welcome Jesus into the city of death and resurrection of 2008. Is his entrance a parade or a journey? Will we hail him as wonderworker, solver of problems, person that we can count on loving us, and cheer from the sidelines of the parade? Or will we follow him in his journey into our homes, our neighborhoods, our workplaces, our parish, our nation, our world. If we cheer the Easter parade by dressing up, coming to Easter Mass, being pleasant with our family members, we'll be done by Monday, March 24. If we journey with him into the hard places and hard questions of unforgiveness in our relationships, injustice in our share of resources, silent support of killing, we will die with him and share resurrection. Let us step off of the curb and walk. Join us for the 72-hour day – Triduum, beginning Thursday and ending Saturday at sunset. Liturgies: 7:00PM (Thursday & Friday); 8:30PM (Saturday). Join us Easter Sunday 9AM or 11AM.

~ Fr. Ron

Parish News and Information

This week's (March 19) Soup Supper information – soups provided by Spiritual Life Team / Rick Miller, rjmiller@columbus.gov or 614.445.0847

Presentation – Living Stations of the Cross, presented by parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi Parish



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 Stations on Good Friday.

PREPARE FOR EASTER: a) Donate for flowers in memory of deceased family members and friends. Print names clearly on "flower envelopes." b) Participate in Lenten Reconciliation Service at Holy Name church on Patterson Avenue TODAY at 3PM. c) 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). d) 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.

Parish Council Meeting Notes (from March 4, 2008)

Marilyn Smith to leave Parish Council: We are sad to report that Marilyn must leave her position as a member of Parish Council. Thanks from all the members of Parish Council and in fact from the entire parish to Marilyn for her great work!

Red Cross blood drive: We've decided to go ahead and launch a drive to collect blood for the Red Cross. We need at least 15 donors to make the drive feasible. Mary Ann & Lorri will coordinate this event.

Phone calls to new parishioners: All reported that this effort to personally follow through and to talk with those who have expressed an interest in joining St. Francis has gone well.

Flower Sale: We have decided not to launch a fund raising flower sale this year. Past efforts have shown it to be a great deal of work with little financial return.

Bethlehem & Palestine wood carvers: We will welcome the wood carvers from Bethlehem and Palestine to sell their products in our church hall on a Hospitality Sunday when parishioners will have the greatest exposure to their products. We do not commit any church monies nor promises of revenue in this event.

Parish Council nominations, elections & discernment: We currently have 12 candidates for 5 open positions. There has been some resetting of length of terms in order to ensure that we have a turnover of 4 of our 12 members every year.

Church cleaning: The Facilities and Grounds team will be working with the help of other parish volunteers on Holy Saturday from 9 - 12 to clean the church for Easter Sunday. RCIA rehearsal will occur after cleaning has been completed.

St. Francis parish's work with BREAD: April and Pat Cassidy are working to develop a greater involvement in BREAD (Building Responsibility Equality and Dignity) by our parish members.

Next meeting: Tuesday, April 1 at 7:00 pm.
Minutes submitted by Mike Schmidt

RCIA News

The Sacraments of Initiation – Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist – will be celebrated next Saturday night at Easter Vigil (beginning at 8:30 pm), the magnificent liturgy around which our entire liturgical year is centered. "The Easter Vigil celebrates the paschal mystery--the dying and rising of Jesus Christ--and the participation in the paschal mystery by God's faithful people. What happens to the elect in this liturgy brings into powerful focus the paschal character of the celebration for the entire assembly." ~ *Foundations in Faith*

The Elect who will celebrate Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist are Jud Bates and Josh Beasley. Our baptized Candidates who will celebrate Confirmation and Eucharist are Cole Chalfant, Scott Fenner, Melinda Kelley, Doug Riddell, Bonny Shiptet, Kris Slaughter, Ray Slaughter, and Vern Troyer. Randy Jacobs, baptized Catholic, will complete his initiation with Confirmation and Eucharist.

All who will be present for our Easter Vigil Service are invited to attend the parish reception that will immediately follow in the Church hall. If you would like to contribute an appetizer or dessert or help with preparation or clean up, please contact Janet O'Brien (jlloebrien@aol.com) or Kathleen Dancey (kdancey@columbus.rr.com or 421-7652). Thank you!