

Liturgies and Mass Intentions ~ Week of November 19, 2017

Sunday, November 19

9:00 am – Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi
11:00 am – Patricia Pace Randolph (Jack Randolph)

Monday, November 20

No Mass

Tuesday, November 21

11:00 am – Donald Foley (Rosemary Foley)

Wednesday, November 22

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

Thursday, November 23

10:00 am – For the Success of the Capital Campaign

Friday, November 24

No Mass

Schedule of Sunday Liturgical Ministries

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

Ministers of Hospitality (Greeters)

November 19 – 9 am – Jeanna Diederich, Frank Schneider
11 am – OPEN, Gretchen Rivera

November 23 – 10 am – Andy Randel, OPEN

November 26 – 9 am – Rick Miller, Frank Schneider
11 am – Marilyn Smith, Theri Brady

Servers

November 19 – 9 am – Susan Kyanko, 11 am – Nolan Rothrock

November 23 – 10 am – Frank Schneider

November 26 – 9 am – Susan Kyanko 11 am – Gaetan O'Brien

Crucifers (Cross Bearers)

November 19 – 9 am – Frank Conway, 11 am – Lori Toczor

November 23 – 10 am - OPEN

November 26 – 9 am – Bob Geoghegan, 11 am – Dan O'Brien

Lectors

November 19 – 9 am – Will Brenner, Sr. Sharen Baldy

11 am – Mary Thompson, Michel Hindeme

November 23 – 10am – Pat Visel, Julie Byrne

November 26 – 9 am – Will Brenner, Cecilia McAdams

11 am – Maryellen O'Shaughnessy, Emily Wu

Eucharistic Ministers

November 19 – 9 am – J. Capestany, L. Wolfe, K. Kridermann

11 am – Sue Cruickshank, Joanna Nunn, Sandy Glasner

November 23 – 10 am – OPEN, Sandy Glasner, Kathy Porter

November 26 – 9 am – MA Kershcer, R Morkassel, Steve Hillyer

11 am – Mark Coleman, Pat Visel, Lori Toczor



Calendar of Events at St. Francis of Assisi Parish

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

Sunday, November 19

- ▶ 9:00 am – Baptism of Dominic Julian Chirafisi
- ▶ 10:00 am – Sandwiches for St. Lawrence Haven
- ▶ 12:30 pm – Thanksgiving Bag Distribution
- ▶ 2:00 pm – Secular Franciscan Order

Monday, November 20

- ▶ 5:00 pm – Restored Citizens SVDP

Tuesday, November 21

- ▶ 11:00 am – Mass at Westminster Thurber
- ▶ 7:00 pm – Leadership Team Meeting

Wednesday, November 22

- ▶ NO RCIA

Thursday, November 23

- ▶ Happy Thanksgiving – Parish Office Closed

Friday, November 24

- ▶ Parish Office Closed

Parish News and Information

The children's choir will be singing at Christmas Eve mass. Rehearsals for this choir will start in

November. We love to see

the children participate and to hear their voices! Please contact Laurel Marazita for more information at lmrazita@hotmail.com.



December Mass Schedule – December 8

(Immaculate Conception) at 7:00 pm. December 24 (4th Sunday of Advent) 10:00 am, Christmas Eve at 5:00 pm. December 25 (Christmas Day) at 10:00 am. January 1 (New Year's Day) at 10:00 am.

Christmas Eve Mass - We're planning for Christmas and would like to make this year's Christmas Eve mass special for everyone, including our younger parishioners. We would like to have 2-3 of those children trained as servers to serve; 2 children who have received First Communion to read the first and second readings; any other children who can read to do the petitions; children to bring up the gifts, and voices in the Children's choir. We would love to have as many as possible to participate. For those getting ready to prepare for their Confirmation, this is a lovely way to serve the parish. No particular position can be guaranteed to be assigned, but we will do our best to include all. To sign your child/children 5 years old and up or if you have any questions, please contact Therese Terndrup (tturndru@kent.edu) or Linda Wolf (greywolfetracks@gmail.com). Thank you in advance as we prepare for the birth of Jesus.



Pastoral Council Minutes - Parish council met November 7 ahead of the Advent/Christmas seasons. We are coming up on time for Thanksgiving baskets and, soon after, the Capital Campaign.

