

Liturgies and Mass Intentions ~ Week of December 6, 2009

Sunday, December 6 – Second Sunday of Advent

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

Monday, December 7

NO MASS

Tuesday, December 8, Feast of Immaculate Conception

6:00 pm – Mary Tonneman (Dan Tonneman)

Wednesday, December 9

6:00 pm – Nathan PIsauro (The PIsauro Family)

Thursday, December 10

6:00 pm – Keith Morgan (Maggie McCoy)

Friday, December 11

6:00 pm – Mary E. Garrity (Tom & Veronica Garrity)

Saturday, December 12

NO MASS

Sunday, December 13 – Third Sunday of Advent

9:00 am – Anne Marie Loutzenhiser (Michael Loutzenhiser)
11:00 am – Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi

Schedule of Liturgical Ministries

Ministers of Hospitality (Greeters)

Dec 6 – 9 am – Sam Hulett, Mary Jo Hulett
11 am – Sara Pastore, Matt Pastore
Dec 13– 9 am – Katherine Kriedermann, Susan Kyanko
11 am – Jean Cotting, Tom Main

Servers

Dec 6 – 9 am – Nancy Booth
11 am – Sophia Brown, Sam Khoury
Dec 13– 9 am – Steven Hillyer
11 am – Fallon O'Brien, Margaret O'Brien

Crucifers (Cross Bearers)

Dec 6 – 9 am – Frank Conway; 11 am – Lori Toczorczic
Dec 13– 9 am – Skip Camerucci; 11 am – Julie Byrne

Lectors

Dec 6 – 9 am – Regina Marcum, Carolyn Jurkowitz
11 am – Susie Sarwark, Julie Byrne
Dec 13– 9 am – Sara Pastore, Matt Pastore
11 am – Louisa Celebrezze, Larry Charles

Eucharistic Ministers

Dec 6 – 9 am – Jan Rosenfield, Louisa Celebrezze, Gretchen Rivera; 11 am – Mark Coleman, Noelle Gremling, S Cruickshank
Dec 13– 9 am – Sister Sharen, Mary Ann Theado, Frank Conway; 11 am – Mary Ann Kerscher, Dan Kerscher, Sandy Glasner

Interactive Workshop on “Aging Parents: Preparing Before A Crisis Hits” will take place next Sunday, Dec 13, at 12:30 pm in the church hall. Presenter is Jim Kebe of Comfort Keepers, In Home Care for the Elderly. All are invited!

Church cleaning and decorating ... mark your calendars! Church and hall cleaning prior to Christmas, will take place on Saturday, Dec 19, at 9 am. Church decorating (to “change” from the 4th Sunday of Advent to Christmas) will take place immediately after the 11 am Mass on Sunday, Dec 20.

Calendar of Events at St. Francis of Assisi Parish

TODAY, Sunday, December 6

➤ Hospitality Sunday, after both Masses, hall

Monday, December 7

➤ Flytown Men, 6 pm, hall

Tuesday, December 8

➤ Flytown Women, 12 noon, hall

Wednesday, December 9

➤ RCIA, 7 pm, hall

Thursday, December 10

➤ Bible Study at Westminster Thurber MOVED TO FRI
➤ Bible Study, 7 pm, hall
➤ Choir Rehearsal, 7 pm, church

Friday, December 11

➤ Bible Study at Westminster Thurber, 1:30 pm

Next Sunday, December 13

➤ Aging Parents Seminar, 12:30 pm, hall
➤ Magpie Consort, 6 pm, church

Monday, December 14

➤ Women's Group CANCELLED THIS MONTH

Magpie Consort at St Francis of Assisi on Sunday, December 13, 2009 at 6 pm



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Also featuring the choir of St Francis of Assisi.
Admission free, suggested donation \$10.
Collection to benefit Faith Mission.

Save this date! The annual Mardi Gras Pasta Dinner will be held in the parish hall on Saturday, February 13, 2010 from noon to 7 pm. Please invite your friends to this day of great food and great fun. We'll be looking for volunteers to help decorate the hall, cook and serve the food, donate raffle prizes, sell tickets, and more. If you've helped before, you already know that we'll have a great time. If you're a newcomer, you'll find out what makes this dinner one of the best days of the year for our parish. You'll be hearing more from us soon. Your partners in pasta: David Burgess / gvguy65@hotmail.com and Therese Terndrup / tterndrup00@hotmail.com

Pastoral Reflections ~ for week of December 6, 2009

"In the first or second or maybe third year of the presidency of Barack Obama, when Ted Strickland is governor of Ohio, and Michael Coleman is mayor of Columbus, the Word of the Lord will come to you, child of your parents, beloved of God, in your wilderness. And you will go into the region of your workplace, or your home, or your schoolyard, or your Facebook account, and you will proclaim the love of God for all people. You will say something that makes a difference; you will heal a heart that is wounded; you will bring joy to a soul that is weary. When you do this, you will *prepare the way* for the love of Christ for all people."
~ Daphne Burt, Lutheran Pastor (names of governor and mayor inserted).
~ Fr. Ron

Parish News and Information

CONGRATULATIONS to parish members, Ashley Healey and Josh Beasley, who were united in marriage this Saturday in our parish church.

