

Liturgies and Mass Intentions ~ Week of February 11, 2018

Sunday, February 11

9:00 am – Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi
11:00 am – Mareanna and Donald Meves (Diane Meves)

Monday, February 12

No Mass

Tuesday, February 13

6:00 pm – Arthur Frohnfoefer (Joyce Gerhold)

Wednesday, February 14

12:00 pm – Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi
7:00 pm – For Those in RCIA

Thursday, February 15

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

Friday, February 16

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)

February 11 – 9 am – Joyce Schneider, Jeanna Diederich
11 am – Theri Brady, Bob Ariss

February 14 – 12 pm – Andy Randel, Lorri Kuczynski
7 pm – OPEN, Theri Brady

February 18 – 9 am – Mary Jo and Sam Hulett
11 am – Gretchen Rivera, Sandy Glasner

Servers

February 11 – 9 am – Frank Schneider, 11 am – Gaetan O'Brien

February 14 – 12 pm – Frank Conway, 7 pm – Lynn Willford

February 18 – 9 am – Susan Kyanko, 11 am – OPEN

Crucifers (Cross Bearers)

February 11 – 9 am – Kathy Porter, 11 am – Dan O'Brien

February 14 – 12 pm – Kathy Porter, 7 pm – Craig Kowalinski

February 18 – 9 am – Bob Geoghegan, 11 am – OPEN

Lectors

February 11 – 9 am – Cecilia McAdams, Sr. Sharen Baldy

11 am – Emily Wu, Gary Snyder

February 14 – 12 pm – Sr. Sharen Baldy, Cecilia McAdams

7 pm – Gary Snyder, Sue Cruickshank

February 18 – 9 am – Louisa Celebrezze, Emily Wu

11 am – Julie Byrne, Sue Cruickshank

Eucharistic Ministers

February 11 – 9 am – J. Capestany, MA Kerscher, Rick Miller

11 am – Sue Cruickshank, Marilyn Smith, Pat Visel

February 14 – 12 pm – K. Kriedermann, J. Nunn, L. Celebrezze

7 pm – ME O'Shaughnessy, Philip Lipetz, Renee Morkassel

February 18 – 9 am – Frank & Joyce Schneider, K. Kriedermann

11 am – Joanna Nunn, Lori Tocorzic, ME O'Shaughnessy

Gluten "Free"/Low Gluten Hosts...are available for those who wish to receive them. If you would like to receive a low-gluten host at Communion, please notify one of the greeters before Mass. This will allow us to observe and maintain safety protocols for those who are sensitive or allergic to gluten.



Calendar of Events at St. Francis of Assisi Parish

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

Sunday, February 11

▶ 12:30 pm – First Communion Preparation

▶ 7:00 pm – Confirmation Preparation

Monday, February 12

Tuesday, February 13

▶ 6:30 pm – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

▶ 6:30 pm – Capital Campaign Call Training Meeting

Wednesday, February 14

▶ 7:00 pm - RCIA

Thursday, February 15

▶ 10:00 am – Westminster Thurber Bible Study

▶ Parish Hall Closed for Floor Maintenance

Parish News and Information

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! The next meeting of St. Francis' Social Justice Group will be on Monday, February 19th at 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the church hall. Social Justice Ministry updates will be provided and planning will occur for St. Francis' involvement in the BREAD Nehemiah Action on May 7. All parishioners interested in social justice issues particularly those individuals who attended the BREAD House meeting last October and the BREAD Assembly in November are urged to attend. Questions? Contact Gary Snyder (snyderg47@gmail.com); Phil Pennino (phil.pennino@gmail.com); Pat Cassidy (cassidy.jpatrick@yahoo.com) or Karen Scheid (klscheid@gmail.com).

The St. Francis Book Discussion Group will meet next Sunday, February 18 following the 11:00 Mass to discuss Alice McDermott's new book, *The Ninth Hour*. All are welcome.

New Website with Online Giving – Our new website has launched and so far the feedback has been very positive. If you have not had a chance to check it out, be sure to do so. You can visit the site daily for Catholic Links, Rome Report and Daily Readings. You will also be able to access our new online giving. You can set up a onetime gift, or schedule reoccurring contributions with just a few clicks. And, it safe and secure and you no longer have to give your banking information to the church office. If you need help getting your online contributions set up, please contact Jeanna in the Parish Office.

Lenten Soup Suppers - Wednesday, February 21 at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall, we will have our first Lenten Soup Supper. Our theme this year encourages you to ask, "What breaks your heart? What does your soul long for? And, how is that connected to how you are living your life now?" (Maria Shriver) And to quote Thich Nhat Hahn "**One** tree can start a forest; **One** smile can begin a friendship; **One** hand can lift a soul; **One** word can frame the goal; **One** candle can wipe out darkness; **One** laugh can conquer gloom; **One** hope can raise your spirits; **One** touch can show you care; **One** life can make the difference, be that **one** today. So, we will come together as a community to say: "**HERE I AM LORD. IS IT I LORD?**"

Call for Nominations for St. Francis Pastoral Council - The St. Francis Pastoral Council will soon have 3 seats open. We hope you consider serving on the council or that you have someone in mind you'd like to nominate. The seats are 3-year terms and meetings are held 9 times a year, the first Tuesdays of each month. **Note:** If you are nominating someone else, you must check with them and be sure they agree to serve if elected. For details, please see the enclosed flier, or email pastoral@sfacolumbus.org.

