

Liturgies and Mass Intentions - Week of Jan. 27, 2019

Sunday, January 27
9:00 am – Mass for Benny Almeida (Juliette)
11:00 am – Mass for Lois Kalat (Kevin Dunleavy)
Monday, January 28
NO MASS
Tuesday, January 29
6:00 pm Mass
Wednesday, January 30
6:00 pm Mass
Thursday, January 31
6:00 pm Mass
Friday, February 1
5:30 NO RECONCILIATION
6:00 pm Mass
Saturday, February 2
6:00 pm Mass

Schedule of Sunday Liturgical Ministries

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

Crucifers (Cross Bearers)

January 27 – 9:00 am Bob Geoghegan **11:00 am** Craig Kowalinski
February 2 – 6:00 pm Bob Geoghegan
February 3 – 9:00 am Kathleen Porter **11:00 am** Dan O'Brien

Altar Servers

January 27 – 9:00 am Chris Paisley **11:00 am** Nolan Rothrock
February 2 – 6:00 pm Steve Hillyer
February 3 – 9:00 am Susan Kyanko **11:00 am** Gaeten O'Brien

Eucharistic Ministers

January 27 – 9:00 am Katherine Kriedermann, Frank Conway, Mary Ann Kerscher **11:00 am** Mark Coleman, Sue Cruickshank, Marilyn Smith
February 2 – 6:00 pm Mary Ann Kerscher
February 3 – 9:00 am Jaime Capestany, Chris Paisley, Frank Schneider **11:00 am** Joanna Nunn, Lori Toczor, Maryellen O'Shaughnessy

Lectors

January 27 – 9:00 am Todd Marti, Cecilia McAdams
11:00 am Jon Murphy, Gary Snyder
February 2 – 6:00 pm Emily Wu
February 3 – 9:00 am Joyce Schneider, Nick Castillo
11:00 am Julie Byrne, Tim Feran

Ministers of Hospitality (Greeters)

January 27 – 9:00 am Hedy Goetz, Tom Goetz
11:00 am - Gretchen Rivera, Megan Murphy
February 2 – 6:00 pm Bob Ariss
February 3 – 9:00 am Tom Goetz, Hedy Goetz
11:00 am Mason Rothrock, Megan Murphy



Calendar of Events at St. Francis of Assisi Parish

Check out our website www.sfacolumbus.org

Sunday, January 27
▶ 2:00 – 5:00 Secular Franciscans – Parish Hall
Monday, January 28
▶ 7:00 – St. Vincent de Paul Mtg. – Parish Hall
Tuesday, January 29
▶ 7:00 pm Stewardship Council Mtg. – Parish Hall
Wednesday, January 30
▶ 7:00 pm "Breaking Open the Word" Parish Hall
Thursday, January 31
▶ 6:30 pm Zumbini Class Parish Hall
Friday, February 1
Saturday, February 2
▶ 8:30 am Parish Hall Clean Up/Set up
▶ 8:30 am Men's Coffee & Prayer Grp. – Good Shephard Room – Rectory Basement
▶ 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. 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, Join other parishioners studying/discussing the Gospel reading for the week. Parish Hall contact Kathy kdancey@columbus.rr.com

SFA Book Discussion Group – 12:00 Typically 3rd Sunday of the Month 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

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 the week. We will be doing this after the 11:00 Mass. Thank you if you are able to help out!



Parish News and Information - Continued

Mark Your Calendars for the Lenten Soup Suppers **NEW DAY THIS YEAR - MONDAY**

Lenten Soup Supper Topics
6:30-8 pm, MONDAYS, Parish Hall
1st Supper's Theme
March 11 Holy Week: What it is, what it means

As we approach our annual Lenten Soup Supper season, please e-mail ayodele.adesanya@gmail.com if you would like to volunteer to provide a soup and/or bread at one or more of the Monday evening Suppers: 3/11, 3/18, 3/25, 4/1, 4/8, 4/15. We hope you join us!

PASTA DINNER

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

We are going to need: Decorators – Servers - Pastry Bakers – People to sell the Pastry – Ticket Sellers – Raffle Ticket Sellers – Kitchen Help – Clean Up Help – Sauce Makers – Reset the Hall Help. **This truly takes a village to pull off.** Sign up will begin soon and Frank Schneider and/or Marti Damm will answer any question!

