

Liturgies and Mass Intentions ~ Week of October 21, 2007

Sunday, October 21

9:00 am – Parishioners of St Francis of Assisi

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

Monday, October 22

NO MASS

Tuesday, October 23

6:00 pm – Mary Piatt (Roseann Volpe)

Wednesday, October 24

6:00 pm – Living & Deceased from Thurber Heartland (C. Ruder)

Thursday, October 25

6:00 pm – Francis J. Flynn (John Connor)

Friday, October 26

6:00 pm – For Peace in Our World

Saturday, October 27

NO MASS

Sunday, October 28

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: Sue Cruickshank at 614.273.0069, or Julia Phillips at 614.882.4420.**

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) *Meeting time/place:* Wednesday evenings, 7 pm – 9pm, in the parish hall. **Contact: Kathleen Dancy at 614.421.7652.**

Catholic Bible Study and Faith Sharing *Meeting time/place:* Thursday afternoons at 1:30 pm, in the 7th 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**

KRIC (Kids Rooted In Christ) *Meeting time/place:* Sessions are for kids age 9+ and are held **every other Sunday** at 9:30 AM (at neighboring Westminster Thurber Community campus). Please meet in front of the church entrance. **Contact: Sarah or Carlos del Rio at sfrancis.kric@gmail.com.**

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd ... Level I for children ages 3 – 6 meets on Sundays at 10 am; between Masses, in the Atrium located in the rectory basement during the school year. **Contact: Therese Terndrup at 614.853.0322**

Let There Be Light –

Visions of a New Heaven and a New Earth

Sunday, October 28th, at 3:00 pm

Performing will be the St. Francis of Assisi Choir, accompanied by Andrew Willis, parish organist. Included on the program will be choral selections by Phil Adams, William Byrd, Stephen Hatfield, Felix Mendelssohn, and Thomas Luis de Victoria, as well as selected choruses from Handel's Messiah. Also included – a sonata by Telemann, performed by Julia Phillips and Renee LaReau on flute, with Olivia Geoghegan on bassoon. Selections for organ by Malcom Archer and Flor Peeters will be offered by Adams and Willis. The concert is free and open to the public. There will be a reception following the concert.

This Week at St. Francis of Assisi Parish

TODAY Sunday, October 21

- Sandwiches for St Lawrence Haven, after 9 am Mass
- Hospitality Sunday, after each Mass, church hall
- Reception for RCIA Catechumens and Candidates after 11 am Mass, church hall
- Baptism Workshop, 12:30 pm, hall

Wednesday, October 24

- RCIA, 7 pm, hall

Thursday, October 25

- Bible Study / Faith Sharing at W. Thurber, 1:30 pm
- Bible Study, 7 pm, church hall

Next Sunday, October 28

- Hospitality Sunday, after each Mass, church hall
- Concert, 3pm

Schedule of Liturgical Ministries

Ministers of Hospitality (Greeters)

Oct 21 – 9 am – Terry Laurila, Michael Wheeler

11 am – Stephanie Bucci, Tyler Bucci

Oct 28 – 9 am – Rick Miller, Gene Ames

11 am – Dan Emch, Tom Main

Servers

Oct 21 – 9 am – Steven Hillyer; 11 am – Isabel Tonneman

Oct 28 – 9 am – Chris Paisley; 11 am – Joe Blasko

Crucifers (Cross Bearers)

Oct 21 – 9 am – Butch Goffos; 11 am – Jim Gremling

Oct 28 – 9 am – Susan Kyanko; 11 am – Lori Tocorzic

Lectors

Oct 21 – 9 am – Nancy Booth, Sister Sharon

11 am – Barbara Finan, Ben Gibbons

Oct 28 – 9 am – Sue Cruickshank, Carolyn Jurkowitz

11 am – Rose Hamilton, Regina Marcum

Eucharistic Ministers

Oct 21 – 9 am – Carolyn Jurkowitz, Frank Schneider, Phyllis DeVictor; 11am – Noelle Gremling, Dan Kerscher, Mary Ann Kerscher

Oct 28 – 9 am – Barb Finan, Katherine Kriedermann, Steven Hillyer; 11 am – Maryellen O'Shaughnessy, Judy Petrou, Marilyn Smith

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Today, at the 11:00 mass, we welcome new members into our midst. Judson Bates and Josh Beasley will celebrate the "Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens." Jud and Josh will prepare for the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. Cole Chalfant, Scott Fenner, Doug Riddell, Ray Slaughter and Verneda Troyer already share our Christian faith through Baptism. They will celebrate the "Rite of Welcoming," as they mark this moment of following God's call to live their Christian faith and complete their initiation within the Catholic community. Please offer your prayers and support to our new Catechumens and Candidates!

