

Liturgies and Mass Intentions-Week of Jan. 13, 2019

Sunday, January 13

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

11:00 am – Mass for Capital Campaign

Monday, January 14

NO MASS

Tuesday, January 15

11:00 am Mass at Westminster Thurber

For Don Folley

Wednesday, January 16

6:00 pm Mass in Parish Hall

Thursday, January 17

6:00 pm Mass in Parish Hall

Friday, January 18

5:30 **NO RECONCILIATION**

6:00 pm Mass in Parish Hall

Saturday, January 19

6:00 pm Mass in Parish Hall

Schedule of Sunday Liturgical Ministries

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

Crucifers (Cross Bearers)

January 13 – 9:00 am Bob Geohegan **11:00 am** Dan O'Brien

January 19 – 6:00 pm Pat Cassidy

January 20 – 9:00 am Craig Kowalinski **11:00 am** Lori Toczczic

Altar Servers

January 13 – 9:00 am Frank Conway **11:00 am** Nolan Rothrock

January 19 – 6:00 pm Susan Kyanko

January 20 – 9:00 am Frank Schneider **11:00 am** OPEN

Eucharistic Ministers

January 13 – 9:00 am Susan Kyanko, Mary Ann Kerscher, Renee Morkassel **11:00 am** Lori Toczczic, Marilyn Smith, Sue Cruickshank

January 19 – 6:00 pm Maryellen O'Shaughnessy

January 20 – 9:00 am Chris Paisley, Steve Hillyer

11:00 am Sandra Glasner, Nick Castillo

Lectors

January 13 – 9:00 am Katherine Kriedermann, Emily Wu

11:00 am Julie Byrne, Diane Meves

January 19 – 6:00 pm Diane Meves

January 20 – 9:00 am Louisa Celebrezze, Jarret Chirafisi

11:00 am Sue Cruickshank, Gary Snyder

Ministers of Hospitality (Greeters)

January 13 – 9:00 am Sam Hulett, Mary Jo Hulett

11:00 am Mason Rothrock, Therese Brady

January 19 – 6:00 pm Kathleen Porter

January 20 – 9:00 am Loren Williams, Louis Schulte

11:00 am Robert Ariss, Gretchen Rivera



Calendar of Events at St. Francis of Assisi Parish

Check out our website www.sfacolumbus.org

Sunday, January 13

▶ 10:00 am Creation Care Mtg. Parish Hall, Ocean Rm.

Monday, January 14

▶ 7:00 pm Liturgy Committee Rectory

Tuesday, January 15

▶ 7:00 pm Leadership Mtg. Rectory

Wednesday, January 16

▶ 7:00 pm "Breaking Open the Word" Mtg Parish Hall

Thursday, January 17

▶ 6:30 pm Zumbini Class Parish Hall

Friday, January 18

Saturday, January 19

▶ 8:00 am Parish Hall Clean Up/Set up

▶ Wine and Cheese Gathering after 6:00 pm Mass

St. Francis of Assisi Regularly Occurring Events

Men's Prayer Group – 8:30am 1st Saturday of Mo. Parish Hall
Moves to Good Shepherd Room (Rectory Basement) in FEB.
You can access this from outside the back of the Rectory.

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

Mass at Westminster Thurber – 3rd Tues. of Mo. @ 11:00 am

St. Vincent de Paul – 7:00 pm 4th Monday 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 **REHEARSALS
BEGIN AGAIN PRIOR TO ASH WEDNESDAY**
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 January 20th to discuss
Little Fires Everywhere by Celeste Ng Parish Hall 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

ST. VINCENT de PAUL @ ST. FRANCIS

The 5th Sunday collection for SVdP totaled \$246.00. Thank you everyone for your contributions.

Volunteers Needed During the time of the Capital Campaign renovations in the Sanctuary, we are in need of people who can reset part of the Parish Hall for meetings during the week. We will be doing this after the 11:00 Mass, every Sunday. Thank you to those of you who can help with this!

There will be a second collection on Sunday, January 20th for the Propagation of the Faith

Parish News and Information - Continued

Looking for a FUN, interactive way to move and groove with your favorite baby or toddler? Then join Gretchen Rivera and her daughter Maria on Thursdays for a Zumbini class! From 6:30-7:15pm we will sing, dance, and make new friends! Space is limited, so sign up at zumbini.com. Questions? Email ZumbiniwithGretchen@gmail.com

PASTA DINNER

SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 2019 12:00 – 8:00 PM

We have become the parish who meets every challenge with the joy and grace of people who love our community. Pasta Dinner is one of our biggest fundraisers, so we need ALL HANDS ON DECK. Decorating, cooking, setting up the hall, serving, cleaning up. You name it, YOU ARE NEEDED. We are especially going to need your help to set up the Parish Hall for Mass the next day! Talk to Frank Schneider and/or Marti Damm.

