

Liturgies and Mass Intentions ~ Week of May 27, 2018

Sunday, June 3

9:00 am – Cathy Woodruff (Kathy Porter)

Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi

11:00 am – Elizabeth Canty (John Canty)

Monday, June 4 thru

Thursday, June 7

Friday, June 8

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)

June 3 – 9 am – Sam and Mary Jo Hulett

11 am – Megan Murphy, Stephanie Good

June 10 – 9 am – Mary Jo and Sam Hulett

11 am – Stephanie Good, Sandy Glasner

Servers

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

June 10 – 9 am – Frank Schneider, 11 am – Gaetan O'Brien

Crucifers (Cross Bearers)

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

June 10 – 9 am – Kathy Porter, 11 am – Dan O'Brien

Lectors

June 3 – 9 am – Cecilia McAdams, Louise Celebrezze

11 am – Will Brenner, John Murphy

June 10 – 9 am – Sue Cruickshank, Emily Wu

11 am – Diane Meves, Pat Visel

Eucharistic Ministers

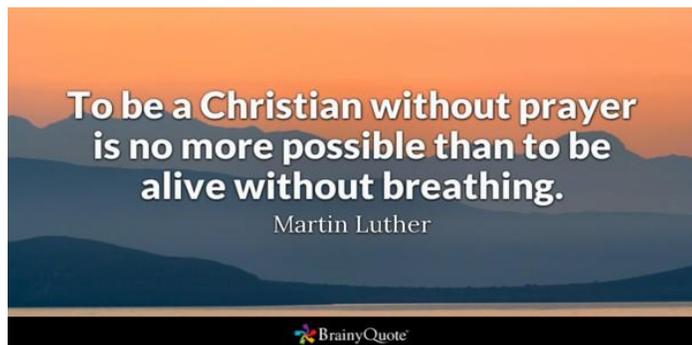
June 3 – 9 am – Mary Ann Kerscher, Frank and Joyce Schneider

11 am – Joanna Nunn, Pat Visel, Mark Coleman

June 10 – 9 am – Steve Hillyer, Chris Paisley, K. Kriedermann

11 am – ME O'Shaughnessy, Lori Tocorzic, Jaime Capestany

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, June 3

▶ Hospitality Sunday

▶ 6:00 pm – Adult Sunday School

Monday, June 4

▶ 6:00 pm – Flytown Men

Tuesday, June 5

▶ 7:00 pm – Pastoral Council Meeting

Thursday, June 7

▶ Parish Hall Closed for Floor Maintenance

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

Adult Sunday School's last discussion group on Pope Francis' exhortation meets tonight in the Parish Hall from 6:00-7:30 pm. Come, even if it's the only discussion you've attended.

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 \$205,237 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.

Westminster Thurber Mass – Did you know that Fr. Fritz says Mass once a month at Westminster Thurber? Did you know that Mass is open to anyone who wants to attend? Mass is on the third Tuesday of each month at 11:00 am and all are welcome.

Special Prayer Request – Please keep Catherine Damm in your prayers. She fell this week in the Parish Hall and is going from the hospital to physical rehab. Please pray for peace of mind and healing for Catherine, and for Marti as she cares for her. So many in our family are struggling with illness, worry, hurt, and personal needs, and we lift each of you up in prayer.

POWER of PRAYER

Gospel Reflection ~ June 3, 2018

Jesus' last supper is a Passover meal by which he unites his followers with his Passion and Death for the redemption of the world. The covenant he sealed with his blood – the "blood of the covenant" – alludes to the rite of Exodus 24:4-8. This sacrifice constitutes the new covenant established between God and the new people created by God's initiative. When they drink from the cup, the disciples share in all the benefits of the sacrifice and take their places as members of God's new covenant community. The words of institution celebrate the past (the Exodus rite) and foretell the future fullness in the Kingdom of God (the messianic banquet that recalls the imagery of the prophets, as in Isaiah 25:6). Jesus' actions and words institute the new covenant; they are the self-offering of his Body and Blood in anticipation of his Passion and Death.

We were all condemned and he who came to be one of us offered himself as a victim for our rescue. We were starving, and he who came to be one of us gave his body to nourish us back to health and strength. We were thirsty, and he poured out his blood to quench our thirst. Our garments were indelibly stained with sin and we washed them in his blood, and they came out white as snow. As we celebrate this mystery, as we are wined and dined at the eucharistic table, we, as one body, grow into the likeness of our Risen Lord, who gave himself for us.

We, whose deserts are less precise and more disconcerting than Sinai, hunger and thirst for values more lasting than bodily sustenance. We hunger for meaning in our lives, for joy in our commitments, for mutual consideration, love, and respect in our families and communities. We thirst for a sense of belonging in a world that paradoxically becomes more fragmented even as it boasts of becoming more connected as a global community. Where our people hunger, Jesus offers to feed us; where there is absence, he offers presence. We search for meaning and Jesus gives us, not bread and wine, but his physical presence, his life, and his Spirit: "the one who feeds on me will have life because of me" (John 6:57). It is what we all long for: unlimited reserves of Jesus' presence.

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

Next Week's Readings

Genesis 3:9-15
2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1
Mark 3:20-35



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 \$8044.36 pledged/paid.

Around the Diocese

The Diocesan Council of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is sponsoring a Community Forum on Predatory Lending on Thursday, June 14, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Paul the Apostle in Westerville (Lower Level of the Church, room 3). At this forum, we will discuss the scope of the problem of payday lending in our Central Ohio communities, across the state of Ohio and our country. Many of those hurt by the payday lenders are the most vulnerable people in our community who can least afford interest rates and fees approaching 600%.

During this forum we will learn about the problem of payday and car title loans in Ohio, learn about pending legislation to fix the problem of paralyzing interest rates and fees faced by our neighbors, and we will learn what we can do to make a difference. We have an excellent panel of speakers from Central Ohio who will help us understand the issue in more depth. And those who have suffered from high fees and interest rates by taking out payday loans are also invited to ask questions and share their stories.

We will also be available to answer questions about our Microloan program that is our attempt to make a difference in the lives of our neighbors.

- **Jeff Loeser**, Senior Assistant State's Attorney for the OH Attorney General's Office in the Consumer Protection Division
- **Dr. Carl Ruby**, Pastor at Central Christian Church in Springfield OH and member of Ohioans for Payday Loan Reform
- **Nate Coffman**, Executive Director for Ohio CDC Association
- **Dr. Fadhel Kaboub**, Associate Professor of Economics at Denison University
- Experts who have been hurt by the payday loan industry.
- Members of the St. Vincent de Paul Microloan Program County Boards in Delaware, Franklin, Licking, Fairfield and Ross Counties will be in attendance.

If you have questions, please email colssvdpmicroloan@gmail.com.

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.