This Tuesday, Dec 8, the Church celebrates the mystery of Mary being conceived without the blindness of Original Sin. Our parish will celebrate the Immaculate Conception, as a Holyday of Obligation, with Mass at 6:00PM, Tuesday evening.

Christians For Comprehensive Immigration Reform provided us with the postcards available in the pews. They are directed to our Congresspersons asking for reform. Consider sending one to your representative.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP ... This month's selection is "reader's choice". Please choose any one of Henri Nouwen's books and join us to share your thoughts, reactions, and experiences. This group welcomes all parishioners and guests and encourages people to attend the discussion meeting whether they have read the selection or not. We will meet Sunday Jan. 10 after the 11am Mass in the church hall. Please call Dee Bruney at 740.881.6324 with any questions.

Around Town

The Dominican Learning Center, a ministry of the Dominican Sisters of Peace, provides one-to-one tutoring in: English As a Second Language / Adult Basic Education / GED preparation / Conversation / Citizenship. We are in need of volunteer tutors who could teach one person an hour each week. GED preparation and Citizenship take place at the Dominican Learning Center, at Corpus Christi Parish, 1111 E. Stewart Ave. English As a Second Language, Conversation and Adult Basic Education can be taught at the DLC, Libraries, Martin de Porres Center or St. Thomas the Apostle Parish. Please call Sr. Shawn Fitzpatrick, Director of the Dominican Learning Center at 614.444.7330. In February we will begin Family Education at the Livingston Avenue Elementary School two nights a month from 5:30 -- 7:30 pm and St. Thomas School two nights a month. If anyone would like to help in this program, please call Sr. Robin Richard at 614.444.7330. **There are over 200 students on the waiting list!**

An Advent Reconciliation Service, with the parishes of our deanery, will take place at St. John the Baptist Church (720 Hamlet Street) on Sunday, December 13 at 2 pm.

More Parish News and Information

Parish Council Meeting Summary from December ...

The Jan. 5 meeting will be a combined Christmas/Epiphany celebration. All members will bring food/drink to share.

New Business --

1. There was a discussion of an "Asset based" management philosophy relative to the functioning of the parish. Basically, this would provide an opportunity for volunteerism based on parishioner's talents. If implemented this would require a coordinator. Questions included how we could identify those talents and how they might be implemented. Ideas relative to providing forums for discussion and improved communication among parishioners were shared. It was felt that this topic is valuable and deserves additional discussion at future meetings.

2. Nomination of new council members: We will need five new members. Rick Miller, Maggie McCoy and Tom Main volunteered to serve on the nomination committee. Elections are planned for January 31 and February 7. Biographies and pictures will be made available to the parish during January.

3. The finance committee met November 18 and the budget for 2010 was approved.

4. The secular Franciscan group will be able to meet in the church hall and they will accept responsibility for coordinating Transitus in the future.

5. The church hall is available for a variety of functions but parish events will be given priority over all other (outside) functions.

Team reports --

WEAT ... The book club is successful.

Social Justice ... The turkey basket program was very successful with 150 baskets being donated.

Spiritual Life ... The various ministry rededication sessions will occur in late January.

Grounds and Facilities ... December 19 will be church cleanup. December 20 will be church decorating.

Christmas Flower envelopes are now in the pews ... we are grateful for these donations to help pay for the Christmas decorations which enhance the beauty of our church, and give parishioners an opportunity to honor loved ones. We will publish a list of memorials later this month and at the beginning of January. Thank you!

The Pater Noster House Giving Tree ... is located in the back of church. Donations will be accepted through Dec 20.

Annual Christmas Cookies ... for delivery to area nursing homes -- need to be delivered to the rectory by noon on Dec 18. We thank you in advance for your help in this ministry.

Financial Information

	<i>Income</i>	<i>Expenses</i>
July 2009	22,926.00	19,031.00
August 2009	20,856.00	25,866.00
Sept 2009	24,375.00	24,325.00
Quarter Total	68,158.00	69,223.00

Business Manager's Note: August 2009 Expenses includes a major capital expenditure of \$4,798.00, for new electrical wiring for the upgraded heating/cooling system in the rectory.