

Liturgies and Mass Intentions ~ Week of February 18, 2018

Sunday, February 18

9:00 am – Dotti Lipetz (Rebekah Betts)

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

Monday, February 19

No Mass

Tuesday, February 20

11:00 am – Residents of Westminster Thurber

Wednesday, February 21

6:00 pm – For Those in RCIA

Thursday, February 22

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

Friday, February 23

6:00 pm – Robert Emmett O'Shaughnessy, on what would have been his 100th birthday (The O'Shaughnessy Family)

Schedule of Sunday Liturgical Ministries

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

Ministers of Hospitality (Greeters)

February 18 – 9 am – Mary Jo and Sam Hulett

11 am – Gretchen Rivera, Sandy Glasner

February 25 – 9 am – Louis Schulte, Stephanie Good

11 am – Mason Rothrock, Andy Randel

Servers

February 18 – 9 am – Susan Kyanko, 11 am – OPEN

February 25 – 9 am – Steve Hillyer, 11 am – Nolan Rothrock

Crucifers (Cross Bearers)

February 18 – 9 am – Bob Geoghegan, 11 am – OPEN

February 25 – 9 am – Skip Camerucci, 11 am – Julie Byrne

Lectors

February 18 – 9 am – Louisa Celebrezze, Emily Wu

11 am – Julie Byrne, Sue Cruickshank

February 25 – 9 am – Jarret Chirafisi, Sr. Sharen Baldy

11 am – Diane Meves, Tim Feran

Eucharistic Ministers

February 18 – 9 am – Frank & Joyce Schneider, K. Kriedermann

11 am – Joanna Nunn, Lori Toczczic, ME O'Shaughnessy

February 25 – 9 am – Rick Miller, Chris Paisley, MA Kerscher

11 am – Louisa Celebrezze, Mark Coleman, Marilyn Smith

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, February 18

- ▶ 10:00 am – Sandwich making for St. Lawrence Haven
- ▶ 12:00 pm – Book Discussion Group
- ▶ 12:30 pm – First Communion Preparation
- ▶ 7:00 pm – Confirmation Preparation

Monday, February 19

- ▶ 7:00 pm – Social Justice Group Meeting

Tuesday, February 20

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

Wednesday, February 21

- ▶ 6:30 pm – Lenten Soup Supper
- ▶ 7:45 pm - RCIA

Thursday, February 22

- ▶ 10:00 am – Westminster Thurber Bible Study

Parish News and Information

Travel with Fr. Fritzner Valcin to the Holy Land

Where: Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Nazareth, Galilee, Via Crucis, Last Supper, Gethsemane, Dormition, Nativity Church, Capernaum, Tel Aviv

Trip Dates: Oct 17-27, 2018 Cost:

\$4,000.00 Airfare and ALL-Included. To

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Pasta Dinner – Thank you to all who helped make the Pasta Dinner a fun and successful event. Many thanks to Frank Schneider and Marti Damm for their countless hours of preparation and to Beth Kinney who organized the entertainment. A financial report is provided as an insert in the bulletin. If you have not yet picked up your raffle or auction winnings, they are available in the parish hall.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! The next meeting of St. Francis' Social Justice Group will be Monday, February 19 at 7 p.m. in the parish hall. Social Justice Ministry updates will be provided and planning will occur for St. Francis' involvement in the BREAD Nehemiah Action on May 7. All parishioners interested in social justice issues particularly those individuals who attended the BREAD House meeting last October and the BREAD Assembly in November are urged to attend. Questions? Contact Gary Snyder (snyderg47@gmail.com); Phil Pennino (phil.pennino@gmail.com); Pat Cassidy (cassidy.jpatrick@yahoo.com) or Karen Scheid (klscheid@gmail.com).

Lenten Soup Suppers - Our first Supper is this **Wednesday, Feb. 21st, at 6:30 pm**. We're going to watch a very moving film entitled "We Have a Table for Four Ready". It is an account of the ministering works of Franciscan priests and volunteers in Philadelphia who daily welcome and feed more than 500 men and women in the warmth of the St. Francis Inn. Come watch LOVE IN ACTION.



Gospel Reflection ~ February 18, 2018

Matthew, Mark and Luke each tell of Jesus' temptations before he begins his public ministry. The account in Mark is by far the shortest describing how Satan tempted Jesus, as Matthew and Luke do, Mark's brief scene sets the stage for what will happen later in the life of Jesus. Most explicitly, Satan, the tempter in the wilderness, is not the only one who will try to turn Jesus aside from his mission. Another individual, called "Satan" by Jesus, tempts him later in the Gospel. "Get behind me, Satan," Jesus says to Peter when he tries to keep Jesus from completing his journey to Jerusalem. As Jesus resisted the tempter in the wilderness, he will resist Peter's misguided urging, and every other temptation to turn aside from his Father's will.

