

Liturgies and Mass Intentions ~ Week of May 27, 2018

Sunday, May 27

9:00 am – Eliana Valcin August (Frank & Joyce Schneider)

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

Monday, May 28

No Mass

Tuesday, May 29

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

Wednesday, May 30

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

Thursday, May 31

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

Friday, June 1

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 27 – 9 am – Mary Jo and Sam Hulett

11 am – Bob Ariss, Theri Brady

June 3 – 9 am – Sam and Mary Jo Hulett

11 am – Megan Murphy, Stephanie Good

Servers

May 27 – 9 am – Susan Kyanko, 11 am – Pat Cassidy

June 3 – 9 am – Charlotte Maite, 11 am – Gaetan O'Brien

Crucifers (Cross Bearers)

May 27 – 9 am – Kathy Porter, 11 am – Julie Byrne

June 3 – 9 am – Bob Geoghegan, 11 am – Julie Byrne

Lectors

May 27 – 9 am – Jarret Chirafisi, Joyce Schneider

11 am – Tim Feran, Gary Snyder

June 3 – 9 am – Cecilia McAdams, Louise Celebrezze

11 am – Will Brenner, John Murphy

Eucharistic Ministers

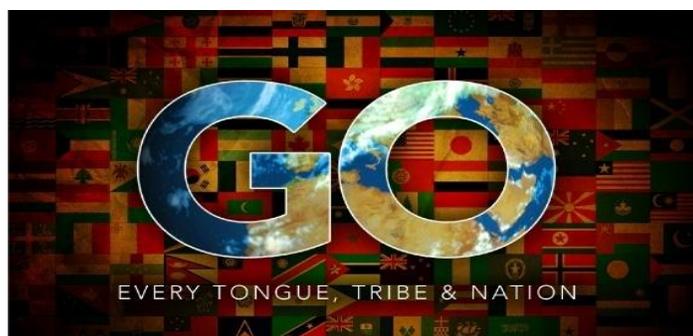
May 27 – 9 am – MA Kerscher, K. Kriedermann, S. Hillyer

11 am – Sue Cruickshank, S. Glasner, ME O'Shaughnessy

June 3 – 9 am – Mary Ann Kerscher, Frank and Joyce Schneider

11 am – Joanna Nunn, Pat Visel, Mark Coleman

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

Monday, May 28

▶ Memorial Day – OFFICE CLOSED



Thursday, May 31

▶ 10:00 am – Garage Sale Set-Up

Saturday, June 2

▶ 8:30 am – Men's Coffee and Prayer Group

▶ 9:00 am – Parish Garage Sale

Parish News and Information

Caregivers Support Group - Our Parish Family has quite a few members with chronic or critical illness, which means there are at least as many caregivers. There are also probably many who are caregivers that we don't know about who are taking care of their family members or others. So, we are starting a Caregivers support group at St. Francis.

We have an initial group of 7 who were very positive about the need of a group to walk this journey together. We will be sharing our insights, experiences, struggles and faith with the certain hope of going back home with a renewed spirit.

To accommodate varying schedules, we have decided to have two meeting times a month. Individuals can come to one or both. We will meet the 4th Tuesday of the month at the Panera on 3rd Ave. (888 West 3rd.) at 6:00. This will start May 22. Also, starting June 10 we will meet on the second Sunday of each month at 12:00 in the Church Hall. Please spread the word to any parishioner you think might be interested in this support. Questions call Mary Ann Kerscher 614-457-1314 or napaker@wowway.com

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. If you have any questions, please contact Marti Damm at marti.joy.damm@gmail.com

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 \$204,340 paid. Thank you to those who have responded so generously. The pew that was removed and reconditioned as a sample of the work to be done is back. Please take a moment and look it over and provide us your feedback by making comments on the cards located by the pew and placing in the comment box.

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. To date, we have \$7835.36 pledged/paid.

Gospel Reflection ~ May 27, 2018

This final scene in Matthew's Gospel takes place in Galilee where Jesus' ministry began (4:12), creating a literary arch that spans the Gospel. Having begun in Galilee, Jesus' ministry, now carried on by the Church, will fan out to the whole world. The mountain setting recalls other mountain scenes: The Sermon on the Mount, the Transfiguration, the mountain where Jesus retired to pray, and the Mount of Olives, where Jesus wept over Jerusalem. Matthew's remark, "they worshipped, but they doubted," reminds us of Jesus walking on the water, extending his hands to sinking Peter, and then asking, "why did you doubt?" (14:31-33). Jesus' announcement, "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me," echoes his statement back in chapter 11: "All things have been handed over to me by my Father" (11:27). In these ways, this Gospel looks back to Jesus' ministry as a whole and forward to the time of the Church, thus linking two periods that have the same Lord and the same mission.