Mass Intentions - During the month of November, many people like to celebrate the life of our loved one, who has 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 19, 2017

In Thessalonians, Paul exhorts the community to be prepared for the Day of the Lord by remaining alert and sober. Paired with the parable in today's Gospel, we learn that being alert and sober is not a passive stance of simply waiting patiently for the Lord's coming. Preparedness involves working according to one's capability, faithfulness, and taking responsibility.

Jesus introduces the parable simply: a man going on a journey calls his servants together before departing. He entrusts his possessions to them and gives each talents based on their abilities. A talent, in the Judaism of Jesus' day, is a monetary unit of high value, variable depending on the metal used as well as its place of origin. Even one talent gives the servant a significant amount of money, and the master rightfully expects a return on his investment.

It is easy to see that the master (*kyrios*) represents the Lord who will return and judge the actions of his servants. The first two have increased the original talents, and earn the master's praise, first with an exclamation: "Well done!" They are good and faithful. The first term affirms that the servants have acted responsibly in accordance with the master's will; the second that they have been dependable and trustworthy. The master refers to each of them as *my* good and faithful servant, high-lighting his personal relations with them. It is his own joy that they will share.

What a strong contrast with the terms he uses to describe the third servant! He is wicked, lazy, and useless. The three words together paint a picture of one whose lack of action squanders the master's gift and is contrary to the master's intentions. The relationship is severed, "you" wicked servant, not "my" servant. The servant himself uses a word that sums up the reason for his failure: fear. His fear has led him to view the master only as harsh, and to hide all that he received.

Both the positive and negative portraits can act as incentives to be always prepared for the Lord's coming, whether that be in the here and now or at his final appearance.

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

Finance Council Meeting Minutes, November 9

- Council reviewed financial reports for the past three months. A motion was made and passed to accept reports.
- It was reported that the parish has filed for reimbursement with the Catholic Foundation for the parish hall window project.
- Other maintenance items reported included the work on the church cornice and fascia which is now completed, which included repairs and painting. New handrails are to be installed on the outside steps and inside steps to the church and the stairs to the rectory basement.
- Under old business discussed the capital campaign project and the status of the project. Also reviewed the new parish website under construction, members were impressed with the website and expressed their appreciation for the work being done by Louis Schulte and Debora Lipetz.
- Under new business reviewed a recommendation from Jeanna Diederich, pertaining to online giving. ParishSOFT Connect Now would make it easy for parishioners to control all of their transactions. This system would allow for weekly, bi-weekly, monthly giving under our current system we are only set up for monthly giving. Also this system is supported by the diocese and will interface with our parish financial records. Additionally the parish would not be asking for credit card information or checking account information. Motion was made and approved to accept the recommendation.
- Father closed the meeting with a prayer.

Adult Faith Formation

FIRST WORLD DAY OF THE POOR - MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS

Let us love, not with words but with deeds

"This new *World Day*, therefore, should become a powerful appeal to our consciences as believers, allowing us to grow in the conviction that sharing with the poor enables us to understand the deepest truth of the Gospel. The poor are not a problem: they are a resource from which to draw as we strive to accept and practice in our lives the essence of the Gospel."

Capital Campaign 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.

Next Sunday's Readings

Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17
1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28
Matthew 25:31-46



Baptism

Today, we welcome the family and friends of Dominic Chirafisi, who is baptized today. Let us pray for and support Jarret and Erika as they raise Dominic in the Catholic Faith.



Around the Diocese

St. Lawrence Haven will be preparing Thanksgiving meals this year on Monday, November 20 & Tuesday, November 21 from 9-1 each day. One way to assist is to prepare a turkey. Turkeys need to be cooked, carved and dropped off at the Haven on Monday morning, November 20. Volunteers are also needed in the kitchen each day. Contact Heather Swiger if you are interested in volunteering - hswiger@columbuscatholic.org



Vehicle Donations to the Josephinum - The seminarians and maintenance department at the Pontifical College Josephinum are in need of used vans, SUVs and pick-up trucks for campus activities. If you have one of these vehicles that you would like to donate, please call their business office at [614-985-2230](tel:614-985-2230) and arrangements can be made to deliver the vehicle before December 31. The Josephinum will provide the necessary documentation for your donation. Thank you!