

July 2021

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| 18 16th Sunday *Hannah Hill | 19 *Mike Noyes | 20 *Mike Stehlin | 21 | 22 | 23 *Bob Dressman *Mike Smith *Cathy Wilson | 24 |
| 25 17th Sunday Picnic on the Plaza | 26 *Kathleen MacQueeney | 27 *Erin Bender *Tim Candelaresi | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 *Katie Callahan |

Minister Schedule for July 25

Coordinator: Jeanette Tepe
Greeters: Greta Benton, Clarissa Irvin
Lector 1: Diana Campbell
Lector 2: Dan Nolan
Intercessions: Dave Frondorf
Eucharistic Minister: Rita Reichert
Collection: Joan Monnin Callahan, Rita Reichert

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 best vitamin for a Christian is B1.

Weekday Masses are celebrated at 8am in the chapel, Monday-Friday. You are invited. You can request that a Mass be celebrated for a particular intention.

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.



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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.

St. Francis Seraph Church at Liberty & Vine, in Over-the-Rhine

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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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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 July 11



Sunday Collection: \$2,280.00

Mail in Collection: \$1,585.00

Total: \$3,865.00

Peter Pence Collection, June 27: \$1,030.00

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.

The end of June means the end of the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year. In the coming weeks we should be able to have a full report on this past year and then soon have a budget for 2021-2022.

Pastor's Corner



This passage from the Book of Tobit recently appeared in part of a Franciscan Prayer book:

Give alms from your possessions, and do not let your eye begrudge the gift you make it. Do not turn

your face away from anyone who is poor, and the face of God will not be turned away from you. If you have many possessions, make your gift from them in proportion; if few, do not be afraid to give according to the little you have. So you will be laying up a good treasure for yourself against the day of necessity. Indeed, almsgiving, for all who practice it, is an excellent offering in the presence of the Most High.

This sounds a lot like things Jesus said.

I am so appreciative that parishioners of St. Francis Seraph understand the beauty of providing for the poor and doing what you can to support the church. The Sunday offering, whether that is weekly, monthly or annually is the primary source of a parish's income. But we also appreciate efforts to support the other fundraising, like the Summer Appeal that is now in motion. And one of these days we might be asking for your help with capital improvements. (The AC project is awaiting consideration of our Province's Provincial Council which meets again in August.)

Fz. A1

200th Anniversary Books We continue to display these two books on the back table in church: Treasures of the Archdiocese (a pictorial book of many beautiful churches around the Archdiocese) \$30.00; and an Illustrated History of the Archdiocese, for children and folks of all ages \$15.00. Orders will be sent to churches in September. One or both of these might be a good gift at Christmastime to someone who would appreciate a book of this kind.

Today's Readings:
Jer 23:1-6
Eph 2:13-18
Mark 6:30-34

Next Sunday:
2 Kgs 4:42-44
Eph 4:1-6
John 6:1-15



Shepherd Me, Oh Lord!



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 two 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. There is also free parking in the lot at the southwest corner of Liberty and Race. At the kiosk, enter the code 4316. You can park there until 1pm. 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.



Picnic on the Plaza #4

Our every other Sunday event takes place next Sunday, July 25. We provide this simple Meal to our neighbors living on the streets or just walking by. Most importantly, we hope to be building relationships among our parishioners and these neighbors. John Reder is our coordinator and sign-up sheets are in the church so you can volunteer. You can also reach him at tacticalneuronics@gmail.com.



Help Wanted: St. Francis Seraph School is in immediate need of a fulltime custodian. Perhaps you know someone who may be interested in this job. This position also provides benefits. For more information, contact the school at 721-7778, or contact Principal Halsey Mabry via email, hmbry@sfsschool.com

Summer Raffle

The St. Francis Seraph Church and School Annual Summer Appeal Raffle has begun and tickets should have shown up in your mailbox by now or very soon. The raffle continues

through the summer, and in celebration of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi on October 4, the drawing will take place on Sunday, October 3, right after Mass. The Summer Appeal proceeds are earmarked for our church and to assist in providing a great education for the St. Francis Seraph School students.

With your help, we will be able to provide our students with tutoring, mentoring and physical activities. If you need tickets, or need more tickets, please call the parish office at 535-2719. Thank you.

This past Thursday was St. Bonaventure's Feast Day. Perhaps not a household name for most people, Saint Bonaventure, nevertheless, played an important role in both the medieval Church and the history of the Franciscan Order. Born in Bagnoreia in 1221, Saint Bonaventure was baptized John, but received the name Bonaventure when he became a Franciscan at the age of 22. Little is known about his childhood. However, while Saint Francis died about five years after the saint's birth, he is credited with healing Bonaventure as a boy of a serious illness. A senior faculty member at the University of Paris, Saint Bonaventure certainly captured the hearts of his students through his academic skills and insights. But more importantly, he captured their hearts through his Franciscan love for Jesus and the Church. Like his model, Saint Francis, Jesus was the center of everything—his teaching, his administration, his writing, and his life. So much so, that he was given the title "Seraphic Doctor." He was General Minister for 17 years. Pope Gregory X made him a Cardinal in 1273. St. Bonaventure suddenly died on July 15, 1274. There is a theory that he was poisoned. He was canonized in 1482. franciscanmedia.org