After the temptation, Jesus begins his ministry by proclaiming the Kingdom of God. His opening words are best understood in light of the Jewish hope for the coming of God's reign. Throughout their history, they repeatedly wondered, "Is this the time of fulfillment?" As the story unfolds in Mark's Gospel, the answer becomes clearer: the Kingdom of God is manifest in Jesus' words and actions. The response to this presence of God's kingdom, so different from what they were expecting, is repentance and belief. Repentance and belief are more than momentary or merely intellectual responses, for they entail lifelong conversion and enduring fidelity to Jesus.

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

Second Quarter Finance Report

Category	Quarterly Oct-Dec 2017	Quarterly Budget	Fiscal Year July-Dec 2017	Fiscal YTD Budget
Income:				
Offertory	\$67,380.66	\$60,225.00	\$122,262.95	\$114,325.00
Weddings	\$6,150.00	\$7,500.00	\$20,250.00	\$15,000.00
Gifts, Bequests, etc.	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Capital Campaign				
Other Parish Income	\$9,659.36	\$7,480.00	\$10,557.50	\$7,900.00
Total Income	\$83,190.02	\$75,205.00	\$153,070.45	\$137,225.00
Expenses:				
Salaries & Employee Benefits	\$38,017.27	\$33,511.00	\$76,083.48	\$69,597.00
Office, Rectory & Church Supplies	\$5,197.24	\$4,064.00	\$8,740.30	\$11,713.00
Utilities	\$5,910.09	\$5,142.00	\$12,785.75	\$11,034.00
Maintenance Supply & Repair	\$34,596.59	\$17,094.00	\$48,952.34	\$31,090.00
Parochial School & Religious Education	\$6,586.68	\$5,925.00	\$10,162.24	\$10,945.00
Total Expenses	\$90,307.87	\$65,736.00	\$156,724.11	\$134,379.00
Net Income or (Loss)	-\$7,117.85	\$9,469.00	-\$3,653.66	\$2,846.00

Pastoral Council

Call for Nominations for St. Francis Pastoral Council - The St. Francis Pastoral Council will soon have 3 seats open. We hope you consider serving on the council or that you have someone in mind you'd like to nominate. The seats are 3-year terms and meetings are held 9 times a year, the first Tuesdays of each month. **Note:** If you are nominating someone else, you must check with them and be sure they agree to serve if elected. For details email pastoral@sfacolumbus.org.

Capital Campaign

WOW! We asked and you responded! Three weeks ago we had commitment Sunday, when we asked parishioners to make their pledges for our Capital Campaign – Honoring the Past, Serving the Present, Preserving God's Gift for the Future. The response was phenomenal and this truly is a community planning for our future! Our goal is \$292,000, and to date we have \$163,609 paid. Thank you to those who have responded so generously. If you have not yet made your pledge, please consider doing so, so that you, too, can take ownership of this project.

Next Sunday's Readings

Second Sunday of Lent

Genesis 22:1-2. 9a, 10-13, 15-18

Romans 8:31b-34

Mark 9:2-10



The Catholic Times

IT'S NOT TOO LATE!!! You can still sign up for *Catholic Times*. For a minimum donation of only \$17 (less than 39 cents per issue), Catholic news from the diocese and around the world will be delivered right to your mailbox. Use the envelope provided in your February packet, or simply write your name and "*Catholic Times*" on a plain envelope, make your check payable to the parish, and drop it into the collection basket. As an evangelization tool, Bishop Campbell encourages all Catholic households in the diocese to receive and read our diocesan newspaper, the *Catholic Times*. You need the *Catholic Times* to keep up on all of the news throughout the diocese and the Catholic world

Parishioner Highlight

This week we highlight Lorri Kuczynski. Lorri has been a member of St. Francis of Assisi Parish for over 30 years. You can often find Lorri at the front door of the church as a greeter on Sunday mornings. Lorri is also a member of our collection counting team and is the committee chairperson for the St. Francis Lazarus Ministry, which organizes meals after a funeral. She also helps write and produce our quarterly newsletter. Lorri currently serves as the president of our St. Vincent dePaul Society (and has been a member for over 20 years), which is active in helping as many people as possible in emergency situations. Lorri also serves on the board at NNEMAP and volunteers many hours with the organization. Lorri also helps keep inventory of our kitchen supplies and makes sure we are always stocked with plenty of paper plates, napkins, and plastic ware. And, because of her love of our earth, she refused to use Styrofoam plates and bowls. Thank you, Lorri, for your dedication to St. Francis, the community and our environment.