

March 2021

7 3rd Sunday of Lent  *Barbara Menefield	8 *Ryan Heller	9	10	11	12	13 Lenten Speaker Series 10am  *Denise Ratterman
14 4th Sunday of Lent	15	16	17	18	19	20

**Minister Schedule for March 14**

Coordinator: Lois Biddle  
Lector 1: Dave Frondorf  
Lector 2: Martha Schueler  
Eucharistic Minister: Kathleen MacQueeney  
Collection: Tina Candelaresi, John Reder

Weekday Masses are celebrated at 8am in the chapel of our church, Monday-Friday. You can request that a Mass be celebrated for a particular intention. A number of parishioners participate in this Mass on a daily or weekly basis. You are invited.



Please contact Br. Tim or the parish office at 535-2719 if you or someone in your family is ill in order to be included in our weekly prayers for the sick. The power of prayer is powerful.



**Peace Prayer of St. Francis**

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace; where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy. Grant that I may not so much need to be consoled as to console; to be understood, as to understand, to be loved as to love; for it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.



**Winner-A-Day Winners:** 3/1-3/7  
 Joseph Thierauf \$25; Kim Miele \$25; Janet Bolam \$25; Peggy Wood \$25; Sue Englehart \$25; John Coyle \$25; Thomas Schuerman \$25.  
 The Winner-A-Day Hopper has lots of room. Have you purchased your tickets yet? If not, call the parish office at 513-535-2719 so your name can be in the hopper for the daily drawing. If your name is drawn, the ticket goes right back in so that you have the possibility of winning again!



Our parish is now able to provide live-streaming of the 10AM Mass. You can view Mass live on Sunday mornings at 10am at [facebook.com/SFSCChurch](https://www.facebook.com/SFSCChurch) and the Mass and homily videos are generally posted to the parish website later in the day.



**Daylight Saving Time...** Already next Sunday, March 14, Daylight Saving Time begins. Now that light I am starting to enjoy at 7:00am will not be seen until 8:00am. In the spring our clocks have to spring forward an hour.




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# St. Francis Seraph Church

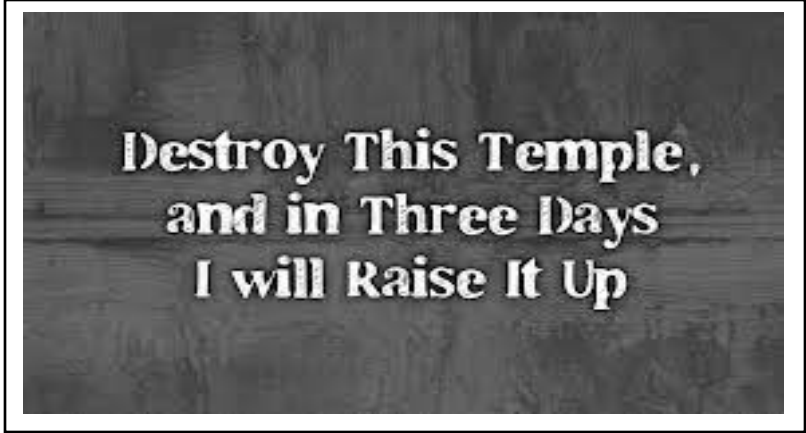
at Liberty & Vine, in Over-the-Rhine

## Third Sunday of Lent

**ST. FRANCIS SERAPH  
 THE HEART OF OVER-  
 THE-RHINE**  
 1615 Vine Street  
 Cincinnati, OH 45202  
 Office: (513) 535-2719

A Roman Catholic  
 Community of Faith  
 welcoming *all* people of faith  
 in the Franciscan  
 Tradition since 1859.