OUR WEBSITE HAS AN ON-LINE GIVING SECTION If you are using a credit card, a debit card, or checking account deduction for ANY contributions – you can do ALL of that from our website! Sure, you can still give cash or a real check, but for those of you using an electronic method of giving WE WOULD ASK YOU TO USE OUR WEBSITE INSTEAD. It would be greatly appreciated!

1. Go to www.sfacolumbus.org 2. Go to the very top right side of the website and you will see 'on-line giving/ministry scheduler'
3. Click on "on-line giving" 4. When it opens click on "First Time-New User Registration" on the left side 5. Now you begin the process of giving SECURE information to the website for your contribution (The Diocese recommends and uses it). You can choose credit card, debit card, or check – just like some of you are presently doing with your bank.

IF YOU ARE AT ALL TIMID ABOUT THIS, CALL ANDY IN THE OFFICE (614-299-5718) AND SHE WILL WALK YOU THROUGH IT! OR DO IT WITH/FOR YOU!!

Around the Diocese

The next Bi-Monthly Mass of Healing and Healing Service at Saint Joseph Cathedral will take place on Monday, January 21, 2019, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

A new preschool and extended care center for children emphasizing in spiritual, education and social development opened on Monday January 7, 2019. St. John Paul II Preschool is at 957 E. Broad Street and will operate under the direction of the loving Sister Bozena Tyborowska who is with Congregation of the Little Servant Sisters of the Immaculate Conception. St. John Paul II will offer full- time and part- time schedules to meet the needs of working parent's schedules. For more information on enrollment please email stjohnpaul2preschool@gmail.com.

St. Martin de Porres Center [Angst](#) explores anxiety, its causes, effects and what we can do about it. It features interviews with young adults experiencing it and mental health professionals on resources to help. See the film and join the discussion on **Thursday, January 24 from 6:00-8:00pm.**

Sunday's Gospel Reflection *The Baptism of the Lord*

The baptism of Jesus puts the finishing touch on the Christmas mystery and reminds us of our own Baptism. Just before creation, the Spirit of God hovered over the waters of chaos. After the creation of man and woman, the sacred author tells about the abundance of water: "In Eden was born a river that watered the garden and then divided into four arms" (Genesis 2:10). God, full of goodness, beauty, power, and knowledge, lavished his goodness on earth and fertilized it with water. We might listen for God's voice in this creation scene in paradise, addressed to the "image and likeness": "You are my son, you, my daughter, my favorites; in you I am pleased." In Genesis the brand-new human being is presented in the midst of the waters of paradise.

When the feet of Jesus of Nazareth touched the waters of the Jordan River, so the Son of God might receive the baptism of conversion, those waters did not stop, as they did when Israel, freed from slavery, crossed the Jordan, the boundary to the Promised Land (Joshua 3:16). At his birth in the flesh, Jesus of Nazareth had crossed another boundary, that which separates the divine from the human, heaven from earth. At the Jordan thirty years later, the Son of God stood in line with sinners, awaiting the ritual that signified a change of life. He who came to take away the sin of the world knew why he was standing in that line; his plan was not to redeem humankind from a distance, but rather to mingle, to be identified with sinners, "becoming like men, becoming obedient unto death" (Philippians 2:7-8). That is why the waters of the Jordan continued their course and carried with them the mystery of what had just happened: the baptism of God's Son, which for the moment went unrecognized by his brothers and sisters. At that time, nobody on the bank of the Jordan who accompanied Jesus was aware of anything unusual, until the radiant light of the Passover – the outcome of this first baptism – revealed the meaning of what had happened at the moment of his baptism. Jesus' baptism was a Trinitarian epiphany in which the Son of God was presented to the world by the Father and the Holy Spirit with words "You are my Son, my beloved, I delight in you," accompanied by the Spirit's hovering like a dove over the place where the Son was baptized.

We hear in the Gospel: "It happened that among the people who were being baptized, Jesus was also baptized." The presence of the people was not fortuitous, it places his baptism in the context of the incarnation. Jesus. Before taking this plunge in the River Jordan, entered the life of the common people. The Son of God, before being baptized, was incarnate like everybody else, was bathed in the common life of the people, sharing the human condition. In Baptism, the eternal Word descends and passes through the midst of sinful people. From the human condition, he who had no sin shared in the human search for meaning in life, the pressing desire for a change, the aspiration for something new. After that immersion in the flesh in the common people, after standing in line with the people, Jesus is submerged in the water of conversion. And immediately after his baptism, Luke writes, Jesus immerses himself in prayer; that is when the sky opened, the Holy Spirit Appeared and a voice was heard, attesting to his sonship. The incarnation of God's Son opened a place in humanity to make way for divinity; Jesus' baptism and prayer open a breach in the sky so that, through the action of the Spirit, our life will ascend to its true dignity.

By Baptism we become sons and daughters of God and partakers of the mission of Christ.