

Liturgies and Mass Intentions ~ Week of June 17, 2018

Sunday, June 17

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

11:00 am – Joan Randolph (Jack Randolph)

Monday, June 18

No Mass

Tuesday, June 19

11:00 am – Westminster Thurber

Wednesday, June 20

10:00 am – Funeral Mass for Bob Kauffman

Thursday, June 21

6:00 pm – Keenan/Dodd Families (Diane Keenan)

Friday, June 22

6:00 pm – Keenan/Dodd Families (Diane Keenan)

Saturday, June 23

6:00 pm – Funeral Mass for Jeffery Olson

Schedule of Sunday Liturgical Ministries

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

Ministers of Hospitality (Greeters)

June 17 – 9 am – Lorri Kuczynski, Louis Schulte

11 am – Bob Ariss, Mason Rothrock

June 24 – 9 am – Louis Schulte, Jeanna Diederich

11 am – Gretchen Rivera, Andy Randel

Servers

June 17 – 9 am – Chris Paisley, 11 am – Nolan Rothrock

June 24 – 9 am – Steve Hillyer, 11 am – OPEN

Crucifers (Cross Bearers)

June 17 – 9 am – Frank Schneider, 11 am – Lori Toczorczic

June 24 – 9 am – Susan Kyanko, 11 am – OPEN

Lectors

June 17 – 9 am – Cecilia McAdams, Jarret Chirafisi

11 am – Maryellen O'Shaughnessy, Emily Wu

June 24 – 9 am – Joyce Schneider, Cecilia McAdams

11 am – Gary Snyder, Tim Feran

Eucharistic Ministers

June 17 – 9 am – K. Kriedermann, R. Morkassel, L. Celebrezze

11 am – Sue Cruickshank, Sandy Glasner, Joanna Nunn

June 24 – 9 am – L. Celebrezze, Frank Conway, MA Kerscher

11 am – Mark Coleman, Sandy Glasner, Sue Cruickshank

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.



F.A.T.H.E.R.S.

"F" aithful.

"A" lways there.

"T" rustworthy.

"H" onoring.

"E" ver-loving.

"R" ighteous.

"S" upportive.

Happy Father's Day

Calendar of Events at St. Francis of Assisi Parish

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

Sunday, June 17

▶ Happy Father's Day!

▶ 10:00 am – Sandwich making for St. Lawrence Haven

▶ 12:00 pm – Book Discussion Group

Tuesday, June 19

▶ 11:00 am – Mass at Westminster Thurber

▶ 7:00 pm – Leadership Meeting

Friday, June 22

▶ 6:00 pm – Memorial Celebration for Jeffery Olson

Parish News and Information

St. Francis Book Discussion Group is currently reading *Waking Lions* by Ayelet Gundar-Goshen. The group will meet today following the 11 o'clock Mass to discuss the book. All are welcome.

St. Francis of Assisi Adult Faith Formation - On Sunday, June 24 Stewardship Council will hold a cook out at 6:00 pm in the Parish Hall for all those interested in being members and/or creators of our Adult Faith Formation group/s. We are excited to fulfill the parishioner's requests for such gatherings and hope you will come with your ideas to bring us all into a closer relationship with God. We know "seasoned Catholics" and "newly formed Catholics" will find a loving community of pilgrims and seekers! Please RSVP so we can estimate the number of hamburgers, hot dogs and other goodies to buy. (Andy Randel 614-471-5305 or andy402randel@yahoo.com)



Creation Care Team will meet next Sunday, June 24, following the 9:00 Mass. Parishioners interested in enjoying, caring for and preserving God's creations are invited to join this parish ministry.

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 \$206,485 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.

We regret to announce the passing of our fellow parishioner Jeffery Olson. Jeffery was the multi handicapped man whose picture you might have seen in the parish directory with Mike Schmidt, his guardian. An informal Memorial will be held on Friday June 22 from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Food will be provided, and we will share stories, pictures, laughter and perhaps some tears. The funeral Mass will be held Saturday, June 23 at 6 p.m. in the Church.

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. Please pray for the success of the Appeal and remember no amount of giving is too small. To date, we have \$10,494.36 pledged/paid, which is 45% of our goal, with 18% of our parishioners participating.

Gospel Reflection ~ June 17, 2018

The parable stresses the power of the seed to grow in and of itself, mysteriously producing the blade, ear, and finally the ripe grain. Jesus initiates the reign of God by sowing the Word; it sprouts and develops discretely yet assuredly until the harvest at the Last Judgement. The right attitude is to let God act on the seed so that it remains true to itself and its purpose. God's reign begins with something very small that grows of its own inner strength into something very big and provides a nesting place for birds, an image for the universality of God's reign (a reference to the First Reading). The listeners are invited to apply this parable to their own life situations.