**Sacraments**  
**Baptism - Infants:** Sunday during or immediately following 10am Mass. Expectant parents plan to attend Baptismal Preparation Program.  
**Baptism - Adults:** Usually celebrated at Easter Vigil. Preparation in stages through the year.  
**Reconciliation** - Sundays 9:30am or by appt.  
**Anointing of the Sick:** Schedule by calling the Office before surgery/medical procedure, or in event of serious illness. In event of medical emergency or death, call 513-404-3688.  
**Matrimony** - registered Parishioners should contact the Pastor at least 6 months prior to the anticipated wedding date to begin the process of marriage preparation.




**OUR MISSION:**  
 Saint Francis Seraph is a Catholic faith community. We are called to serve with and among the people of Over-the-Rhine. Our mission is to share the powerful love of Jesus Christ, which changes lives and communities. In the spirit of Saint Francis, we proclaim the Gospel through worship, education and social justice.

**A Short History of St Francis Seraph Parish**  
 Saint Francis Seraph Church is a Roman Catholic parish in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, established by the Franciscan Friars of the Province of St. John the Baptist. In November 1858, the cornerstone was laid for the present St. Francis Seraph Church, and it was consecrated December 18, 1859, with the School opening the same year. In 2000, the church building underwent a major remodel. The social ministries of the Franciscans continued to develop into the 21st century, maintaining the friars historic commitment to Over-the-Rhine in the area of social service. St. Francis Seraph Parish and School continue the friars' parochial and educational ministry. The Parish, School and Ministries are affiliated in a covenant, which expresses the relationship which they share.

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We  
 Welcome  
 All  
 Visitors!  


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**Sunday Mass**  
 10:00 a.m.  
**Weekday Mass**  
 Mon.– Fri. 8:00 a.m.  
**Holy Days**  
 8 a.m. & 5:45 p.m.

**Parish Council**  
 John D. Back  
 Nataliya Kravchenko  
 Anthony Newby  
 John Reder  
 Robb Wing

Visit the parish website: sfparish.org for a history of our parish and the latest news about our church and school, and parish life.

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**Stewardship - Week Ending Feb. 28**   
 Sunday Collection: \$ 983.00  
 Mail in Collection: \$3,071.48  
 Total: \$4,054.48  
 Thank you to all who contribute on Sunday and to the many faithful who send your offerings during the week. You can donate online at sfparish.org. We do not pass a collection basket during Mass. Instead, we have collection urn behind the lectern. Contribution statements have been sent, per IRS, for donations over \$300.

**SFS MINISTRIES**  
 Sfsministries.org  
**Executive Director**  
 Chris Schuermann,  
 513-549-0542  
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 Breakfast 7-9am  
 Dinner 4-6pm  
 Monday thru Friday.  
 Bag Lunch 8:30 to 10:30am  
 Monday thru Thursday

## Pastor's Corner

March 8-14 is CATHOLIC SISTERS WEEK!  
 St. Francis Seraph Parish is pleased that a good number of Catholic Sisters are part of our community. Fifty-two weeks a year women religious stand with the poor and immigrants, teach children, fight injustice, heal the sick, share spirituality, empower women, defend the planet, promote peace, create community, offer hope. But for one week, we shine the spotlight on women religious and all they have done and continue to do for the Church.



Have you ever sent a "Thank You" note to a sister who was especially inspiring or helpful to you in elementary or high school? Is there a Sister now whose ministry you admire? If your life has been touched in some way through a religious sister, this would be a good week to let her know that she made a difference.

Speaking of Making a Difference...  
 Can you believe it? BELIEVE IT! Your contributions to the CMA (Catholic Ministries Appeal) currently total \$4,670.00. That is 95% of our goal of \$4,930. Thank you so much for contributing to this fund. After we reach our goal, the parish receives 50% of all donations back! I know a few more donations were mailed this past week. Who knows, St. Francis Seraph Church might be one of the first to reach its goal! The overall campaign has pledges totaling about 3.5 million toward the \$5 million goal. I appreciate that many people have made gifts that help Catholic Charities; help provide chaplains in hospitals, prisons and college campuses; and other causes.

