

April 2022

3 5th Sunday of Lent	4 *Bill Fisher	5	6	7 *Mark Kacher	8 Way of the Cross at St. Clement 7pm	9 Piano/Organ Concert 7:30pm
10 Palm Sunday *Matt Cavanaugh	11	12 *Clarissa Niese *Linda Robbins	13 *John E. Back	14 Holy Thursday 7pm	15 Good Friday 7pm	16 Church Cleaning 9am  Easter Vigil 9pm

### Music for Today's Liturgy

Processional: #493

*Change Our Hearts*

Response: Psalm 126

*The Lord Has Done Great Things for Us*

Communion:

*Christ Our Peace*

Recessional: #724

*I Heard the Voice of Jesus*

### Minister Schedule for April 10

Coordinator: Lois Biddle

Greeters: Matt Cavanaugh, Sr. Joyce Moeller,  
Dan Nolan

Passion Narrator: Steve Sparks; Passion Crowd:  
Jim Imholte; Passion Voice: Karen Skillman

Intercessions: Caroline Brock

Eucharistic Minister: Kathy Schellinger

Collection: Tina Candelaresi, Dave Frondorf

Your life may be the only Bible some folks read.

### 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: 3/28-4/3

Patricia Scharf, Sue Englehart, Dave Enginer, Felicitas Perez, \$100, last day of month, Cathy Doyle, Steve Kirby, Bert Sheard. All others are \$25 winners! A new Winner-a-Day season began April 1. Tickets have been mailed. Tickets are \$20 or 6 for \$100. There is a \$25 winner all days, except certain days are \$100 and even \$1,000! If you did not receive in the mail this opportunity to participate, you can call the parish office at 513-535-2719. The Winner-A-Day Hopper has lots of room. If your name is drawn, the ticket goes right back in so that you have the possibility of winning again! All proceeds benefit our Church and School.



As a reminder for this Lenten season, our Parish Mission is to help stock the Family Food Pantry at our School. SFS school maintains a limited food pantry for school families in need. Pantry items are distributed to school families in crisis. Items that are greatly needed include laundry detergent and cleaning supplies, personal hygiene products, non-perishable foods such as peanut butter, jelly, pasta, canned vegetables and fruits, cereal, pancake mix and Kroger gift cards. You can bring these items on Sundays and place them in the bin located near the ramp on the left side of church. Thank you for your continued support for this project.



Today's Readings:  
Is 43:16-21  
Phil 3:8-14  
John 8:1-11

Next Sunday:  
The Passion of Our Lord  
Luke 22:14-23:56



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

## Fifth Sunday of Lent

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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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. & 6 p.m.

**Parish Council**  
John D. Back  
Nataliya Kravchenko  
Carol Metz  
Anthony Newby  
John Reder  
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**Stewardship - Week Ending Mar. 27**  
Sunday Collection: \$3,050.00  
Mail in Collection: \$ 570.00  
Total: \$3,620.00

Thank you to all who contribute on Sunday and to those who send your offerings during the week. You can donate online at [sfsparish.org](http://sfsparish.org). We do not pass a collection basket during Mass.

*Jesus noticed a poor widow putting in two small coins. He said, "I tell you truly, this poor widow put in more than all the rest."*  
Luke 21:1-2  
Certainly the Lord values our sacrificial efforts.

Please contact Br. Tim or the parish office if you or someone in your family is ill or if you have a special prayer request in order to be included in our weekly prayers for the sick.

## Pastor's Corner



### A Life Remembered:

On March 11, the Funeral Mass for Barbara Menefield was celebrated at St. Joseph Church where some of her family are members and where her husband, Burkes, had been laid to rest. Both Barb and Burkes had been regular members of St. Francis Seraph, both employed at our school for many years. They also had lived in our apartment building at 1600 Vine Street until the conditions of that building necessitated relocating. Barb was considered one of the "matriarchs" of our parish. Unfortunately, for me and many other new members, we never got to know Barb because she was suffering with cancer through the past several years. Some of our members continued to send cards, make visits and bring Communion. Barb was one who kept up the "ministry of sending cards" to sick and shut-ins. She rests now in peace, certainly in the presence of God Whom she served and loved.

*(I hope to regularly share with the parish other Lives Remembered as time goes by.)*



*Fri. Apr*

### Holy Week/Triduum Schedule

April 10 Palm Sunday Mass at 10AM  
April 14 Holy Thursday Mass at 7:00PM  
April 15 Good Friday—"7 Last Words" at noon.  
Liturgical Observance at 7PM  
April 16 Holy Saturday—Church cleaning and  
Decorating Starts at 9:00AM (see below)  
Easter Vigil at 9:00PM  
April 17 Easter Sunday Mass at 10AM



**Helpers Needed.** In preparation for Easter, the annual Church cleaning and decorating will take place Saturday, April 16, at 9am. Lunch will be provided (after the work is completed!) This is a great volunteer opportunity to help make our church shine even brighter during the Easter season. Many hands make for light work. Please lend a hand. Thank You!



*A friendship is a treasure beyond measure.*



## Repent, and Believe in the Gospel.



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.

### The school lot is closed and locked at 1pm.

There is also a parking lot on the left and right side of Moore Street. 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, please register yourself and your family. Forms are available on the table in church.

### 7 Last Words

This is a parishioner-initiated addition to our usual Good Friday offering, possibly of interest to those who don't drive at night or otherwise can't take part in the evening service.

1<sup>st</sup> Word: "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do." (Lk 23:24)

2<sup>nd</sup> Word: "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise." (Luke 23:43)

3<sup>rd</sup> Word "Woman, this is your son." Then to the disciple, "This is your mother." (Jn 19:26)

4<sup>th</sup> Word "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" (Mt 27:46 / Mk 15:34)

5<sup>th</sup> Word "I thirst." (Jn 19:28)

6<sup>th</sup> Word "It is finished." (Jn 19:30)

7<sup>th</sup> Word "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." (Lk 23:46)

If you are interested in sharing a 6-8 minute (or shorter) reflection on one of these words, contact Faith Kemper at [fkemper@gmail.com](mailto:fkemper@gmail.com).

### HVAC Update

The contract for this major project will be signed this week by the Province of St. John the Baptist. Our parish has pledged to reimburse the Franciscans for their willingness to do this project. The final cost came in at \$292,000. As you know, we have raised over \$100,000. We hope to meet another goal of \$50,000 in the coming months. The remainder of the cost can be covered by the funds we have on deposit. When the friary is eventually sold, we need to have our own separate utilities and this big improvement will save us in heating costs and give us the added benefit of air conditioning!

### CONCERT at SFS.

James Loughery, our parish musician, and his wife, Mia Zlatanovic, will offer a Piano and Organ concert: "Spring Nights, Spring Days." Their piano and organ pieces will be "contrasting night and day music that perhaps evokes Springtime." The concert is this Saturday, April 9, 7:30PM, here in church. Mark your calendars for this delightful and musical evening in spring!

