

Liturgies and Mass Intentions ~ Week of December 2, 2018

Sunday, December 2

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

11:00 am – Memorial Mass for Katie Norris

Monday, December 3

No Mass

Tuesday, December 4

6:00 am – Mass for Ricky Stull

Wednesday, December 5

6:00pm - Mass for the Keen/Dodd Families

Thursday, December 5

6:00pm – Mass for Alex Moretti

Friday, December 6

6:00pm – Mass for the Keenan/Dodd Families

Sunday, December 8 – 10:00 am Immaculate Conception Mass – Holy Day of Obligation

Schedule of Sunday Liturgical Ministries

Thank you for your willingness to serve to make our Mass successful
Crucifers (Cross Bearers)

December 2 – 9 am – Frank Schneider 11 am – Dan O'Brien

December 8 – 10:00 am – Craig Kowalinski

December 9 – 9:00 am – Susan Kyanko 11:00 am – Tim Feran

Altar Servers

December 2 – 9 am – Chris Paisley 11 am – Gaetan O'Brien

December 8 – 10:00am – Nolan Rothrock (Denison Murphy)

December 9 – 9:00 am – Elizabeth Maite 11:00 – OPEN

Eucharistic Ministers

December 2 – 9 am - Steve Hillyer, Mary Ann Kerscher, Renee Morkassel 11 am – Joanna Nunn, Sandy Glasner, Mark Coleman

December 8 – 10:00 am – Frank Schneider, Joyce Schneider, Chris Paisley

December 9 - 9:00 am – Mary Ann Kerscher, Katherine Kriedermann, Steve Hillyer 11:00 am – Marilyn smith, Pat Visel, Lori Toczorczic

Lectors

December 2 – 9 am – Emily Wu, Joyce Schneider

11 am – Tim Feran, Julie Byrne

December 8 – 10:00 am – Louisa Celebrezze, Diane Meves

December 9 – 9:00 am – Cecilia McAdams, Sue Cruickshank

11:00 am – Julie Byrne, Gary Snyder

Ministers of Hospitality (Greeters)

December 2 – 9am – Mary Jo Hulett, Sam Hulett

11 am – John Nunn, Andrea Randel

December 8 – 10:00 am – Gretchen Rivera, Therese Brady

December 9 – 9:00 am – Kathleen Porter, Kathy Dancey

11:00 am – Sandra Glasner, Robert Ariss

Calendar of Events at St. Francis of Assisi Parish

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

Sunday, December 2

▶ HOSPITALITY SUNDAY – Our last one while the Sanctuary is undergoing restoration!

▶ 11:00am Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Monday, December 3

▶ 6:00 pm Flytown Men Parish Hall

Tuesday, December 4

▶ 7:00 pm Pastoral Council Meeting Parish Hall

Wednesday, December 5

▶ 7:00 pm – **NEW – BREAKING OPEN THE WORD** Parish Hall

Thursday, December 6

▶ Parish Hall CLOSED for floor maintenance

Friday, December 7

Saturday, December 8

▶ 10:00 am Immaculate Conception Mass

▶ 7:30 pm **MAGPIE CONSORT CONCERT** Sanctuary

St. Francis of Assisi Regularly Occurring Events

Hospitality Sunday - 1st Sunday of Month after each Mass For coffee, doughnuts and fellowship. Our last one for awhile.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd – 11:00 am, Parish Hall for children age 4 – 6 contact Therese terndru@kent.edu

Men's Prayer Group – 8:30am 1st Saturday of Mo. Parish Hall

St. Francis Seniors – 2:00pm 2nd Sunday of Mo. Parish Hall

St. Vincent de Paul – 7:00 pm 4th Sunday in Parish Hall
And **Sandwiches for St. Lawrence** – 10:00am 3rd Sunday Parish Hall contact Lorri lorrik09@gmail.com

Choir Rehearsal – 7:00 pm Every Thursday Choir Loft
A good time for new people to join imarazita@hotmail.com

Breaking Open the Word - 7:00 pm Every Wednesday, Parish Hall contact Kathy kdancey@columbus.rr.com

SFA Book Discussion Group – 12:00 December 16th to discuss *Strangers in Their Own Land* by Arlie Russell Hochschild. For more info. <http://stfrancisbc.weebly.com>

