

Liturgies and Mass Intentions ~ Week of May 13 2018

Sunday, May 13

9:00 am – Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi

11:00 am – Joan Randolph (Jack Randolph)

Monday, May 14

No Mass

Tuesday, May 15

11:00 am – Westminster Thurber

Wednesday, May 16

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

Thursday, May 17

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

Friday, May 18

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)

May 13 – 9 am – Mary Jo and Sam Hulett

11 am – Andy Randel, Mason Rothrock

May 20 – 9 am – Louis Schulte, Jeanna Diederich

11 am – Marilyn Smith, Bob Ariss

Servers

May 13 – 9 am – Steve Hillyer, 11 am – Nolan Rothrock

May 20 – 9 am – Frank Schneider, 11 am – Gaetan O'Brien

Crucifers (Cross Bearers)

May 13 – 9 am – Kathy Porter, 11 am – Julie Byrne

May 20 – 9 am – Frank Conway, 11 am – Dan O'Brien

Lectors

May 13 – 9 am – Cecilia McAdams, OPEN

11 am – Diane Meves, Will Brenner

May 20 – 9 am – Emily Wu, Louisa Celebrezze

11 am – Will Brenner, Julie Byrne

Eucharistic Ministers

May 13 – 9 am – Louisa Celebrezze, Chris Paisley, Frank Conway

11 am – Marilyn Smith, Pat Visel, Sandy Glasner

May 20 – 9 am – Jaime Capestany, Rick Miller, Chris Paisley

11 am – Mark Coleman, Joanna Nunn, Lori Toczorcz

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, May 13

▶ Happy Mother's Day!

▶ May Crowning

Monday, May 14

▶ 6:00 pm – Flytown Men

Tuesday, May 15

▶ 11:00 am – Mass at Westminster Thurber

Wednesday, May 16

▶ 7:00 pm – RCIA

Thursday, May 17

▶ 7:00 pm – Capital Campaign Briefing Meeting

Parish News and Information

Parish Garage Sale – Once again, in conjunction with Victorian Village, our parish garage sale will be on Saturday, June 2. Lots of volunteers will be needed to make this another successful sale. Please donate your gently used items anytime between now and Wednesday, May 30. Volunteers will be needed on Thursday for sorting and organizing, and then on Saturday to assist with our many shoppers. Please see the insert in today's bulletin and if you have any questions, please contact Marti Damm at marti.joy.damm@gmail.com



Catholic Foundation Grant – St. Francis of Assisi Parish has been blessed with funding from our endowment stewarded by The Catholic Foundation. By God's varied grace we honor those many donors, whose charitable love for our faith and others is fulfilling the mission of our ministry through The Catholic Foundation. For more information on ways on how you can help build our endowment, please visit www.catholic-foundation.org or call Scott Hartman at 614-443-8893.

Capital Campaign

Honoring the Past, Serving the Present, Preserving God's Gift for the Future - Our goal for this campaign is \$292,000 and to date we have \$196,063 paid. Thank you to those who have responded so generously. Projects have begun and it won't be long and we will be in full renovation mode. Please continue to pray for this campaign, the leaders involved, and the vendors we are using, that they may stay within budget and within the allotted time frame.

Next Week's Readings

Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11

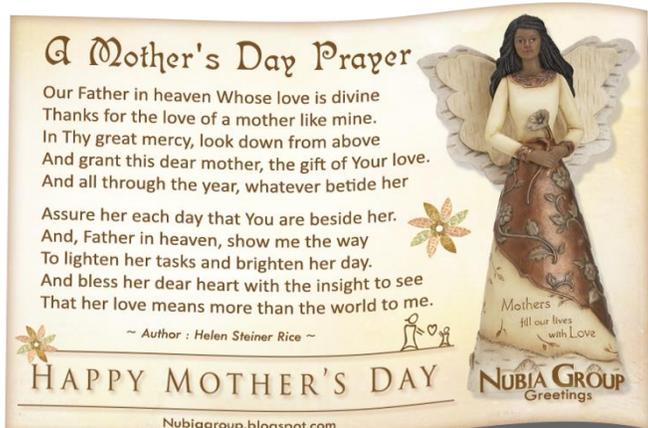
Galations 5:16-25

John 20:19-23



Bishop's Annual Appeal

Your gift to the 2018 Bishop's Annual Appeal is vital to the success of this diocesan wide campaign. Our parish goal is \$23,501.36. Thank you to those families that have made a gift or pledge. If you have not yet made your gift to this year's appeal, please consider doing so in the days ahead. Your gift will help to continue the vital work of the various ministries and services that reach so many in need. Please pray for the success of the Appeal and remember no amount of giving is too small.



Gospel Reflection ~ May 13, 2018

In this reading we hear first about the effects of Jesus' Ascension: the eleven Apostles are sent to the whole world, and through their preaching God confers faith and baptism to all peoples. The hearers of the Gospel have a choice, to resist the faith and thereby exclude themselves from salvation, or to believe, be baptized, and saved. Certain signs will accompany those who believe: power over the evil spirits and protection against the vipers' venom (which recalls the serpent's assault on humanity in paradise); they will be instruments of healing wherever they proclaim the Gospel. Jesus, from his position of God's right hand, will work through them and confirm their evangelization with accompanying signs.

