

## Liturgies and Mass Intentions ~ Week of September 20, 2009

### Sunday, September 20

9:00 am – Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi  
11:00 am – Tom & Joan Gorman & Kathleen Rurak  
(Gorman Family)

### Monday, September 21

NO MASS

### Tuesday, September 22

6:00 pm – For Peace in Our World

### Wednesday, September 23

6:00 pm – Msgr. John Dittoe (Pactum Marianum)

### Thursday, September 24

6:00 pm – For Sick and Homebound Persons

### Friday, September 25

6:00 pm – For the Needs of Our Parish

### Saturday, September 26

NO MASS

### Sunday, September 27

9:00 am – Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi  
11:00 am – G.A.L.A. Members and G.A.C. Members (GALA/GAC)

## 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](mailto: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 [terndrup00@hotmail.com](mailto:terndrup00@hotmail.com).

**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.

## Calendar of Events at St. Francis of Assisi Parish

### TODAY, Sunday, September 20

- Baptism Workshop, 12:30 pm, hall
- Book Discussion Group, following 11 am Mass

### Wednesday, September 23

- RCIA, 7 pm, hall

### Thursday, September 24

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

### Saturday, September 26

- Grounds & Facilities Garden Clean-Day, 9 am
- Women's Retreat (off site)

### LOOKING AHEAD ...

### Next Sunday, September 27

- Red Cross Blood Drive, church hall

### Wednesday, September 30

- RCIA, 7 pm, hall

### Thursday, October 1

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

### Saturday, October 3

- Blessing of the Animals, 12 noon, church plaza
- Celebration of Transitus, 7 pm, church
- Reception, immediately following, hall

### Sunday, October 4

- Feast of St Francis of Assisi, and Parish Picnic at Goodale Park, following 11 am Mass

## Schedule of Liturgical Ministries

### Ministers of Hospitality (Greeters)

**Sept 20** – 9 am – Lorri Kuczynski, Michael Loutzenhiser  
11 am – Jean Cotting, Jim Gremling  
**Sept 27** – 9 am – Maggie McCoy, Gretchen Rivera  
11 am – Ariana Gremling, Susie Sarwark

### Servers

**Sept 20** – 9 am – Linda Wolfe  
11 am – Ariana Gremling, Gillian Gremling  
**Sept 27** – 9 am – Chris Paisley  
11 am – Sophia Brown, Jordan Griffith

### Crucifers (Cross Bearers)

**Sept 20** – 9 am – Skip Camerucii; 11 am – Dan Tonneman  
**Sept 27** – 9 am – Susan Kyanko; 11 am – Julie Byrne

### Lectors

**Sept 20** – 9 am – Lynn Wilford, Mary Ann Theado  
11 am – Ben Gibbons, Jon Murphy  
**Sept 27** – 9 am – Matt Pastore, Sara Pastore  
11 am – Stefanie Hellmann, Jacob Hellmann

### Eucharistic Ministers

**Sept 20** – 9 am – Sister Sharen, Nancy Booth, Jaime Capestany; 11 am – Brian Elliott, Maria Elliott, Louisa Celebrezze  
**Sept 27** – 9 am – Frank Conway, Steven Hillyer, Carolyn Jurkowitz; 11 am – Judy Petrou, Barb Finan, Marilyn Smith

## Pastoral Reflections ~ for week of September 20, 2009

*"Unemployed Chicken Catcher Wins Biggest Award For Talent".* As we watch public officials arguing among themselves, as did the apostles of Jesus, over who is the most important (using the healthcare of millions as their playing court), an uninsured, unemployed, man sings and wins the hearts of millions in the talent competition, *"America's Got Talent."* Where do we find ourselves and our values in all of this? Jesus points to the insignificant, "unimportant" child and compares that child to God. Jesus teaches, what our hearts already know. God is found in the persons and experiences that offer no power, no fame, no visible reward.  
~ Fr. Ron

## Parish News and Information

**Congratulations!** All our best wishes to newly married couple **Kevin Reuscher and Mackenzie Lowe**, who were married here on September 19.

**RAFFLE TICKETS ON SALE TODAY!** Stop by the raffle table our front, after Mass today, to purchase your picnic raffle tickets.



**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](mailto:kkrieder@insight.rr.com)**

### New this year! WE NEED YOUR 'RUNNED' NYLONS

One of the projects for the children at the St. Francis Assisi Parish Picnic requires clean, used nylon stockings. We know that they get runs in them as soon as you wear a new pair, so please direct that frustration to good use, and deposit them in the receptacle in the church entryway. This is for a fun project for kids of all ages, and it is made with recycled material! Stop at the children's area at the St. Francis of Assisi Parish Picnic and join the fun.

We were sorry to learn of the death of Msgr. John Dittoe, former pastor here at St Francis of Assisi Parish, from 1983-85. He died on September 14.

## More Parish News and Information

**News From RCIA** (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) ... On September 16, Fr. Ron and members of our parish celebrated the Rite of Welcoming with our newest Candidates in the initiation process – Kris Howard, Brad Roberts and Matt Wootton, who already share our Christian faith through Baptism. Their sponsors signed them with the cross of Christ and presented them with Bibles. The celebration of this Rite moves the Candidates to the period of the Catechumenate, marked by a deeper immersion in God's Word, and study of Catholic teachings and practices. We pray for Kris, Brad and Matt as they continue their journey of faith.

Parishioner Randy Smith, needs 200 dozen home-baked cookies for a **Kairos Prison Ministry weekend.** If you can help, please call Randy at 614.451.3861. If you are a first time Kairos cookie baker, there is an information sheet with specific details about ingredients that can be sent to you. Randy is on the team for the Marion Correctional Institution weekend of October 22-25, and **will need the cookies no later than Sunday, October 11.** THANK YOU!



Please join the **Facilities and Grounds Team from 9 am - 12 noon on Saturday, September 26** for some garden work. Bring extra yard tools if you have them, a pair of work gloves and some comfortable old clothes. For more information call Skip Camerucci at 614.481.8665.

Dear St Francis of Assisi Church Members ...

We want you to know that we received all of the wonderful school supplies that Frank and Joyce Schneider delivered to us. We are very thankful for all of your support. Without your help, we would not have been able to give families what they needed for back-to-school. We are very blessed to have you supporting us. **GOD BLESS YOU ALL!!**

We wish to thank you for all that you do to help the many economically deprived persons who are served by St. Francis Center.

Peace and Blessings,  
Sr. Linda Lewandowski, OSF, and staff

### HELP WANTED

1. **Transitus reception coordinator**, for Saturday, October 3. Duties include setting up table decorations, preparing and setting out drinks (coffee, tea, water pitchers), and coordinating a clean up crew.
2. **Help install parish census software** on back-up office computer.
3. **Garage Sale coordinator.** This event takes place on the first weekend in June. Last year's coordinator is happy to share all kinds of helpful info! We don't want to wait until the last minute on this one.

**IF YOU CAN HELP WITH ANY ONE OF THESE DUTIES**, it is much appreciated. Please contact the parish office (614.299.5781 / [office@sfacolumbus.org](mailto:office@sfacolumbus.org))