

Liturgies and Mass Intentions ~ Week of December 13, 2009

Sunday, December 13 – Third Sunday of Advent
9:00 am – Anne Marie Loutzenhiser (Michael Loutzenhiser)
11:00 am – Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi

Monday, December 14
NO MASS

Tuesday, December 15
6:00 pm – Anthony & Roseann DePietro (Roseann Volpe)

Wednesday, December 16
6:00 pm – For Peace in Our World

Thursday, December 17
6:00 pm – Ella Mae Hackett (Tim Dunleavy & Lisa Resch)

Friday, December 18
6:00 pm – Sick and Homebound Persons

Saturday, December 19
NO MASS

Sunday, December 20 – Fourth Sunday of Advent
9:00 am – Tom & Joan Gorman and Kathleen Rurak
(Gorman Family)
11:00 am – Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi

Schedule of Liturgical Ministries

Ministers of Hospitality (Greeters)

Dec 13– 9 am – Katherine Kriedermann, Susan Kyanko
11 am – Jean Cotting, Tom Main
Dec 20 – 9 am – Tina Mohn, Michael Loutzenhiser
11 am – Gretchen Rivera, Sandy Glasner

Servers

Dec 13– 9 am – Steven Hillyer
11 am – Fallon O'Brien, Margaret O'Brien
Dec 20 – 9 am – Susan Kyanko
11 am – Sam Callison, Jack Cotting

Crucifers (Cross Bearers)

Dec 13– 9 am – Skip Camerucci; 11 am – Julie Byrne
Dec 20 – 9 am – Sam Hulett; 11 am – Pat Cassidy

Lectors

Dec 13– 9 am – Sara Pastore, Matt Pastore
11 am – Louisa Celebrezze, Larry Charles
Dec 20 – 9 am – Lorri Kuczynski, Katherine Kriedermann
11 am – Jean Cotting, Sue Cruickshank

Eucharistic Ministers

Dec 13– 9 am – Sister Sharen, Mary Ann Theado, Frank Conway; 11 am – Mary Ann Kerscher, Dan Kerscher, Sandy Glasner
Dec 20 – 9 am – Carolyn Jurkowitz, Steven Hillyer, Nancy Booth
11 am – Joanna Nunn, M O'Shaughnessy, Barb Schmitzer



Church cleaning, painting, and decorating

... mark your calendars! Church and hall cleaning prior to Christmas, will take place on Saturday, Dec 19, at 9 am. Painting of our 2 new meeting rooms will also take place at this time, so if you plan to help with that project, please remember to wear your "painting clothes." 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 13

- Aging Parents Seminar, 12:30 pm, hall
- Reconciliation Service at St John the Baptist, 2 pm
- Magpie Consort, 6 pm, church

Monday, December 14

- Women's Group CANCELLED THIS MONTH

Tuesday, December 15

- Monthly Mass at Westminster Thurber, 11 am

Wednesday, December 16

- RCIA, 7 pm, hall

Thursday, December 17

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

Friday, December 18

- Cookie Delivery, by 12 noon
- Assembling Cookie Tins, 1 pm (need helpers!)

Saturday, December 19

- Church Cleaning, 9 am – 12 noon
- Painting new meeting rooms in hall, 9 am – 12 noon

Next Sunday, December 20

- Church Decorating for Advent, after 11 am Mass

Magpie Consort at St Francis of Assisi Church



Sunday, December 13,
2009 at 6 pm

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

Christmas / Year End Mass Schedule

Thursday, December 24 (Christmas Eve)
5 pm and Midnight (carols begin at 11:30 pm)

Friday, December 25 (Christmas Day)
One Mass only at 10 am

Note: No evening Mass or Confessions on Christmas Day

Sunday, December 27 (Feast of the Holy Family)
Regular Sunday Mass Schedule - 9 am and 11 am

NO 6 pm Weekday Mass on Tuesday, December 29

Mass for the Solemnity of Mary
Vigil Only - Thursday, December 31, at 5 pm
No Mass and No Confessions on January 1

Sunday, January 3 (Epiphany)
Regular Sunday Mass Schedule - 9 am and 11 am

Pastoral Reflections ~ for week of December 13, 2009

"God will sing joyfully because of you, as one sings at festivals." The Prophet Zephaniah speaks these encouraging words to those who are the poor and powerless, to those who are the humble and faithful, in every generation. Zephaniah invites them (us) to sing joyfully because God is in their (our) midst, renewing them (us). Join in the celebration of the renewal at today's Advent Reconciliation Service, 2:00PM at St. John the Baptist church, 720 Hamlet St. Join in the singing joyfully in our Sunday and Christmas liturgies and this evening, 6:00PM, at our Advent Concert in our church, with the Magpie Consort & St. Francis of Assisi Choir.
~ Fr. Ron

Parish News and Information

"Like incense let my prayer arise" Ps. 141:1

Pray the Prayer of the Church each day with the *People's Breviary*, www.peoplesbreviary.com.

CONGRATULATIONS to those baptized today ... **Lucy Violet Hornik**, daughter of parishioners Kevin and Melissa Hornik, and Lucy's cousin, **Madelyn Frances Windholtz**, daughter of Matthew and Catherine (Hornik) Windholtz.

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 ... The next 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) TODAY, Sunday, December 13 at 2 pm.

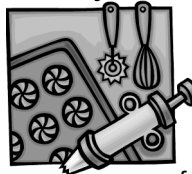
More Parish News and Information

What are the 12 circles of watercolors hanging in the church? Mandalas are circles representing the divine in many cultures and religions. The monstrance used for exposition and benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, when circular, is a mandala, so too, is the Advent wreath. During Advent, last year and this, parishioners prayed in silence while painting with watercolors their longing for the Coming of the Divine (God/Christ). The twelve that gathered last Thursday were of three generations, single, married, widowed, and religious. Their prayers of longing/waiting accompany those of all of us.

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.

Holiday Cookies! ... Anyone wishing to bake cookies for nursing home residents and homebound persons, please deliver them to the rectory **NO LATER than Friday, December 18** at noon. They will then be delivered to nursing homes by our Ministers of Care on Sunday, December 20. (We're also looking for cookie tins, so bring those if you have extras!) **AND -- We also need people to help package the cookies in the tins ... please contact the parish office if you can help on Friday, Dec 18, at 1 pm. 614.299.5781**



Collection Counters needed for Christmas collection counting ... on Monday, December 28, we need extra collection counters to help with the Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and Sunday Masses. If you can help, please call or email the parish office for time and place. Thank you!

Epiphany Chalk ... we have a tradition at St Francis of Assisi, of providing parishioners with Epiphany Chalk, to commemorate the Magi's visit to the Christ Child. We need help assembling the chalk and prayer cards that are handed out at Masses on January 3. This is a fun project for children, to participate in the life of the parish. Project date is Wednesday, January 30, at 10:30 am. If your child would like to help, please call / email the parish office. 614.299.5781

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