Especially in this parting scene, the author invites the reader to enter into the action. "I am with you always," Jesus reassures, guaranteeing his real though invisible presence and evoking the name Emmanuel (translated "God is with us," 1:23) at the beginning of the Gospel, even as it echoes 18:20, "where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." The result is that the believing audience and the ever-present Son of God are intimate friends. And now the mission is expanded to "all nations," whereas earlier it was only to "the lost sheep of the house of Israel" (10:6). The baptismal formula "in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit" is the believer's invitation into the community of the risen Christ, the Church, and it unites the one baptized with the life of the blessed Trinity. "Teaching" recapitulates a central theme of the Gospel and gives the disciples a task that was previously reserved for Jesus.

As elsewhere, Matthew evokes the figure of Moses, the Law-giver, who began and ended his service to the covenanted people on two different mountains – Sinai and the mountain in Nebo where Moses died (Deuteronomy 34). Jesus brings a new Law, expressed in the beatitudes (Matthew 5-7).

Finally, this reading has parallels with the end of Deuteronomy and the beginning of the book of Joshua that describe God, or God through Moses, commissioning Joshua, his successor. In Joshua 1:2-9, Joshua is instructed to "go" and cross the Jordan, to "observe the entire law which my servant Moses enjoined on you," and guarantees his constant presence: "for the Lord, your God is with you wherever you go" (verses 7 and 9). Just as at the close of his life, Moses commissioned Joshua to go into the land peopled by foreign nations and to observe all the precepts of the Law, and promised his successor God's abiding presence, so Jesus, at the end of his earthly ministry, commissions his disciples to go into all the world to teach all the commandments, and he guarantees his constant presence.

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

Next Week's Readings

Exodus 24:3-8
Hebrews 9:11-15
Mark 14:12-16, 22-26



Missionaries Appeal

Fr. Daniele Criscione, PIME, will be coming to our parish to present the mission appeal on behalf of the PIME Missionaries on the weekend of June 10, 2018. Fr. Daniele Criscione, PIME, is from Ragusa on the island of Sicily in Italy. He was ordained as PIME priest on April 6, 2013. From 2012-2017 he worked in Mission Outreach at the PIME Missionaries Mission Center in Milan, Italy. In addition, during this time, he was Pastoral Assistant at Sacred Heart Catholic University in Milan. He was assigned to the U.S. Region arriving in October of 2017. Fr. Daniele is now working in Mission Outreach at the U.S. Mission Center in Detroit and is completing his Masters in Christology.

Around the Diocese

25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th, 55th, 60th, (and every year thereafter) Anniversary: Jubilee of Anniversaries 2018 will be held on Sunday, June 24th at St. Andrew Church at 2:30 pm. The occasion includes a Mass celebrated by Bishop Frederick F. Campbell and a reception in your honor. Registration forms are available through your parish. You may also register online at columbuscatholic.org/marriage-ministry-1 or by calling the Marriage & Family Life Office at 614-241-2560 (ex 5).

Kindly R.S.V.P by Wednesday, June 13th.
Couples may continue to register for this event after June 13th. However, their names will not be featured in the event program or The Catholic Times, and their certificate will be mailed to them after the event.

Diocesan Senior Citizens Celebration – The 41st annual diocesan Senior Citizen Celebration is Tuesday, June 19, 2018, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Bishop Frederick F. Campbell will celebrate Mass at 10:30 am, followed by a luncheon. This annual event is a great opportunity of faith, food, and fellowship with senior citizens from the 23-county Catholic Diocese of Columbus. Registration for the celebration is \$15. To register, please send a check payable to the Office for Social Concerns, Catholic Diocese of Columbus, 197 E. Gay St., Columbus, OH 43215. For questions, call 614-241-2540. Please register by June 14.

Saint Mary of the Springs Academy - The year 2018 marks the 150th anniversary of the founding of St. Mary of the Springs Academy (SMA) in 1868. A committee of St. Mary of the Springs Academy graduates are searching diligently for memorabilia including photos, year-books, diplomas, etc. for a permanent display at The Jubilee Museum in Columbus. The academy was a school for girls first founded by the Dominican Sisters in 1830 in Somerset, Ohio, to respond to the educational needs of frontier Catholics. The school operated in Somerset until 1866 when a devastating fire destroyed the buildings. The Sisters occupied borrowed space until Theodore Leonard, a Columbus businessman, offered them land and bricks to rebuild in Columbus. The Sisters accepted, and Leonard built St. Mary's Academy in Columbus in 1868. To reflect the natural springs on the property, "of the Springs" was added to the name. The Academy closed in 1966. Contact 614-237-1379 for further information.