*Fr. Al*

Volunteering in the Dining Room...St. Francis Seraph Ministries' Mother Calcutta Dining Room always needs volunteers. Soon we will have more information about how you can get involved. Generally, the need is greatest for Breakfast, M-F, 6:45-9:00AM and for the Thursday dinner, 3:45-6:00PM.

*Your life may be the only Bible some folks read.*

Today's Readings:	Next Sunday:
Ex 20:1-17	2 Chr 36:14-16, 19
1 Cor 1:22-25	Eph 2:4-10
John 2:13-25	John 3:14-21



Jesus, Clean our Hearts, We Pray.



My Parish is composed of people like me. I help make it what it is. It will be friendly, if I am. It will be holy, if I am. Its pews will be filled if I help fill them. This we pray.

**WELCOME GUESTS!...**If you are visiting with us today, we want you to know how welcome you are, whether you have come from another parish here in the Archdiocese, from across the river, or from further reaches. Thank you for praying with us. Feel free to join us as often as you can! If you are new to the parish, parking is available in the school lot and the Moerlein Tap room lots over on Moore Street. Turn from Liberty to Moore Street at the Shell station and there are two parking lots immediately after the school on the left and right across from the tap room. This is free parking for our parish while Sunday Mass is in session. **HELP US GROW!! REGISTER PLEASE!** if you are attending St. Francis Seraph regularly and consider us "your parish"-please register yourself and your family. Forms are available on the table in church.




Holy Week and Triduum Schedule  
**Sunday of the Lord's Passion** (Palm Sunday) begins out on the plaza in front of church with the blessing of palms at 10:00AM. We will have all doors open to facilitate as much social distancing as we process into the church.





**Commemoration of the Lord's Last Supper** (Holy Thursday) begins at 7:00PM. With guidance from the Office of Worship we will make possible the ritual of washing of the feet.  
**Good Friday Service** will be celebrated at 7:00PM.

**The Easter Vigil** will begin at 9:00PM. Because darkness can be a safety concern, our parish will arrange for extra security for the church and parking areas. This service, too, begins on the plaza with the lighting of the New Fire. This is another opportunity for folks in the neighborhood to know there is a community of faith alive in this church.



**Growing in Faith Lenten Saturday Speakers' Series**   
 Lent provides us an opportunity reflect on our Baptismal call and to take steps to grow in faith and love for Jesus Christ. This Lent, St. Francis Seraph Parish is looking at the ways the charism of the Franciscan way of life enhances our spiritual journey. **This coming Saturday session, March 13** (this will be the 4th of 4) begins at 10AM with Morning Prayer followed by a spiritual talk. Fr. Al will speak about *How Franciscan Spiritually is Evident in Parish Life*.

**The 2021 St. Francis Seraph Lenten Almsgiving Collection** will be for **MARY MAGDALEN HOUSE** located at the Franciscan Ministries St. Anthony Center on Republic Street. Items needed include personal clothing items, laundry detergent, and personal care items for local homeless clients who use this facility. Items may be brought on **any Sunday during Lent** and placed in the bin located near the ramp to the sanctuary. 

Roger Bacon High School students are scheduled to join us for Mass on March 14. We'll be ready for maybe 30 young folks to be seated socially distanced. We welcome them into our Eucharistic community to share in this Franciscan worship. From Mass they go out and do trash pickup and then enjoy lunch at Findlay Market. 

Retirement Fund for Religious Retirement Fund for Religious  
 St. Francis Seraph parishioners are being thanked by the Office of Religious for our December gifts of \$870.00 for the needs of the many retired religious, especially sisters. With fewer Sisters in most communities who can be wage earners, this collection becomes more and more needed to meet the health care needs of the older sisters.

The Parish Penance Service is Wednesday, March 24, 7pm, with St. Clement Parish, at St. Clement Church.