

Liturgies and Mass Intentions ~ Week of November 5, 2017

Sunday, November 5

9:00 am – Memorial Mass for Flytown

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

Monday, November 6

No Mass

Tuesday, November 7

6:00 pm – For the Success of the Capital Campaign

Wednesday, November 8

7:00 pm – For the Intentions of Lorna Lisk

Thursday, November 9

6:00 pm – For the Success of the Capital Campaign

Friday, November 10

6:00 pm – For the Success of the Capital Campaign

Schedule of Sunday Liturgical Ministries

Thank you for your willingness to serve to make our Mass Successful

Ministers of Hospitality (Greeters)

November 5 – 9 am – Skip Camerucci, Frank Schneider

11 am – John Nunn, Sandy Glasner

November 12 – 9 am – Lorri Kuczynski, Jeanna Diederich

11 am – Megan Murphy, Andy Randel

Servers

November 5 – 9 am – Linda Wolfe, 11 am – Nolan Rothrock

November 12 – 9 am – F. Schneider, 11 am – Gaetan O'Brien

Crucifers (Cross Bearers)

November 5 – 9 am – Susan Kyanko, 11 am – Lori Toczorczic

November 12 – 9 am – Skip Camerucci, 11 am – Dan O'Brien

Lectors

November 5 – 9 am – Jarret Chirafisi, OPEN

11 am – Sue Cruickshank, Diane Meves

November 12 – 9 am – Cecilia McAdams, Sue Cruickshank

11 am – Gary Snyder, Jon Murphy

Eucharistic Ministers

November 5 – 9 am – Steve Hillyer, K. Kriedermann, F. Conway

11 am – Jaime Capestany, Joanna Nunn, Pat Vlsel

November 12 – 9 am – L. Celebrezze, R. Miller, J. Capestany

11 am – Marilyn Smith, Lori Toczorczic, Mark Coleman



Baptism

Today, we welcome the family and friends of Ethen Perez, who is baptized today. Let us pray for and support this family as they raise Ethen in the Catholic Faith.

Calendar of Events at St. Francis of Assisi Parish

Please check the St. Francis website for the full calendar of events

Sunday, November 5

▶ Commitment Sunday/Craft Fair

▶ Baptism of Ethan Perez during 11:00 am Mass

Monday, November 6

▶ 6:00 pm – Flytown Men

▶ 7:00 pm – Capital Campaign Team Leaders Meeting

Tuesday, November 7

▶ 7:00 pm – Pastoral Council Meeting

Wednesday, November 8

▶ 7:00 pm – RCIA

Thursday, November 9

▶ 10:00 am - Bible Study at Westminster Thurber

Saturday, November 11

▶ 9:00 am – Lay Ministers Morning of Reflection

Parish News and Information

Westminster Bible Study - The Bible Study and Faith Sharing group will be moving from Westminster 7th floor to the chapel beginning. We continue to meet from 10 to 11. This move will make it easier for people attending from all areas of the community to gather in a central space and one that is dedicated to the spiritual life. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

Sunday School - The next meeting for Sunday School is at noon on Nov 12th. We will be studying chapter two of Hahnenberg and the Constitution on Divine Revelation (*Dei Verbum*) from Vatican II. Our third meeting is on Nov 26th; the fourth and final session is on Dec 10th. All are welcome.

Creation Care - The St. Francis of Assisi Creation Care Team will meet in the church hall between Masses on November 12. Anyone concerned with the environment and the need for us all to be better stewards of the environment is invited to join our team.

Book Discussion Group - The St. Francis Book Discussion Group will not be meeting in November but will meet again on December 17th in the church hall following the 11 o'clock Mass. At that time we will finish discussion of Richard Rohr's book, *Things Hidden*. As always all are welcome.

Capital Campaign Overview of Recommendations – “We believe that a capital campaign for St. Francis of Assisi Church, involving individuals and leaders shepherded by Father Fritzner Valcin, could raise \$292,000, over a three-year period to address the needs as currently presented in the preliminary case statement for support. It must be noted that well-communicated details and specifics of the church repairs and restoration projects, and the number of leadership gifts received will significantly impact the success of the campaign. This recommendation is based upon the study's findings and the annual parish offertory and financial records.” This is written in the report from the Diocese of Columbus. The full report is available for your review in the Parish Hall.

Saint Vincent dePaul – Last Sunday we took up a special collection for our St. Vincent dePaul conference. You so generously gave \$730. Thank you for your continued support of the works of St. Vincent dePaul.

Mass Intentions - During the month of November, many people like to celebrate the life of our loved one, who have gone before us. If you would like to have a Mass said in honor or memory of a loved one, please contact the church office. Intentions can be made for a daily Mass or a Sunday Mass. The suggested donation to have a special Mass Intention is \$10.

Gospel Reflection ~ November 5, 2017

In one of the most comforting passages in Matthew's Gospel, Jesus says "My yoke is easy and my burden light" (Matthew 11:30). In today's Gospel, he speaks about the burdens that the Pharisees lay upon people's shoulders, burdens that are far from easy. The Pharisees do nothing to ease the weights they impose, while they find ways to justify not taking the burdens upon their own shoulders. Seeing themselves as the authentic teachers, they expect to be treated with honor at banquets, synagogues, and even in the marketplace. They ostentatiously widen the prayer boxes called phylacteries and lengthen the tassels on their prayer shawls so everyone will notice their devotion to the Law. They would expect also to receive honor by the respectful titles given to them: rabbi, teacher, and father. Jesus' injunction to avoid these designations is a warning to stay away from the power and status that the terms conveyed at the time.