ON LINE GIVING VIA OUR WEBSITE! Change the way you presently use your credit/debit card or checking deduction and use the website. Easy-Peasy BUT 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 Catholic Foundation's Applications for Scholarships will open on February 1 and close March 8. Scholarships support promising and deserving students by assisting them with the costs of their education. Donors often establish a scholarship to honor or memorialize friends, teachers, family members, or other loved ones. Since 2007, The Catholic Foundation has awarded over \$680,000 in scholarships empowering over 120 young people to continue their academic and vocational studies. For more information and to apply, please visit www.catholic-foundation.org/scholarships. If you are interested in opening a Scholarship Fund of your own, please contact Scott Hartman at shartman@catholic-foundation.org or 614-443-8893.

Our Lady of Bethlehem School and Childcare (OLB) will be hosting an Open House on Sunday, January 27 from 1-3 pm. OLB offers flexible care and an excellent education for children ages six weeks of age through Kindergarten, and a fun-filled summer program for children through Grade 6. We hope you will attend our Open House on January 27! (614) 459-8285 or ourladyofbethlehem.org for more information.

MASS INTENTIONS: The greatest, the most powerful and charitable prayer we have in the Catholic Church is the Eucharistic celebration called the Mass. A Mass can be offered daily for the living and the dead or in thanksgiving for God's blessings in our life. Mass offerings are typically \$10.00. All Mass intentions are scheduled by requesting them from the parish office 614-299-5781.

Sunday's Gospel Reflection Jesus Reads from the Scroll

After Jesus reads from the scroll in the synagogue, he announces that he is the fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecies. The poor will be the privileged beneficiaries of the good news of the arrival of the messianic era. The Spirit rests on Jesus, who will announce the Gospel to the poor, just as in Ezra's time the Jews expected a release, understood not as political emancipation, but freedom in the Spirit which is the theological impact of Jesus' healings.

Paul's reflection on the body of Christ, formed by diverse members, is an image of the unity achieved in one Baptism. Another reason for unity is found in God's Word that nourishes and inspires us. Today's first reading emphasizes the assembly's attention to the Word. It recalls a dark period of history, when the people had lost the sense of the transcendence of their life. From among the ruins, in order to rebuild themselves as God's people, **they opened to a plan of life that is not sketched out of reasons and projects, but of the attention to the Word of God.** Nehemiah's assembly, hearing the Word of God, became sad. Ezra advised those who led the assembly, "Do not be sad, and do not weep Go, eat rich food and drink sweet drinks, and allot portions to those who had nothing prepared; for today is holy to our Lord." The fruit of having heard the Word of God is a joyful life, because it is the extension of God's joy, a generous, fruitful life, because it is molded by the strong subtlety of the word.

How many times in our lives, in moments of crisis or celebration, do we allow ourselves to be questioned and enlivened by God's Word? Sometimes we get discouraged by the tremendous distance that separates the truth of God's Word and the condition of our lives. Tears flow freely because we feel so small in the face of the friendship with God and the coherent life we long for. But great work takes constancy and patience. Water by nature is soft and stone is hard, but when water falls drop by drop on the stone, over time, it will be smoothed and sculpted. This is similar to what happens in *lectio divina* and daily attention to the Word of God. The divine Word is also soft and the hearer of the Word often hard-hearted, but if an individual listens to this Word, over time the heart will be transformed and will open to God's love. The heart becomes softer, more humane, less stone, with the action of the Word of God, drop by drop.

Luke begins his Gospel, addressing "most excellent Theophilus." Theophilus means "loved by God" or "friend of God." It is not by accident that he calls his reader by a name that could be applied to anyone who wishes to be God's friend. The evangelist addresses anyone who lets him or herself be examined by the Word, and gives thanks that, like Mary the sister Martha, they had chosen the essential part, which is attention to the Word of life.

Around the Diocese

Are you suffering the loss of a loved one? Are you looking for friends to share in your grief and healing? Please join us at our Seasons of Hope Bereavement Ministry meetings. This is a Christ-Centered peer support group that meets for six weeks, four times per year. Each session includes Scripture, prayer, reflection, and sharing. Sundays from Feb. 3 through Mar. 10. at Our Lady Of Peace Church, located at 20 E. Dominion Blvd. in Columbus, OH 43214. If you have any questions, you may contact Rose Daiga, a parishioner at Our Lady Of Peace at rose.daiga@gmail.com or at 614-565-0795.