Gospel Reflection ~ February 11, 2018

As the First Reading showed, since lepers were unclean, they could not associate with others. Yet this leper crosses a boundary in kneeling before Jesus and begging for healing. He expects that Jesus can do what only God could: heal one who is unclean. Jesus responds with compassion, also crossing a boundary by touching the leper, making himself unclean according to purity laws.

True to the rapid pace of Mark's account, healing is immediate. Jesus' warning that the healed leper "tell no one anything" seems surprising. Since people are already well aware of Jesus' healing activity, why make this healing secret? The reason for Jesus' instruction for silence is not certain here, nor in other instances throughout the Gospel. He most likely wants to wait until people have a fuller and correct understanding of his person and mission and suffering. In any event, the man does not obey Jesus, but tells of the whole matter far and wide, adding to the sense of rapid movement. Trying to slow down the pace, Jesus remains in deserted places while the people keep coming to him.



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

Capital Campaign

WOW! We asked and you responded! Two weeks ago we had commitment Sunday, when we asked parishioners to make their pledges for our Capital Campaign – Honoring the Past, Serving the Present, Preserving God's Gift for the Future. The response was phenomenal and this truly is a community planning for our future! Our goal is \$292,000, and to date we have \$160,596 paid. Thank you to those who have responded so generously. If you have not yet made your pledge, please consider doing so, so that you, too, can take ownership of this project.

Next Sunday's Readings

Ash Wednesday

Joel 2:12-18
2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

First Sunday of Lent

Genesis 9:8-15
1 Peter 3:18-22
Mark 1:12-15



The Catholic Times

Thank you to all new and returning readers of the *Catholic Times*. Contact the parish office if you missed the special collection and learn how to sign up for the upcoming year for a minimum donation of only \$17 (less than 39 cents per issue). As an evangelization tool, Bishop Campbell encourages all Catholic households in the diocese to receive and read our diocesan newspaper, the *Catholic Times*. You need the *Catholic Times* to keep up on all of the news throughout the diocese and the Catholic world.

Around the Diocese

St. Charles hosting annual Spaghetti Dinner February 18th -

The St. Charles Alumni Association, with the expert assistance of Berwick Party House, is hosting the school's annual spaghetti dinner on Sunday, February 18th, from 1:00-6:30 p.m. in the school's Robert C. Walter Student Commons (St. Charles is located on [2010 E. Broad St.](#), just east of the Franklin Park Conservatory.). Guests will enjoy a bountiful meal of spaghetti with meatball, salad, rolls, ice cream and a beverage. The dinner is bargain-priced at \$10.00 for adults; \$8.00 for senior citizens; \$5 for children 12 and under; Free for those 3 years-old and younger; and a special \$40 family rate (dine-in and immediate family up to six members only, please). Carry out orders will be available. We hope to see you then!

Ohio Dominican to Host MBA Information Session on

Feb. 26 - Are you considering pursuing your MBA? Ohio Dominican University invites you to attend an information session for its Master of Business Administration program at 6 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 26, in the Bishop James A. Griffin Student Center, located on ODU's campus at [1215 Sunbury Road, Columbus, 43219](#). At ODU, students can earn their MBA completely online or on campus during the evening in as few as 16 months. Register today at [ohiodominican.edu/MBAinfo](#).

Listen to Catholic Radio AM 820 this

Lent - Try something new this Lent and consider listening to Catholic Radio AM 820.

Listening to AM 820 is a good way to deepen your knowledge and love of the Catholic faith!



Annual Catholic Charismatic Men & Women's Retreat

March 16-18, 2018 - St Therese Retreat Center 5277 E Broad St
"Reflections on our Journey of Faith"

Walter Matthews Retreat Director (Walter is the Executive Director of the National Catholic Charismatic Renewal - A Dynamic Speaker

Registration on line [ccrcolumbus.org](#)
Information: Karyl Pulsinelli, [614-736-2783](#)

Parishioner Highlight

This week we highlight Joyce Schneider. Joyce has been a member of the St. Francis of Assisi community for over 10 years. Joyce is a very active parishioner serving as a Eucharistic Minister, Lector, and Greeter. She is also a member of the Parish Leadership Team. She was a part of leading the Alpha program as well as the leader of the prayer chain. Currently, Joyce is leading a group of seven youngsters in preparing for Confirmation. She is actively involved with the Pasta Dinner and Parish Garage Sale. Joyce is a member of the church cleaning team, and always helps with decorating at various times a year. In addition to Joyce's "churchly" duties, she is attending Ohio Dominican University to obtain her Masters in Theology. Joyce is retired from Chase Bank, where she worked for over 30 years. Right now, Joyce is in need of our prayers as she is battling colon cancer. Joyce appreciates every day as the gift that is and she is such an inspiration to so many. Taking inspiration of the popular TV show Blue Bloods, Joyce has started hosting family dinner every Sunday evening, when her kids and grandkids all come to dinner. We love you, Joyce, and pray for you daily.