The Ascension embraces the mystery of the moment when Jesus presented our human body in its most perfect state to the Father. Finally, in Jesus, we have experienced a person just like us, but not so superficial. In Jesus we have encountered God in a person like ourselves, but someone who had a viable plan for the fullness of life, who spoke with natural and convincing truth. He was so close, so simple that we could touch him. If we turned our backs on him, he did not become annoyed. In spite of our trivialities, God searched us out, found us where and just as we are, and convinced us by his mercy and grace to follow him. The eternal Word of God as present in our flesh; now he has ascended and sits at the Father's right hand. In his whole life that culminates in this mystery, we may be glad that he opens for us the way to glory.

Christ took to himself our flesh, our timid heart, our muddled thoughts and good intentions – everything we are. He assumed it all as his own, this narrow little shack that I am, fragile and barely furnished, with my incessant questions and insecurity. The Son of God adopted as his own this house that we refer to as our human nature; he took it to that place where we might have thought that human nature would disintegrate into nothing at all, and there he transformed it. Where that place is and how things will be there is beyond our imagining, as is what a human nature might do there for all eternity, except contemplate God and his essence, which is eternally interesting and meaningful. But the important thing is that there will be life as God desires it for us. If at times we find life difficult, human relations strained, social pressures confusing, doubt, fear, and insecurity knocking at our door, we can be sure that in life with Christ, the Blessed Virgin, and the saints, there is no obstacle to happiness. Our faith and consolation are focused on the mystery: that when Christ ascended, he took everything that is ours with him. In the icon of the Ascension we contemplate the disciples, standing on the Mount of Olives, looking upwards, where they see a cloud separating them from heaven's glory, and just barely poking out of the cloud are our Lord's feet. In those feet we contemplate ourselves and the task we have before us, to become the beautiful feet of Jesus upon the mountain here in the present world, "announcing peace, bearing good news" (Isaiah 52:7) with our attitudes, words and lives.

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



Some of the 54 St. Francis of Assisi family answering Christ's call for justice at the BREAD Nehemiah Action on May 7.

Living Our Faith - An 8 Part Series

As our society grows more and more complex, our ability to juggle it all deteriorates. We make choices as to which activity, passion, or pursuit we'll entertain with our attention. And in the midst of this, we often push our faith to the margins of our life—to become something we do on the side, when we're not focusing on our career or taking care of our family. **The danger of today is that in this excess of choice, we'll choose everything and let the things that matter drown in our flooded schedules.**

This is what has happened to many of us. We've let our faith become a Sunday thing, not a 24/7 thing. Of course, I speak this from experience. There were times when I was overwhelmed with zeal and passion for ministry, and then other times when I struggled to do my devotions. I still struggle with living faith out every day, especially amidst my heavy entrepreneurial schedule. But in bearing the dissatisfaction of a complacent faith, I forced myself to adopt new habits—habits that would allow me to bring my faith to the center of things again.

They are habits I learned from watching others and following their example. Now I've put a vocabulary to what they did differently. Consider these few habits, and learn from their example as well:

7. They suffer in godly ways. Gentry and Hadley Eddings were driving home from a wedding when a truck crashed into their car, killing their toddler and unborn baby. When the world expected them to shatter in their pain, they transformed their pain into pulpit. They gave the donations given to them to Mission of Hope Haiti, while also forgiving the truck driver. **You see, they didn't trumpet their pain for pity. Instead, they picked up the pieces and gave a beautiful picture of Christ's love to the world.** It's possible to not completely break in your pain. It's possible to give back in the times you feel that daily ache and pain. But to do so requires that you see the redemption possible in the greatest pain. That's what Christianity is all about—redemption.

Stay tuned for habits 8...

Source: <http://iesushacks.com/live-out-faith/>

BREAD

St. Francis Community Passionately Answers Christ's Call at BREAD Nehemiah Action - Jesus challenged us. So did Pope Francis and Father Valcin, as well as our fellow parishioners. To answer Christ's call for social justice and stand with those who struggle by being part of the BREAD Nehemiah Action Assembly.

On May 7, 54 members of our St. Francis of Assisi family lived out Christ's Gospel and met that challenge! Your presence and solidarity at the BREAD Nehemiah Action, joining nearly 3,000 others, helped gain important commitments from our community leaders to tackle several major problems. These included commitments from Columbus School Board President Gary Baker to integrate proven Restorative Justice Practices in the city's schools, and from Lead Juvenile Judge Elizabeth Gill to increase and strengthen Restorative Justice Practices for juveniles.

In addition, a representative from Columbus Mayor Ginther's office and from City Council agreed to meet with BREAD to discuss developing a 10-year regional affordable housing plan, including focusing \$20 million of dedicated funding city, county and other municipalities on affordable housing. The City Council representative also agreed to work with BREAD to devise ways to encourage developers to set aside 20% of new units for affordable housing, specifically for those low-income households making between \$15,650-\$49,150, and \$27,000-\$78,550.

A big "THANK YOU!" to everyone who participated in this special and blessed gathering Monday night! Your presence and voice made a difference. We surpassed our goal of 50, and our turnout was 40% greater than last year. From the BREAD house meeting at St. Francis in September -- where the critical need for much more affordable housing was raised -- to the Nehemiah Action turnout Monday, our St. Francis community truly walks the path of Jesus with the poor and lives out the Gospel!