The sower prepares the field, removes rocks, and uproots brush. He sows grain in the field and then gets busy with other chores. After some weeks the observer may calculate that two-thirds of the seed has sprouted. She may observe the patches of weeds and the places where a rainstorm washed away the seed. As the crop matures, the farmer may enjoy the sight of the whole field rippling in the breeze, reflecting the color spectrum from dusty brown to fresh green to lustrous gold. The late July rains threaten the crop with mildew or make the grains germinate on the stalk. That's the farmer's perspective. But let us consider another angle. If a grain of wheat could speak for herself, how might she recount the adventure of her falling, dying, sprouting, growth, and maturation? A single grain that becomes a blade never enjoys the full view of the sunlit and breeze-swept field. She sends down tenuous root tentacles to absorb the nutrients and moisture of the shared soil. The blade of wheat raises head and hands to catch the light, and may suffer the cramp of neighboring blades growing too close, too fast, too tall. And the weeds and thistles growing in her midst sap her nourishment. A long, dry spell may parch her, or the blight or mildew may threaten her flower and fruit. Finally, she ripens into gold. Yet there is fool's gold in our midst – stalks with little or no grain. But mostly there is the harvest of a generous growing season.

We do not see God's reign from a distance. We, the grains, blades, stalks, and ears of grain, are in the thick of it. From where we are planted we may see just other stalks and blades blocking the view. We consider the weeds and stones from a personal perspective. Or our critical eye may compare our own growth with that of the neighbors. Does the harvest amount to what I alone bear and call my own? Or is it what the farmer God may reap from the whole field?

God enjoys the view from above while I, the grain of wheat, am falling to the ground and dying, and, oh, how I desire my fair share of nutrients, water, and sunlight so that my golden color may be rich and admired! If I could look at the field from God's vantage point, I would see that all the grains are falling and dying, and some at great personal expense, for dying is never easy, for me nor for anyone else.

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

Next Week's Readings

Isaiah 49:1-6
Acts 13:22-26
Luke 1:57-66, 80



Around the Diocese

The Seasons of Hope Bereavement Ministry, sponsored by the North High Deanery to help anyone suffering from a loss of a loved one, begins its summer session on Sunday, June 24 with the first of six meetings on consecutive Sundays at Columbus St. Thomas More Newman Center 64 West Lane Avenue. The program is a Catholic Christ-centered support group that includes scripture, prayer, reflection and sharing. It is offered four times a year for six weeks. Summer sessions run through Sunday July 29. Registration each week is from 1:30 to 1:55 p.m. followed by the group sharing session from 2 to 4 p.m. Questions may be directed to Karen Droll of the Newman Center at ksdroll@gmail.com or Michael Julian of Columbus Immaculate Conception Church at mjulian@columbus.rr.com.

Bring the whole family to the Josephinum 4-Miler! The Friends of the Josephinum invite adults and children of all ages for a 4-mile run/walk at Glacier Ridge Metro Park, Dublin, from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM on September 15, 2018.

This professionally run event is open to the public; free parking is available. Participants will receive great takeaways, including wine or jam and bread. Register now to receive a family discount or early registration rate for the first Catholic-sponsored event of this kind in the area. Register at m3ssports.com (click "coming events" then "Josephinum 4-Miler").

The Friends of the Josephinum offer this unique event to the whole diocese and invite you to join the family fun! Walk or run at your own pace and enjoy a September morn in the park. Proceeds benefit seminarians of the Pontifical College Josephinum. Sponsorships are available; please call Joe Kohler at 614-436-2441.

Join Catholic Times columnist Mary van Balen and Rick Hatem, international retreat leader, for an evening of reflection and a day-long retreat, *Journeys of Compassion: A Response to Life's Challenges and Opportunities* on Friday, June 29, 7-9pm and Saturday, June 30, 9am-4pm. Both events will be held at the Martin de Porres Center located at St. Mary of the Springs, 2330 Airport Dr., Columbus OH 43219. Saturday's retreat will complement Friday's reflections, but both sessions are complete in themselves.

For more information, visit the Speaking page on van Balen's website (www.maryvanbalen.com), contact her at maryvanbalen@gmail.com, or contact Rick Hatem at rickhatem@gmail.com.

Ohio Dominican to Host MBA Information Session on

July 19 - Are you considering pursuing your MBA? Ohio Dominican University invites you to attend an information session for its Master of Business Administration program at 6 p.m. on Thursday, July 19, in the Bishop James A. Griffin Student Center, located on ODU's campus at [1215 Sunbury Road, Columbus, 43219](http://1215SunburyRoad,Columbus,43219). At ODU, students can earn their MBA completely online or on campus during the evening in as few as 16 months. Register today at ohiodominican.edu/MBAinfo.