

23 Pentecost	24	25 *Chris Wilson	26	27 *Christian Jenkins	28 *Vivian Winterhalter *Max Winterhalter	29 *Annabelle Johnson *Carla Sherman
30 Holy Trinity	31 *Randy Ulses	June 1 *Tom Sikes	2 *Sara Dressman	3	4	5 *Craig Weaver

**Minister Schedule for May 30**

Coordinator: Jerry Diersing  
Lector 1: Katie Callahan  
Lector 2: Joan Monnin Callahan  
Eucharistic Minister: Clarissa Irvin  
Collection: Joan Callahan, Nataliya Kravchenko

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/SFChurch](https://www.facebook.com/SFChurch) 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: 5/17-5/23**  
 Br. John Carey, Mark Gamel, Janet Franklin, McKenzie Priestle, Carol Osterman, Mary Lang, Tom Herbers. 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!

St. Francis Seraph Ministries is in **HUGE** need of volunteers to serve Breakfast and Dinner Monday through Friday to the Urban Poor in Over-the-Rhine. Shifts are 6:45-9am and 3:45-6pm. Volunteers will help package hot meals and beverages, distribute, cleanup, work coat check, organize the pantry, and help with overall sanitation. Please contact Theresa Diersen at [tdiersen@sfsministries.org](mailto:tdiersen@sfsministries.org) or 513.276.7037 for more information or sign up at [www.sfsministries.org/volunteer](http://www.sfsministries.org/volunteer) Thank you.



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# St. Francis Seraph Church

at Liberty & Vine, in Over-the-Rhine

## Pentecost Sunday

**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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 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 May 16**   
 Sunday Collection: \$1,894.00  
 Mail in Collection: \$2,155.00  
 Total: \$4,049.00

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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 Dinner 4-6pm  
 Monday thru Friday.  
 Bag Lunch 8:30 to 10:30am  
 Monday thru Thursday

## Pastor's Corner




We are gradually coming out of this long pandemic! With each week, we get new directives regarding how best to conduct our Sunday Masses. Already, we have been relieved to open more pews in the church. Masks are still important, but this could be changing soon.

The Bishops of Ohio are now removing the dispensation from Sunday Mass. As of the June 5/6 weekend, Sunday Obligation is once again the norm. My sense is that most people who come to Mass do so not because it is an obligation but because they really want to join together to celebrate the Eucharist. Along with the obligation to attend Mass there are the usual exceptions when ill, or there is fear of illness. Traveling is another reason someone may be unable to go to Mass on a given Sunday. We should all take seriously the Church's obligation to participate in Sunday Mass.


Yesterday, Saturday, May 22, our church was able to host a Memorial Service for Douglas Robinson who was murdered at the corner of 13<sup>th</sup> St. and Walnut a few weeks ago. Douglas was an innocent bystander, a man who suffered from homelessness for many years. Friends and family were able to gather in our church to remember his life.

*Fr. Al*

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. 

**Fr. Mark Soehner, OFM**, will celebrate Sunday Mass next week on May 30. Fr. Al says: *"People have heard me for almost 8 months, let's give them another voice!"*

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

Today's Readings: Acts 2:1-11 Gal 5:16-25 John 15:26-27, 16:12-15  
 Next Sunday: Dt 4:32-34, 39-40 Rom 8:14-17 Matthew 28:16-20 




## Pentecost: The Church Has Left the Building!




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. 


**More capacity in church!**  
 In case you missed last week, a directive from the Archdiocese says we can expand our seating capacity, maintaining a section for those who need the social distancing we have been providing. So half of the church will now be fully open for seating while the other half will be every other pew in use. As we sense the needs, we might be able to open up even more benches. The chairs in the church will still be in place. This should make using chairs unnecessary behind the altar. Some semblance of normal is returning. Masks are still required and the sign of peace is still quite muted. 

**Gary Favors** will celebrate Reception into Full Communion and Confirmation in the Catholic Faith at our 10AM Mass on Sunday, June 6.

**Parish Council** will meet on Thursday, June 3, 6:30PM.

**St. Francis Seraph School News!**  
 It is with great pleasure to announce the graduation of the 2021 eighth grade class of St. Francis Seraph School. It has been a challenging, yet a very rewarding year for our graduates. They have persevered this school year with COVID, and at times, remote learning, but they have remained a class that demonstrated they get the job done when necessary. They will take this same determination and positive attitude with them to high school and beyond. Seventy-five percent of the graduating class of 2021 will be continuing their educational experience at a Catholic high school. Graduation will take place here in church, tomorrow at 5pm. All are welcome. 

Paris Blanchard – Purcell Marian High School  
 Aareon Carson – Elder High School  
 Bryonna Clark  
 Jesse Eubanks – Roger Bacon High School  
 Mieydi Eubanks – Roger Bacon High School  
 Alijah Hall – St. Xavier High School  
 Dorian Killings – DePaul Christo Rey High Sch.  
 Serenity Pogue  
 Shaun Stevens – Roger Bacon High School  
 Michael Thomas – Roger Bacon High School  
 Aye'Yanna Walker

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**  
**On Saturday, June 5, 7:30PM**  
 James Loughery (our parish musician) and his wife, Mia Zlatanovic, will offer a free Concert of Piano and Organ Music in our church! The concert will feature solos and duets from Baroque to Contemporary eras, featuring works by J.S. Bach, Frederic Chopin, William Bolcom and the unique organ music of Benedictine monk Dom Paul Benoit. Don't miss this extraordinary free opportunity! 

**Parish Finance Council** will meet on May 27. Along with regularly looking at our Financial picture, the members will be looking more closely at possible projects of window restoration, air conditioning and the renovation of the 1600 Vine building. We have a lot going on!