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9 Sixth Sunday of Easter *Greta Niese	10	11 *Barbara Bok	12 *John Hader	13	14 *Judy Wing	15 Church Window Box Planting 9am

**Minister Schedule for May 9**

Coordinator: Lois Biddle  
Lector 1: Tim Candelaresi  
Lector 2: Karen Skillman  
Eucharistic Minister: Rita Reichert  
Collection: Rita Reichert, Randy Ulses

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: 4/26-5/2**  
 Camille Servizzi \$25; ADCO Heating \$25; Jason Allen \$25; Paul Witte \$25; Herbert Huesman \$100 (last day of month); Ben Fessel \$25; Chad Creed \$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!

The annual St. Francis Seraph Window Box Planting Day will take place **Saturday, May 15, at 9am.** Make our church florally shine at Liberty and Vine! Please bring a flat of flowers that do well in the sun such as petunias, marigolds and geraniums. A variety of colors are welcomed! A gourmet picnic lunch will follow. If you can't make it, drop off a flat of flowers during the week and it would be much appreciated! Please help. Many hands make for light work.



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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.

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**




**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!  


 Like Us and Spread the Word!


**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 25**   
 Sunday Collection: \$ 931.00  
 Mail in Collection: \$1,185.00  
 Total: \$2,116.00  
 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 a collection urn behind the lectern.

**SFS MINISTRIES**  
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 Breakfast 7-9am  
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 Monday thru Friday.  
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 Monday thru Thursday

## Pastor's Corner


On Wednesday, April 21, I participated in the annual convocation of priests in the Archdiocese (via zoom). During that full morning of reflection, we devoted our time to the issue of **Racism**. We heard from Bishop Sheldon Fabre, chair of the U.S. Bishops Ad Hoc Committee on Racism, a few words from Archbishop Schnurr, two professors from the University of Dayton and four of our fellow Catholics who shared their experiences of racism in their lives as Catholics. It was a very good event which carried forth the message of *“Open Wide Our Hearts: An Enduring Call to Love,” the 2018 pastoral letter on racism from the U.S. bishops. Bishop Fabre especially admonished priests to be bold in preaching the essential life issue of racism. We heard clearly how painful it is for some Catholics to come to Mass on a Sunday after a particularly racist event in the country and hear nothing but silence, not even a prayer in the intercessions. Our Archdiocese is actively engaged in confronting the sin of racism, and there is still much work to do. I ask that you pray for these efforts to continue to bear fruit, and I encourage you to reach out to the Social Action Office of the Archdiocese if you are interested in learning more about the initiatives.*


You'll find posted on the back walls of our church a recent letter from the Archbishop about this important issue in our country and in our Church.

**Ohio Primary is May 4**  
 There are six people running for the position of Mayor of Cincinnati. On May 4, we have the opportunity to vote. Two of those six will then be on the ballot in November. There is also Issue 3, which would set aside \$50 million each year for affordable housing. We would all do well to become familiar with these candidates and the issue—and VOTE!


*Fr. Al*

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

Today's Readings: Acts 9:26-31  
 1 John 3:18-24  
 John 15:1-8  
 Next Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35  
 1 John 4:7-10  
 John 15:9-17 




### Mother Mary, Pray for Us.



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. 


In case you missed this notice last week, our Parish has another parking option for Sunday Mass. St. Francis Seraph parishioners can park FREE on Sundays from 8am to 1pm at the 3CDC lot at the southwest corner of Liberty and Race. Here's how you do it: go to the kiosk, 

- Enter your vehicle license number, click OK
- The screen displays how many hours. Select #5 More Selections. Press #2 St. Francis
- Enter coupon code 4316
- Receipt: Hit cancel. You don't need to display a receipt.
- The screen will show you can be parked until 1pm!

As a courtesy to our parishioners and guests who may need some assistance walking to and from the church doors, please allow the parking spots in front of church to be used for these folks who find walking with the Lord a little extra challenging!

The following is a “Franciscan Model of Civil Discourse” promoted by the Franciscan Action Network. It is called The Francis Pledge, a commitment to civility in discourse:

- + Facilitate a forum for difficult discourse and acknowledge that dialogue can lead to new insight and mutual understanding.
- + Respect the dignity of all people, especially the dignity of those who hold an opposing view.
- + Audit myself and utilize the terms or a vocabulary of faith to unite or reconcile rather than divide conflicting positions.
- + Neutralize inflamed conversations by presuming that those with whom we differ are acting in good faith.
- + Collaborate with others and recognize that all human engagement is an opportunity to promote peace.
- + Identify common ground such as similar values or concerns and utilize this as a foundation to build upon.
- + Support efforts to clean up provocative language by calling policy makers to their sense of personal integrity.

**MAY – MARY’S MONTH**   
 Among all the saints, we Catholics have always held Mary very dear to our hearts. For centuries, the Catholic Church has set aside the entire month of May to honor Mary, Mother of God. Not just a day in May, but the entire month. Traditional practices during this month may include daily recitation of the Rosary or some quiet time reflection. By praying the Hail Mary and reflecting on the mysteries of our salvation history, Mary continues to lead us deeper spiritually toward her son, Jesus. The month of May is the perfect time to make a prayer corner in your home, no matter how fancy or simple it is. The main point is that it's a place designated for God, and more specifically, for spending time with Him. During May, include a statue or picture of Mary. Mary is our Mother. Let Mary guide you to a closer relationship with Jesus.