

Liturgies and Mass Intentions ~ Week of August 23, 2009

Sunday, August 23

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

Monday, August 24

NO MASS

Tuesday, August 25

6:00 pm – Keith Morgan (Maggie McCoy)

Wednesday, August 26

6:00 pm – For Peace in Our World

Thursday, August 27

6:00 pm – For Sick and Homebound Persons

Friday, August 28

6:00 pm – For the Needs of Our Parish

Saturday, August 29

NO MASS

Sunday, August 30

9:00 am – Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi
11:00 am – Joan Tocarzic (Shirley Maietta)

Ongoing Educational Opportunities

Baptism Workshop *Meeting time/place:* 3rd Sunday of each month at 12:30 pm, in the parish hall. **Contact:** Parish Office at 614.299.5781 to register.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) *Meeting time/place:* Wednesday evenings, 7 pm – 8:30 pm in the parish hall. If you are a non-baptized person or a person baptized in another Christian tradition and are interested in exploring the Catholic faith, please join us! **Contact:** Kathleen Dancey at 614.421.7652, or kdancey@columbus.rr.com

Catholic Bible Study and Faith Sharing *Meeting time/place:* Thursday afternoons at 1:30 pm, in the 3rd 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.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd *Meeting time/place:* Sunday mornings (during the school year) during the 11:00 am Mass, in the rectory basement atrium. **Contact:** Therese Terndrup at 614.853.0322 or tterndrup00@hotmail.com.

Children's religious education program ... Our parish program for children ages 3-6 years (preschool - 1st grade) will begin on Sunday, September 13, 2009. Sessions will be held on Sunday mornings during the 11:00 am Mass. We follow the methods of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, a Montessori-based program that encourages children to "come closer to God" through prayer and work with materials drawn from Scripture and worship. Registration forms and schedule cards are available in the back of the church. We hope your child will join us as we celebrate the loving care of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, who calls all of us by name. Please contact Therese Terndrup at 614.853.0322 or via e-mail at tterndrup00@hotmail.com. **Please note:** The first two sessions (9/13 and 9/20) will be for children who are new to the program. The first session for all children will be Sunday, September 27.

Calendar of Events at St. Francis of Assisi Parish

TODAY, Sunday, August 23

- B.R.E.A.D. Fundraiser – Pancake Breakfast, following each Mass, hall

Wednesday, August 26

- Ramadan IFTAAR dinner (see notice next page)

Thursday, August 27

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

LOOKING AHEAD ... In the Month of September

Tuesday, September 1

- Parish Council, 7 pm, hall

Wednesday, September 2

- RCIA, 7 pm, hall

Schedule of Liturgical Ministries

Ministers of Hospitality (Greeters)

Aug 23 – 9 am – Frank Conway, Bill Keller

11 am – Sandy Glasner, Gretchen Rivera

Aug 30 – 9 am – Skip Camerucci, Jeanette Dobrich

11 am – Matt Pastore, Sara Calvey

Servers

Aug 23 – 9 am – Nancy Booth

11 am – Ariana Gremling, Jordan Griffith

Aug 30 – 9 am – Frank Conway

11 am – Sophia Brown, Sam Callison

Crucifers (Cross Bearers)

Aug 23 – 9 am – Frank Schneider; 11 am – Lori Tocarzic

Aug 30 – 9 am – Volunteer; 11 am – Brian Elliott

Lectors

Aug 23 – 9 am – Matt Pastore, Regina Marcum

11 am – Brian Tomlinson, Julie Byrne

Aug 30 – 9 am – Maggie McCoy, Leslie Main

11 am – Larry Charles, Jean Cotting

Eucharistic Ministers

Aug 23 – 9 am – Steven Hillyer, Carolyn Jurkowitz, Katherine Kriedermann; 11 am – Dan Tonneman, Isabel Tonneman, Mark Coleman

Aug 30 – 9 am – Gretchen Rivera, Mary Ann Kerscher, Dan Kerscher; 11 am – Pat Cassidy, Lori Tocarzic, Sue Cruickshank

I would like to thank the community of Saint Francis of Assisi for giving me the opportunity to serve as your organist for the past four years. I have learned so much from Phil Adams and from members of the choir as we collaborated and built friendships during rehearsals, worship and concerts. Beyond the choir loft, however, the entire parish welcomed me and helped me along my faith journey. The warm response you offered to the music of my final Mass touched my heart.

Many thanks to Father Atwood and to all of you.

