

April 2021

18 3rd Sunday of Easter	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 4th Sunday of Easter	26	27 *Tom Miele	28	29 *Judy Schmidt	30	May 1

Minister Schedule for April 25
Coordinator: Jeanette Tepe
Lector 1: Clarissa Irvin
Lector 2: Tina Candelaresi
Eucharistic Minister: Kay Brogle
Collection: Joan Monnin Callahan, John Reder

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.

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.

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: 4/5-4/18
 James Kahles, Callahan Family,
 Br. John Carey, Evelyn Dilger, ADCO Heating, ADCO Heating Cathy Birkenhauer, David Yauch, Jean Frolicher, Bert Sheard, Pat Plogmann, Elizabeth Lacey, Tom Espelage, Noe & Macleid Co. All are \$25 winners.
 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!



Low-gluten hosts are available for those with gluten allergy. Simply come to Communion where Fr. Al is distributing and let him know you need such a host. He has them in a separate container.

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

Third Sunday of Easter

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 1615 Vine Street
 Cincinnati, OH 45202
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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: sfsparish.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 April 11 
 Sunday Collection: \$1,817.00
 Mail in Collection: \$ 580.00
 Total: \$2,397.00
 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
sfsparish.org. We do not pass a collection basket
 during Mass. Instead, we have collection urn
 behind the lectern.

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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

I'd like to keep you informed about proposed projects that we are considering and things that are "in the works."
 I think most people know that the Franciscan Province of St. John the Baptist is headquartered here at 1615 Vine Street. Along with 5 other provinces in the United States the Franciscans are working toward the creation of a new coast-to-coast Province in 2023. The Provincial house here is going to be sold. Our parish offices and gathering spaces are in this building, so plans need to be considered for where we will locate offices, hold meetings, etc. The church building itself is owned by the Franciscans, but it is not part of the sale. There will certainly be issues separating the spaces, utilities, etc, but all this can be accomplished.
 Meanwhile, as a parish, we are looking to move forward. We believe our parish can be even more a center where people could come. In light of that, we are gathering proposals for the air conditioning of the church. Summer Masses, concerts, weddings would all be so much more comfortable. The church windows also need to be refurbished. An initial bid tells us this may be beyond what our parish and the Franciscan owners of the building will be able to do. So much is up in the air while we wait to see what becomes of the Franciscan motherhouse.
 Parish Council and Finance Committee will, of course, be very involved as we move forward with plans.
 With the possible sale of the building in the coming year, we realize that the parish will take on more expenses that we have shouldered. Our utilities have previously been paid by the Franciscans. Our security people each day are paid by the Franciscans. We probably can't depend upon that much support in the future.
 I remain confident that we will thrive! "He is alive!" Let's keep our Easter Joy and Hope growing.

Fr. Al

Today's Readings:
 Acts 3:13-15, 17-19
 1 John 2:1-5a
 Luke 24:35-48


Next Sunday:
 Acts 4:8-12
 1 John 3:1-2
 John 10:11-18 



Worry Ends Where Faith Begins


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. 

Today we welcome the students from Roger Bacon High School who come and pray with us and then engage in litter pick-up service in our neighborhood. *(How I wish they had been here on Easter Monday when a pile of clothes was littering in front of our 1600 Building, bringing a citation and fine—I'm applying for Amnesty!—Fr. Al)* 

And to continue our Welcoming theme, how pleased we are to announce that we will celebrate the Rite of Welcome to our brother, Gary Favors, on Sunday, April 25. As a child, Gary was a student at St. Francis Seraph and then went on to Roger Bacon High School. Now as a baptized adult he desires to join the Catholic Church. Greta Benton serves as his sponsor. We anticipate Gary being fully received into the Church on the Feast of Corpus Christi, June 6. At that time he will be confirmed and receive the Eucharist. **"Welcome home, Gary!"**

Catholic Relief Services Collection is today and is an opportunity for us to help improve the lives of some of the most vulnerable people around the world and here in the United States. Funds from the collection help support six Catholic agencies that aid victims of natural disasters, immigrants in need of legal assistance and resources to help them adapt to life in their new home, and refugee children with special educational needs. It helps struggling communities and to work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters. Special envelopes are available on the back tables in the church and your donation envelopes will be welcome again next Sunday. A special CRS basket will be next to the urn for this purpose. These envelopes carry the theme: **Help Jesus in Disguise.** Learn more about the collection and what you can do at usccb.org/catholic-relief. 

Reaching out to our neighbors. On Monday, April 19, an ad hoc committee is going to begin some discussions about providing a week-end "cook out" in front of the church. The initial conversation by zoom involves mainly the folks who were involved with the traditional fish fries during Lent. Stay tuned to see what might be developing. 

April is "Donate Life Month." Every day 20 people die in the United States waiting for an organ transplant. One organ donor can save eight lives. There are more than 110,000 people waiting for a lifesaving transplant. You can register as an organ, eye and tissue donor when acquiring a driver's license or state ID at your Bureau of Motor Vehicles. You can also visit the Life Center Organ Donor Network here is Cincinnati at 800-981-5433 or go the website, LifePassItOn.org 

Your life may be the only Bible some folks read.