Jesus' critique of the Pharisees in this passage is uncompromising. His harsh words here and elsewhere have sometimes led to a negative assessment of *all* Pharisees. Yet Jesus' judgment is not against all Pharisees, or even against their teachings. Pharisees intended to live the Law to the fullest, and to separate themselves from everything (and everyone) unclean. Only those who took this intention to the extreme, who placed under burdens, who expected to be revered about others, and who plotted against Jesus are the objects of his critique.

Source: Workbook for Lectors, Gospel Readers, and Proclaimers of the Word.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

On Sunday, November 12, at the 9:00 mass, we will celebrate a **Rite of Reception** with Ryan Smith. Ryan will make a Profession of Faith and receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist. Please warmly welcome Ryan as a fully-initiated member of the Catholic Church.

Also on Sunday, November 12, at the 11:00 mass, we will celebrate the **Rite of Acceptance and Welcoming**. At the Rite of Acceptance, our unbaptized Inquirer, Josh McNamee, will declare his intent to become Catholic. He will be signed by the cross of Christ and become known as a "Catechumen." Those who already share our Christian faith through Baptism – Lindsay Bodenhoff and Samantha Kohlhorst – will celebrate the Rite of Welcoming as they respond to God's call to live their faith within the Catholic community. They will become known as "Candidates." Please join us after the 11:00 mass in the Church hall for a light reception to offer them your support and encouragement.

Stewardship Council Report

From all of us at Stewardship Council, we want to give a GREAT BIG HUG to all of our Parishioners who attended Commitment Sunday. And to those who added to their Ministry Discipleship or became a Disciple for the first time – YOU GET TWO HUGS. If you couldn't attend or sign-up last Sunday, your HUG is waiting, just contact Andy Randel andy402randel@yahoo.com to find out what time and talent you can give.

Next Sunday's Readings

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Times

Wisdom 6:12-16
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Matthew 25:1-13



St. Francis Social Justice Champions

Living Out Our Mission!

Nearly 30 parishioners took part in the SFA social justice group meeting, and then shared their ideas and concerns about community issues during a lively BREAD House Meeting on Oct. 15. Thank you! **The top issues** from the St. Francis House Meeting discussions were: drugs, violence, affordable housing/homelessness, and discrimination of people of color/police profiling.

939 people attended BREAD house meetings all across Franklin County. At the BREAD Team Assembly Monday night at Rhema Christian Center – where St. Francis was one of 35 congregations represented – votes reflecting the house meetings' discussions were cast. There were 15 possible problem categories for congregations to vote on, with the top 3 moving forward to the larger Annual Assembly congregations' vote on 11/13. The 3 categories receiving the most votes at the Team Assembly were: **Drugs** (49 votes), **Violence** (32 votes), and **Youth/Family Concerns** (29 votes). Of these, Drugs and Violence were two of the top issues from our SFA house meetings, as well.

Please plan on bringing your voice and vote to the BREAD Annual Assembly on Monday, 11/13 at 7 pm, at Christ the King Catholic Church, 2777 E. Livingston Ave. Join others from St. Francis for an inspiring, inter-faith night of action, as we vote and see which of these critical community issues BREAD will work on this year.

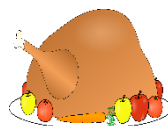
Parishioner Highlight

This week, we highlight Jaime Capestany. Jaime is a member of the Parish Finance Council and the Team Leader of the Collection Counters. You can also find Jaime on Sunday Mornings as a Eucharistic Minister. Jaime is also active with our Social Justice groups, BREAD and SVDP. You can always find Jaime involved with the Pasta Dinner, usually with a strand of tickets around his neck and a smile on his face. Jaime has also done several medical missions trips to give back. Thank you, Jaime, for your dedication to St. Francis and the larger community. You are a true asset!

Thanksgiving Bags

Thanksgiving Bags – Drop Off Until Nov. 12

Our Saint Vincent dePaul Society will be collecting, assembling and distributing Thanksgiving Food Bags for our neighbors in need. We will start accepting drop offs of bags on Sunday, October 29 through Sunday, November 12. Here is the grocery list – **ITEMS NEEDED FOR ONE (1) BAG ARE:**



\$20 gift card, (preferably to Kroger) for turkey, ham or chicken
Box of Instant Mashed Potatoes
Can of corn, green beans and yams
Box of Stuffing
No-bake dessert mix
Reusable Grocery Bag, and
Anything else you would like to add.

If you are only able to donate a few items, we will gladly accept those. We are grateful for all contributions. Our distribution is Sunday, November 19. We are asking for drop offs of bags and food a week prior so we can be prepared to shop for additional food items for the many requests we receive. Questions? Contact Lorri Kuczynski at lorrik09@gmail.com

Bags can be dropped off Monday – Friday during office hours (10-3) or on Sundays.