God bless you all. ~ Andrew Willis

Pastoral Reflections ~ for week of August 23, 2009

Many of us come from families in which some parent, grandparent, or great-grandparent said firmly, like Joshua, "As for me and my family, we will serve the Lord." (we'll stay in the Church). And the choice held its grip on several generations. Some of us come from families in which a parent or grandparent or husband or wife or son or daughter left the Church or even faith in God, like some of the disciples of Jesus, because what they saw or heard was too much for them. We ourselves move from the conviction of Joshua to the temptation to walk away from it all like some of those early disciples. God is patient with our searching. May our prayers be with those in both places; conviction and walking away. ~ Fr. Ron

Parish News and Information

Effective immediately any parish member or group using the parish hall will be responsible for setting up for that group's event, cleaning up afterwards, including the consolidation of any trash into one or more receptacles and placing them in the recycling and trash bins next to the rectory garage, **TURNING OFF LIGHTS**, and locking up the building. No food or drinks are to be left in the kitchen and/or refrigerators at the end of an event. This policy is followed by many churches and organizations. Some of us have come to rely on Butch to do these chores for us, but for now, that is not an option. Specific instructions to help each group accomplish these tasks will be posted in the kitchen area and sent to those group contact persons whom we are able to identify.

Thank you for all you do and will do for the Parish.



The St. Francis of Assisi Parish Picnic is coming soon. It will take place following the 11:00 Mass on the Feast of St. Francis Assisi, which is Sunday, October 4. We would really like you to join us! It is a relaxing, fun event where you can talk to your old friends

and meet new friends. The picnic tends to bring out the friendliness in people, and often those who have never had a chance to get acquainted play simple games together, or just sit down and converse. It is a time when friendships are made and renewed. We also have fun children's activities. We ask, that if you can, please bring a plate of your favorite salad, baked dish, or dessert. Helpers of all kinds are needed, so please contact us at the number below and let us know what you would like to do and when you are available to help. **We are also in need of raffle donations.** Do you know someone in a business who might donate a nice prize, or are you able to donate your services for something that someone might find useful? Last year many people made coupons to be redeemed for home baked bread, cookies, some yard work, and various other things. Be creative, and donate a prize of your own gifts and talents, anything that you think someone else would enjoy. Please plan to participate in your parish community gathering on Sunday, October 4.

Katherine Kriedermann and Susan Kyanko, 614.861.8824. Katherinek70@hotmail.com

Directions to Ramadan Iftaar Dinner ... location – Scioto Educational Foundation, 2885 W. Dublin-Granville Rd. (Rte. 161). Dinner will begin at 8:20PM because of the laws for Ramadan. Please plan to arrive around 8 PM. visit <http://www.sefohio.org/> to learn more about the group that is hosting our dinner.

More Parish News and Information

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP... Do something wonderful for yourself - pick up a book! Please join fellow SFA parishioners (and guests) as we gather to share our experiences with this month's book selection: The Alchemist by Paulo Coelho, on **Sept. 20 after the 11am Mass** in the church hall. Don't worry! - there'll be no tests, no book reports - just an informal group exploring spirituality and the human experience. Questions? Please contact Dee Bruney at 740.881.6324. Happy reading!

WOMEN'S RETREAT – SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, **September 26** -- a day retreat for the Women of St. Francis of Assisi Parish will be offered on September 26, from 9 am – 3 pm. We will get together at Dee Bruney's home with a peaceful wooded backyard. Space is limited to 25 participants. Questions? Want to carpool? Call Mary Ann Kerscher 614.457.1314 or Dee Bruney 740.881.6324.

BLOOD DRIVE: at St Francis of Assisi Parish will be on **Sunday September 27 from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm.** If you have not given since August 2, you are eligible to donate. To make an appointment to donate blood, please contact Mary Ann Kerscher at 614.457.1314 or email her at napaker@wowway.com or contact Lorri Kuczynski at 614.291.4666 or email her at lorrik09@gmail.com

Broken Kneeler needs repair. Anyone with carpentry skills who is willing to work on repairing this kneeler, please call or e-mail our parish office. 614-299-5781; office@sfacolumbus.org.

Summary of August Parish Council Meeting ...

Parish Website is being revised; project will be two-phased, with first phase to feature bulletin, church calendar and ministries with contact info. Herb Peterson has volunteered to help with this project.

Education: Investigating possible Youth Group.

Facilities & Grounds: Discussed need to develop a plan to cover Butch's responsibilities during his convalescence. Plan to request volunteers for misc tasks through the bulletin and pulpit announcements. Plan to notify individual groups that use the parish hall that they will be expected to do their own set-up and clean-up for group functions. Mary Ann Kerscher leading a "Kitchen Crew" for cleaning and organization.

Social Justice: "Compassionate Communication" – no dates available in September. Discussed possibility of conducting a "Justice Retreat" with assistance from Diocesan Office of Social Concerns, possibly as an alternative to BREAD house meetings. Discussed possibility of "reorganizing" our St. Vincent de Paul chapter at SFA.

Welcoming, Engaging and Affirming: Realtor box with bulletins apparently being used; book study group has started. Each Sunday in October and two in November to feature one different ministry team for Tapestry.

Life in the Parish ... Latino Outreach: Two different families have approached SFA concerning First Communion for their children and been linked with Therese Terndrup for preparation classes. Catholic Foundation Grant : \$3800 awarded to SFA for technology equipment for "evangelization" purposes, including RCIA and other educational programs. Shelving and a library also will be included.

~ Respectfully submitted Maggie McCoy