Pastoral Reflections ~ for week of October 21, 2007

How long must we pray before God answers our prayers for a better world? As long as it takes for us to recognize that our prayers are being answered. It took eight years of battling in the courts, before \$4.6 billion was demanded of a major energy corporation to restore damaged environment. It will take months of our efforts in our parish to drink from mugs instead of disposable cups, to place trash in specified containers for recycling, to return cartridges and paper for recycling, before it becomes habitual. It may take months of our drinking fair-trade coffee, before we develop a sense of solidarity with those faraway farmers who grow and harvest that daily stimulant. As we continue to pray, let us not become discouraged. We are being changed by our prayers and such important change takes time. We are becoming the answer to our prayers. We are becoming a better world.
~ Fr. Ron

Parish News and Information

Anyone interested in **participating in the World AIDS Day** memorial service at Broad Street United Methodist Church on Dec. 1, or the Memorial Service for Transgendered Persons who have died from violence (in late November), please contact Fr. Ron or the Parish Office as soon as possible.

During the first two weeks of November parishioners are encouraged to participate in house meetings to become better acquainted with each other and to share concerns about our neighborhoods and city as well as suggestions for the life of our parish. The following parish members have graciously offered to host these meetings for about 10 people each. Please contact any of them if you wish to be invited to their home. They will be able to let you know if there is still "room" for additional participants. You, also, may sign up on the sheet during Hospitality after Sunday liturgies in the basement hall October.

AT PRESS TIME –we had the following dates/times ...

SHORT NORTH / VICTORIAN VILLAGE

The Casaday Family – Dick, Joann, and Laura (Wed, Nov 7 at 7 pm) – 297.1359

Kathy & Bill Dancey (Mon, Nov 5 at 7 pm) – 421.7652

Butch Goffos & Lynn Epperson – (Tues, Nov 13 at 7 pm) 299.6807

Lorri Kuczynski & Michael Loutzenhiser – 291.4666

UPPER ARLINGTON

Dan & Mary Ann Kerscher (Tues, Nov 6) – 457.1314

Tom & Hedy Goetz (Thurs, Nov 8) – 457.3421

CLINTONVILLE

Judy & Bob McClaskey (Wed, Nov 14 at 7 pm) – 447.9743

Ben & Michelle Gibbons (Mon, Nov 5 at 7 pm) – 261.8537 or bendgibbons@yahoo.com

WESTSIDE (WESTGATE PARK)

April Williams (Mon, Nov 12 at 6:30 pm) – 272.5882

ALL SOULS SCROLL: Please print clearly the name or names of those deceased persons that you wish to be inscribed on our scroll. Forms are available in the pews to be returned in offering or can email names to Parish Office – office@sfacolumbus.org

Parish News and Information

We gratefully acknowledge the St. Francis parishioners who labored on October 6th to clear the fence in the rear parking lot – Jack, Linda, Barb, Kristy, Susan, Sara, and Michael!!!! Our gardens are blessed with folks who have donated hours of their time to beautify our church grounds. Marlene donated hostas from her garden, which were planted along the parking lot entrance. Stones that were given to us continue to be used in garden beds as we transplant and divide plants. Thank you to all!!! Fridays are usually garden days! Won't YOU join us? Please call Butch at the church (299.5781) or Judy McClaskey at 614.447.9743. if you wish to help out.

FIELDS AND GARDENS praise the Lord. SHEEP, LAMAS, and CHICKENS praise the Lord. St. Francis parishioners will visit Shepherd's Corner in Blacklick on Saturday, November 3, from 2 pm - 4 pm. Shepherd's Corner is owned by the Dominican Sisters and is a farm dedicated to deepening consciousness in our community of the sacredness of creation. Retreats, days of prayer, spiritual direction, organic farming, community gardening are part of the life of this special place. ALL PARISHIONERS ARE INVITED TO JOIN US. We will carpool and leave our parking lot at 1:30 pm. We will share a brown-bag lunch in our hall beginning at 12:30 pm. Please call our parish office if you wish to join us. (299-5781).

Around the Diocese

Talks by Fr. Dick Sparks, C.S.P., a Paulist Priest currently on sabbatical and residing with local Paulist Fathers. From 1999-2007, he served as the pastor of the Newman Center and Holy Spirit Parish at University of California at Berkeley.

TUESDAY, OCT 23, at 7:30 pm

WHY BE CATHOLIC? What Makes Us Distinct?

Sometimes we are asked questions about our own faith tradition or church-going choices. Why are you a Catholic? What do you believe? Can the Pope tell you what to do? Come join Paulist Father Dick Sparks for a healthy look at what it means to be Catholic.

WEDNESDAY, OCT 24, at 7:30 pm

BEING SEXUAL, CATHOLIC, and A BUCKEYE: HOW FAR CAN WE GO?

When it comes to our romantic and sexual lives, we often find ourselves asking questions like is it a sin? or How far can I go? The Catholic Church has a rich and thoughtful tradition about human love and sexuality – there's much to learn. There are also some rough spots! So bring your questions, an open mind, and your significant other for an entertaining and candid look at being Catholic and a romantic adult.

LOCATION: St. Thomas More Newman Center
64 West Lane Avenue.

Volunteers needed to help rebuild homes in South Mississippi. Skilled and semi-skilled workers will assist parishioners of St. Rose de Lima, a small, diverse, Catholic church in Bay St. Louis, MS. We are currently planning a trip for late October, however volunteers are needed all year round. For more information please contact Janet Callison, 614.486.5852 or email Janet at callisons@ameritech.net