

Liturgies and Mass Intentions ~ Week of August 30, 2009

Sunday, August 30

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

Monday, August 31

NO MASS

Tuesday, September 1

6:00 pm – For Peace in Our World

Wednesday, September 2

6:00 pm – Margaret Balint (Frank Conway)

Thursday, September 3

6:00 pm – For Sick and Homebound Persons

Friday, September 4

6:00 pm – Felix DiPaulo (Roseann Volpe)

Saturday, September 5

NO MASS

Sunday, September 6

9:00 am – Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi
11:00 am – Special Intention (Sue Cruickshank)

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 Dancy 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

Tuesday, September 1

- Parish Council, 7 pm, hall

Wednesday, September 2

- RCIA, 7 pm, hall

Thursday, September 3

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

LOOKING AHEAD ...

Next Sunday, September 6

- Hospitality Sunday, after each Mass, hall

Monday, September 7, LABOR DAY HOLIDAY

- OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday, September 8

- Flytown Women, 12 noon, hall
- Flytown Men, 6 pm, hall (moved because of holiday)

Wednesday, September 9

- RCIA, 7 pm, hall

Schedule of Liturgical Ministries

Ministers of Hospitality (Greeters)

Aug 30 – 9 am – Skip Camerucci, Jeanette Dobrich
11 am – Matt Pastore, Sara Calvey

Servers

Aug 30 – 9 am – Frank Conway
11 am – Sophia Brown, Sam Callison

Crucifers (Cross Bearers)

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

Lectors

Aug 30 – 9 am – Maggie McCoy, Leslie Main
11 am – Larry Charles, Jean Cotting

Eucharistic Ministers

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

Liturgical Ministry schedule for September and October being prepared at press time.



HELP WANTED!

The parish office needs help with **computer software installation**. Through the generous donation of a parishioner, we were able to purchase a refurbished laptop (from The Laptop Guy), to use as our office "back-up" computer. Now, we just need to install some census software. If you are technically savvy, and have a couple of hours to spare, please contact the parish office 614.299.5781 / email = office@sfacolumbus.org to see about helping us. Thanks!

Pastoral Reflections ~ for week of August 30, 2009

On Wednesday night of this past week, 30 members of our parish, broke the Ramadan fast with Turkish Muslims. During our shared meal many conversations ensued. Many questions about the differences of our religious practices were exchanged. In some instances, there were glimpses of what lies beneath the pious practices of Catholicism or Islam. The moments when a very stressed Muslim was receiving encouragement about finishing his dissertation from a Catholic; the question by a Muslim about the illness of one of our parishioners, "Can I visit him and bring him a gift?" These reflect what Jesus taught and what the Muslim mystic, Rumi, says, "Look inside and find where a person loves from. That's the reality, not what they say." (nor what their religious practices are.) ~ *Fr. Ron*

Parish News and Information

Back to Mark: After 6 weeks of hearing John's Gospel speak of the Bread of Life, from the awe in the crowd because of the miracle of multiplication to the revulsion by the crowd at the command to eat "flesh", we return to Mark's Gospel narrative. Mark uses the "Messianic Secret" to convey a proper understanding of Jesus' life. Demons recognize him and he silences them. He tells people who have experienced his power not to tell anyone. Two things are communicated: first, knowledge of Jesus' identity comes from suprahumann power; second, proper confession of Jesus should not be made on the basis of his miracles, but only after following him to the cross. (The first human to address Jesus as Son of God is the centurion, at the moment of Jesus' death.)



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, Oct 4. **Katherine Kriedermann and Susan Kyanko, 614.861.8824. Katherinek70@hotmail.com**

Pancake Breakfast ... update about funds raised will appear in next week's bulletin.

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.

(See insert for more information)

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

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Are you a non-Catholic who is attracted to the Catholic Church? Do you feel called to explore a deeper relationship with God within the context of a Christian community? If you have questions about Christianity, Catholic doctrine and Tradition, you may want to consider participating in the RCIA process. The initiation process includes a special time set aside for asking questions and exploring God's call in a safe and welcoming environment. Believing Catholics (catechists and sponsors) will share their faith experiences and help you to find the answers you seek. Your quest does not obligate you in any way. **RCIA sessions will begin on Wednesday, September 9, at 7:00 p.m. in the Church hall. For more information, please call Kathy Dancey at 614.421.7652, or email her at kdancey@columbus.rr.com. "Come and See!" (Jn 1:39)**

There are many ways that the fully-initiated, practicing Catholic can participate in the initiation process! The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults states that, "The people of God, as represented by the local Church, should understand and show by their concern that the initiation of adults is the responsibility of all the baptized. Therefore the community must always be fully prepared in the pursuit of its apostolic vocation to give help to those who are searching for Christ." **Please consider becoming a parish companion, a prayer companion or a member of the RCIA hospitality team!** Call Kathy Dancey for more information at 614.421.7652. We need you!