Caregivers Support Group – 6:00pm 4th Tues of Mo. at Panera on 3rd Ave. contact Mary Ann at napaker@wowway.com

Zumbini - 6:30pm Every Thurs. Parish Hall age 0-4
Contact Gretchen at sprinklesgr@gmail.com

Parish News and Information

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CHOIR -

The children's choir will be singing at Christmas Eve mass. Rehearsals for this choir will start soon We love to see the children participate and to hear their voices! Please contact Laurel Marazita for more information at imarazita@hotmail.com

Laurel is waiting for that email!!



LITURGY MATTERS

Today, the First Sunday of Advent you will notice a couple changes in our liturgy.

The first is the Call to Worship. Instead of using this time to deliver parish announcements we will concentrate this message on setting the tone for the liturgy, centering us as a community, and prompting our hearts to participate well. You will still be invited to greet each other in the usual way.

The second change will occur during the Liturgy of the Word. The Lectors and Cantors will now reverence the altar before and after their proclamations. This will help the community to make the connection between the Table of the Eucharist and the Table of the Word. The anointed altar is a primary symbol of the anointed Christ and we hear his word proclaimed from the ambo.

We hope these changes will enhance your full, conscious, active participation in the liturgy.

ST. FRANCIS - SAINT VINCENT de PAUL CONFERENCE

We want to thank all of you who helped us provide Thanksgiving bags this year. We were able to provide bags for 50 people. Thank you.

THE MAGPIE CONSORT IS BACK AGAIN THIS YEAR

“ALL IS CALM – SONGS FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON”

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2018
ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCH
7:30 PM**

PURCHASE YOUR TICKET (\$10) AT THE DOOR

If you didn't hear them last year, don't miss them this year.

AN ADDITIONAL CHANGE HAS BEEN ADDED

We would like all the information you need/want to know to be in the Bulletin and eventually on the Website (in a timely manner!). As stated above we aren't going to be doing pulpit announcements about activities going on, if they are already in the Bulletin. If there is some major information to tell you about, it will happen before Fr. Fritz dismisses us or, at that time, a parishioner will give the information.

Now if you think this is a change, wait until we move into the Parish Hall for Mass! We'd like this to be as seamless as possible so that your experience at Mass isn't hampered or harmed by the move. Look for lots of information in the Bulletin and on the Website during December.

Today's Gospel reading is part of a discourse about the end of time and the Last Judgement. Jesus announces his return to our world and how we are scheduled to meet him. He borrows images of the prophets: the signs in the sun, moon, and stars; the roar of the sea; the anguish that anticipates his arrival. To illustrate the suddenness of his coming, he employs the image of a trap. The upheaval that will accompany Jesus' coming might frighten us if we are not prepared. Even as a new world is born amid the birth pains, so the world as we know it is destined to disappear, agonizing in its death. Let us be prepared and not get drunk on the things of the passing world. The birth of the new world will arrive with the anguish that accompanies all life as it comes to its end and with the labor that escorts every new life into the world. What Jesus announces is not new; the prophets had already spoken of this final crisis. Some elements are novel, however, and they touch us closely: the new world that Jesus announces is about to be born. Why do we fear our next encounter with the one who will console us with the words, "Do not be afraid. It's me"?

Another novelty is that Jesus encourages us to live in patient expectation when he says, "stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand." This detail, the word *redemption*, from the Latin *redemptio*, could also be translated as *ransom*, the buying of freedom from slavery or captivity. What do we hope for at Christmas, but freedom from the chains of an obstinate character, the liberation of our life from attitudes and unhealthy activities that enslave us in the present?

Labor pains before giving birth and the anguish accompanying death are two moments when the familiar would adjust to a new phase of life. What Jesus announces will happen in heaven, on earth, and in the bedrock of the heart. We may be apprehensive in the face of the announcement of God's coming "in a cloud with power and great glory," but the one whom we expect came first as a child, one like us, a child who offers freedom from the obstacles of an old world, and rewards us with the peace and joy of a new world, designed by our loving God.

Please be thinking about our Christmas Tree with all the gift cards for the JOIN families.