

April 2021

4 Easter! 10am Mass *Bill Fisher	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 2nd Sunday of Easter	12 *Clarisse Niese *Linda Robbins	13 *John E. Back	14	15	16	17 *Joy Miele

**Minister Schedule for April 11**

Coordinator: Lois Biddle  
Lector 1: Katie Callahan  
Lector 2: Joan Monnin Callahan  
Eucharistic Minister: Kathleen MacQueeney  
Collection: Tina Candelaresi, Rita Reichert

Weekday Masses are celebrated at 8am in the chapel, 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.

THANK YOU!! To all who helped clean and decorate the church on Saturday morning in preparation for the Easter vigil and Easter Sunday and the entire Easter Season.

What do you call a group of rabbits hopping backwards? *A receding hare line!*

**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: 3/29-3/31**  
Donald Hunsche \$25; Carol Rinear \$25; Theresa Borgman \$100 (last day of month) The new WAD year began April 1. Winners will be updated next week. 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.

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.



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# St. Francis Seraph Church

at Liberty & Vine, in Over-the-Rhine

**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.


**EASTER!**

Celebrate the resurrection of our Lord!

Happy EASTER

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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 Mar. 28**   
 Sunday Collection: \$1,850.00  
 Mail in Collection: \$ 1,505.00  
 Total: \$3,355.00  
 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.


**SFS MINISTRIES**  
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 Dinner 4-6pm  
 Monday thru Friday.  
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 Monday thru Thursday

## Pastor's Corner

Hopefully, all of us will be experiencing Easter Joy! Our Lenten journey has not been just the past 40 days, but more than 365 days of more desert living, often isolated and distanced by this pandemic. How glorious that many people are beginning to feel safe with their vaccinations complete and are now returning to in-person Mass attendance.

A recent Gallup poll indicated that in the United States today only 47% of adults say they have a home place of worship. 10 years ago, almost 70% felt religiously connected. No doubt there are many theories and reasons that so many feel distant from formal religion. I rejoice that St. Francis Seraph can be the kind of welcoming community that can allow some disaffected folks to take another look at the

 possibility of belonging to a faith community. All of us can continue to do our part in efforts to greet and welcome, even to invite other friends and family

who are separated from us. I extend my gratitude to all the people who have played a part in the Lenten and Triduum celebrations. Because this is my first year at St. Francis, I'm really grateful to keep learning from all of you how this church has functioned. I am also glad that together we are coping with the growing pains. Yes, there is some adjustment as our congregation grows and receives more and more people. Someday, we'll be free of the covid restrictions and we'll have a big hug! ALLELUIA!

*Fz. Al*

Easter has arrived and what a vast array of beautiful flowers we have here in church! You can even smell the wonderful scent! Thanks to all who have volunteered to keep the thirsty flowers watered and looked after.



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

Today's Readings: Acts 10:34, 37-43 Col 3:1-4 John 20:1-9	Next Sunday: Acts 4:32-35 1 John 5:1-6 John 20:19-31
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## Happy Easter! Alleluia, Alleluia!



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.



### Easter Proclamation

Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels!  
 Exult, all creation around God's throne!  
 Jesus Christ, our King, is risen!  
 Sound the trumpet of salvation!  
 Rejoice, O earth, in shining splendor,  
 Radiant in the brightness of your King!  
 Christ has conquered! Glory fills you!  
 Darkness vanishes forever!  
 Rejoice, O Mother Church! Exult in glory!  
 The risen Savior shines upon you!  
 Let this place resound with joy,  
 Echoing the mighty song of all God's people!



The **WINNER-A-DAY** raffle year began again on April 1 (no fooling!) Everyday of the year, someone wins at least \$25. Your envelope of chances should have arrived in the mail to you. If not and/or you need more, check the back table of church, or call the parish office at 535-2719. All proceeds benefit church and school.



**Beacons of Light** is an archdiocesan strategic and pastoral planning process in which parish groupings will become Families of Parishes. Parishioners will be invited to share their hopes and dreams as parish leaders come together to discern the future, with the ultimate goal, in time, of each Family becoming one parish led by a single pastor. As the Families of Parishes come together, leaders of the parishes will create a pastoral plan for the Family, guided by the vision of a mission-focused evangelizing faith community. Six principles that contribute to this vision have been approved by Archbishop Schnurr and will be the foundation for the plans that each Family of Parishes will develop. Very briefly, the 6 principles: 1) Eucharist—essential moment for building and strengthening the parish; 2) Church—all called to be active participants; 3) Leadership—pastors collaborating with all ministers; 4) Stewardship—encouraging grateful disciples; 5) Evangelization—missionary outreach; 6) Love in Action—charity and justice in the neighborhood. Want to receive the monthly email bulletin to keep updated? [catholicaoc.org/beacons-of-light](http://catholicaoc.org/beacons-of-light).

### The Bishops of Ohio write:

In a March 26 letter to all the Catholic people in Ohio, they write: "You are encouraged to receive a vaccine. To reiterate the teaching of the Church with regard to vaccine options: if you have the opportunity to choose a vaccine, you should choose Pfizer or Moderna. While the Johnson & Johnson vaccine is made from cell lines originating from an aborted fetus, it should be taken only if it is the only option available. As we move toward herd (*shall we say "flock"*) immunity, notwithstanding a spike in the virus, it is our sincere hope that soon we can return to the regular celebration of Mass with full capacity in our churches."

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. Learn about the signs of child abuse and how to prevent it. There are many ways we as a society can help prevent this. Go to [childwelfare.gov](http://childwelfare.gov).