

Liturgies and Mass Intentions ~ Week of September 13, 2009

Sunday, September 13

9:00 am – Joyce Polito (Jevene Everson)

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

Monday, September 14

NO MASS

Tuesday, September 15

6:00 pm – Filomena DeCarlo (Gloria Leo)

Wednesday, September 16

6:00 pm – Msgr. Lawrence Corcoran (Pactum Marianum)

Thursday, September 17

6:00 pm – For Peace in Our World

Friday, September 18

6:00 pm – Thomas Garrity, Sr (Tom & Veronica Garrity)

Saturday, September 19

NO MASS

Sunday, September 20

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

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

(Gorman Family)

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.**

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. 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

Calendar of Events at St. Francis of Assisi Parish

TODAY, 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

Wednesday, September 16

➤ RCIA, 7 pm, hall

Thursday, September 17

➤ Bible Study at Westminster Thurber, 1:30 pm

➤ Bible Study 7 pm, hall

➤ Choir Rehearsal, 7 pm, church

LOOKING AHEAD ...

Next Sunday, September 20

➤ Baptism Workshop, 12:30 pm, hall

➤ Book Discussion Group, following 11 am Mass

Schedule of Liturgical Ministries

Ministers of Hospitality (Greeters)

Sept 13 – 9 am – Bill Keller, Frank Conway

11 am – Sandy Glasner, Sophia Brown

Sept 20 – 9 am – Lorri Kuczynski, Michael Loutzenhiser

11 am – Jean Cotting, Jim Gremling

Servers

Sept 13 – 9 am – Michael Loutzenhiser

11 am – Jack Cotting, Rachel Glasner

Sept 20 – 9 am – Linda Wolfe

11 am – Ariana Gremling, Gillian Gremling

Crucifers (Cross Bearers)

Sept 13 – 9 am – Sam Hulett; 11 am – Lori Tocorzic

Sept 20 – 9 am – Skip Camerucii; 11 am – Dan Tonneman

Lectors

Sept 13 – 9 am – Dennis Smith, Linda Wolfe

11 am – J Fullenkamp, M Jordan

Sept 20 – 9 am – Lynn Wilford, Mary Ann Theado

11 am – Ben Gibbons, Jon Murphy

Eucharistic Ministers

Sept 13 – 9 am – Leslie Mann, Jan Rosenfield, Mary Ann Theado; 11 am – Mark Coleman, Noelle Gremling, Rose Hamilton

Sept 20 – 9 am – Sister Sharen, Nancy Booth, Jaime Capestany; 11 am – Brian Elliott, Maria Elliott, Louisa Celebrezze

Thanks to the generosity of the late Francis Byers we were able to renovate our church and install a lift to make our church more accessible. And thanks to the generosity of our parishioners, **we donated our unused but still valuable StairTrac device** to St. Mary School in Lancaster. Twelve year old Andrew can now fully participate with his classmates in the school cafeteria and in all other parts of the school building. For more information on Andrew, visit the website www.andrewsarmyinc.com.

Pastoral Reflections ~ for week of September 13, 2009

Fr. Miguel D'Escoto, a Nicaraguan priest, writes: "I don't think we Christians have understood what *carrying the cross* means: the path of baptism. We are not carrying the cross when we are poor or sick or suffering small everyday things. They are all part of life. The *cross* comes when we try to change things. That is how it came for Jesus." ~ Fr. Ron

Parish News and Information

Congratulations! We welcome, through the sacrament of baptism, newest member of our community, **Allison May Ziegler**, daughter of parishioners Melissa and Scott Ziegler. We also congratulate newly married couple **Garrett Cravener and Veronica Lawrence**, who were married here on September 12.

FLU SEASON -- During this season of influenza and colds, we need to balance our cautions about contagion with a respect for each other. When symptoms indicate the presence of a virus, it is best to stay at home. No changes will be made in our liturgy, unless recommended by the Diocese. We will dispense with the greeting during the Call to Worship before Mass. During the Offering of the Sign of Peace, use your own discretion. Offering the Peace of Christ can be done verbally, if you choose not to shake hands. Let us respect each other's choices in this matter. Let us not judge those who choose differently than we choose. Let us not take it personally if someone withholds making contact.

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.

PICNIC TIME IS ALMOST HERE! 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. **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**

Parish Council Meeting Notes – September 2009

Old/New Business:

- We are taking steps in order to better regulate the new HVAC system and lower electricity bills. Pete Sullivan of Sullivan Builders volunteered his time in this effort and also volunteered to help with the proposal of constructing two new rooms in the SE & SW corners of the Parish Hall to benefit the pastoral needs of the Parish. Council is grateful to Pete for his time and effort.
- Preparations for Patronal Feast Day Activities are underway. The Pisairo family is generously donating & preparing all the meat for the Oct. 4 picnic.

Education Team Report:

- RCIA has record number of candidates to date – 15.

Grounds & Facilities Team Report:

- Hoping and praying for Butch's recovery. While he is away there are four service committees for volunteers who are willing to donate their talents and time to cover the upkeep of our Parish. A number of specific proposals were discussed.

Social Justice:

- Compassionate Communication Series was tabled.
- St. Vincent DePaul monthly meal was put on hold.
- BREAD – continue "house meetings" in order to plan for focus topic for 2010.
- BREAD Pancake Breakfast fundraiser – many thanks to Jaime Capestany and crew for their hard work in making this event a success.

Spiritual Life: no report

Welcoming, Engaging, Affirming (WEA):

- short individual Parish Team presentations will occur after every Mass in October, followed immediately by detailed information during the Hospitality gathering in the Church Hall.
- team window well signage is completed and ready for viewing in the Church Hall.

respectfully submitted by Martha Moore

Financial Information

	Income	Expenses
April 2009	28,582.00	30,749.00
May 2009	21,966.00	22,315.00
June 2009	29,788.00	44,804.00
Quarter Total	80,337.00	97,869.00

Business Manager's Note: June 2009 Expenses includes a major capital expenditure of \$16,453.00, for repair of the rectory roof and porch, and the final installment payment of the new heating/cooling system in the rectory.

HELP STILL NEEDED ... we are still looking for someone to help with coordinating our Transitus reception on Saturday, October 3. Duties include setting up table decorations, preparing and setting out drinks (coffee, tea, water pitchers), and coordinating a clean up crew. **IF YOU CAN HELP WITH ANY ONE OF THESE DUTIES**, it is much appreciated. Please call the parish office (614.299.5781 / office@sfacolumbus.org)

Next week ... a letter from Sr. Linda at the St. Francis Center