

Liturgies and Mass Intentions ~ Week of September 6, 2009

Sunday, September 6

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

Monday, September 7

NO MASS

Tuesday, September 8

6:00 pm – Nathan Pisauro (Donald & Joanne Corcoran Family)

Wednesday, September 9

6:00 pm – Isaac Belcher (Dunleavy-Spretnak)

Thursday, September 3

6:00 pm – For Sick and Homebound Persons

Friday, September 4

6:00 pm – For Peace in Our World

Saturday, September 5

NO MASS

Sunday, September 6

9:00 am – Joyce Polito (Jevene Everson)
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:** 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

TODAY, 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

Thursday, September 10

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

LOOKING AHEAD ...

Next Sunday, September 13

- St Francis Seniors, Luau Party

Monday, September 14

- Women's Group, 7 pm, hall

Tuesday, September 15

- Monthly Mass at Westminster Thurber, 11 am

Schedule of Liturgical Ministries

Ministers of Hospitality (Greeters)

Sept 6 – 9 am – Sam Hulett, Mary Jo Hulett

11 am – Vern Troyer, Theri Brady

Sept 13 – 9 am – Bill Keller, Frank Conway

11 am – Janet Callison, Sophia Brown

Servers

Sept 6 – 9 am – Steve Hillyer

11 am – Pat Cassidy, Sam Khoury

Sept 13 – 9 am – Michael Loutzenhiser

11 am – Jack Cotting, Rachel Glasner

Crucifers (Cross Bearers)

Sept 6 – 9 am – Frank Schneider; 11 am – Jim Gremling

Sept 13 – 9 am – Sam Hulett; Lori Toczczak

Lectors

Sept 6 – 9 am – Dick Wolf, Kay Wolf

11 am – Barb Finan, Rose Hamilton

Sept 13 – 9 am – Dennis Smith, Linda Wolfe

11 am – J Fullenkamp, M Jordan

Eucharistic Ministers

Sept 6 – 9 am – Chris Paisley, Regina Marcum, Rick Miller

11 am – Joanna Nunn, Barb Schmitzer, Sandy Glasner

Sept 13 – 9 am – Leslie Mann, Jan Rosenfield, Mary Ann

Theado; 11 am – Mark Coleman, Noelle Gremling, Rose Hamilton

Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser for B.R.E.A.D. ...

we collected \$600 to benefit the works of B.R.E.A.D.

Thanks to all who volunteered to flip the pancakes and provide a tasty breakfast, and to all who contributed financially to support this organization.

Pastoral Reflections ~ for week of September 6, 2009

On this Labor Day weekend, we honor all who labor in the work and service of the community. On Sundays, our community comes together for our work of *liturgy*, a word which comes from a Greek word meaning *work of the people*. That includes the ministries of the liturgy, the response with word, song, and gesture of those in the assembly, the effort to maintain an environment where others can hear the Word of God and the prayers of the Church, the work of parents teaching their children the experience of reverence and boundaries in worship, the praying by the congregation for the needs of the whole Church and human family, the financial support for the sustenance and work of the parish community, the donation of money to the work of the larger Church. During these past three weeks there has been an outpouring of labor by some of the members of this community in cleaning, and repairing, and organizing for the sake of the whole parish. We have a great need for persons of all ages to become involved. We have a great need for members to offer their energies to our RCIA program. We have 15 men and women seeking to grow in their understanding of who and what we are as a Church. We do not have enough men and women to help them with that search. PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE OR KATHLEEN DANCEY, if you are willing. ~ Fr. Ron

Parish News and Information

Congratulations! We welcome, through the sacrament of baptism, newest member of our community, Carter Laber, son of parishioners Chad and Melissa Laber.

COOLING & HEATING for the church and the basement hall, now, is programmed. This is to maximize efficiency for the sake of the environment and our budget. **NO ONE should attempt to regulate the temperature by touching the thermostat**, except those who have been trained and authorized. Our excessive heat in the church several Sundays ago and excessive cool in the basement hall created much discomfort, wasted a great amount of energy, and cost our community. This imbalance was the result of someone trying to regulate the system to his/her personal comfort level. Our temperature will be 70 degrees during the warmer seasons and 72 degrees during the colder seasons. Please know this and dress according to your own comfort level.

In his latest encyclical, ***Charity in Truth***, Pope Benedict teaches that decent work "means work that expresses the essential dignity of every man & woman in the context of their particular society: work that is freely chosen, effectively associating workers, both men and women, with the development of their community, work that enables the worker to be respected and free from any form of discrimination, work that makes it possible for families to meet their needs and provide schooling for children, without the children themselves being forced into labor; work that permits the workers to organize themselves freely, and to make their voices heard; work that leaves enough room for rediscovering one's roots at a personal, familial, and spiritual level; work that guarantees those who have retired a decent standard of living." (#63).

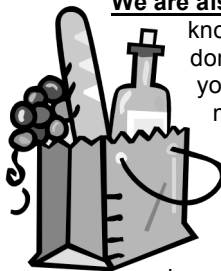
Parish office closed on Monday, September 7, in observance of LABOR DAY holiday.

More Parish News and Information

Picnic Time

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 – INCLUDING HELP SELLING RAFFLE TICKETS AFTER EACH MASS ON SEPTEMBER 20** -- 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. kkrieder@insight.rr.com**



SAVE THESE DATES!!! BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP -- Sunday, Sept 20 after the 11am Mass in the church hall. Book choice is *The Alchemist*, by Paul Coelho. Questions? Please contact Dee Bruney at 740.881.6324. Happy reading!
WOMEN'S RETREAT -- Saturday, 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: 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

TRANSITUS RECEPTION ... on Saturday, Oct 3, at 7 pm, we will hold our annual celebration of Transitus. We are looking for help in coordinating the reception which follows. Duties include helping with food and drinks set-up, and organizing clean-up crew. Many hands make light work! If you can help in any way, please contact the parish office. 614.299.5781, or email office@sfacolumbus.org