

10 Palm Sunday *Matt Cavanaugh	11	12 *Clarissa Niese *Linda Robbins	13 *John E. Back	14 Holy Thursday 7pm	15 Good Friday Service 7pm	16 Church Cleaning 9am  Easter Vigil 9pm
17 EASTER!  *Joy Miele	18	19 *Dale Kleinschmidt	20	21 *Jill Kreinbrink	22	23

**Music for Today's Liturgy**  
 Processional: #492  
*Jerusalem, My Destiny*  
 Response: #33  
*My God, My God*  
 Communion: #782 *Only This I Want*  
 #642 *What Wondrous Love*  
 Recessional: #881  
*Lift High the Cross*



**Winner-A-Day Winners:** 4/4-4/10  
 Mary Ann Grosser, James Filusch, Karen Skillman, Joanne Henlein, Ed Paff, Sue Hanneken, Thomas Brock. 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! All proceeds benefit our Church and School.



**Minister Schedule for April 17**  
Coordinator: Jerry Diersing  
Greeters: Barbara Bok, Moe Nieman  
 Lector 1: Mark Kacher  
 Lector 2: Moe Nieman  
Intercessions: Jim Imholte  
Eucharistic Minister: Kathleen MacQueeney  
Collection: Anne Burkhart, Denise Ratterman

For those who are Mass Ministers, The Minister Schedule for Holy Week has been emailed to you. Thank you for your commitments this week.

**Lenten Parish Mission... School Families' Needs**  
 Even though our season of almsgiving is coming to a close, our school informs us that we have given plenty of food, but there is a great need for cleaning supplies such as wipes and bathroom/kitchen cleaners. Laundry detergent is the #1 need. We'll keep the blue bin in church through May 1 for additional donations. Thank you for your continued support for this project.



*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.



*Faith is a journey, not a destination.*

Today's Readings: The Passion of Our Lord Luke 22:14-23:56  
 Next Sunday: Easter Acts 10:34a, 37-43 Col: 3:1-4 John 20:1-9



# St. Francis Seraph Church

at Liberty & Vine, in Over-the-Rhine

**ST. FRANCIS SERAPH  
 THE HEART OF OVER-THE-RHINE**  
 1615 Vine Street  
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 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.

## Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion





**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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 All  
 Visitors!



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 10:00 a.m.  
**Weekday Mass**  
 Mon.– Fri. 8:00 a.m.  
**Holy Days**  
 8 a.m. & 6 p.m.

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**Stewardship - Week Ending April 3**


Sunday Collection: \$3,296.00  
 Mail in Collection: \$1,425.00  
 Total: \$4,721.00



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. 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**



I have made the difficult decision to terminate the contract of our principal, Mr. Halsey Mabry, for cause effective April 1, 2022. This decision came after much deliberation and consultation with the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. (He has been on paid administrative leave since March 10.) A search process will begin immediately to hire a principal for the 2022-2023 School Year. Meanwhile, Ms. Jamie Klauke, Vice-Principal, is in the role of Acting Principal. School Staff members were informed at an early morning meeting on Monday and letters went home that afternoon to all of our families. Brother Tim and I are doing our best to help everyone adjust to this change. Please keep Mr. Mabry and all of us involved with our school in your prayers.

*Fr. Al*

**Holy Week/Triduum Schedule**

Today: Palm Sunday Mass at 10AM  
 April 14 Holy Thursday Mass at 7:00PM  
 April 15 Good Friday  
 Liturgical Observance at 7:00PM  
 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 10:00AM



**Coming Events after Holy Week**

April 19 Parish Council Meeting (zoom)  
 April 21 Finance Committee Meeting  
 April 23 Fratelli Tutti discussion group  
 April 24 Worship Committee Meeting  
 May 1 First Communion  
Catholic Relief Services collection  
 May 3 Ohio Primary—**VOTE!**

**Helpers Needed.** In preparation for Easter, the annual Church cleaning and decorating will take place this 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!



**Make this a Truly Holy Week**



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.



**Note of Thanks**

*I wanted to thank you on behalf of the Tiller family. Just saying thanks doesn't seem to be enough. I want to let you know the thoughtfulness, gratitude and your generosity are greatly appreciated and I will not forget that there are still people out here who care. Thank you and stay blessed!*  
 Tiller Family  
 Our parishioners making donations this Lent to our School's Food Pantry are helping this family and many others who are living with incomes that can't quite meet all of their needs. Thanks to all who have been contributing.

Thank you to Jim Loughery and wife, Mia, for a lovely piano and organ concert last night! Your musical talents not only fill our ears but our souls as well!



**Town Hall?**

Parish Council will discuss at our next meeting offering a town hall meeting, probably after a Mass in May. Our parish has changed a lot in the past couple of years. The influx of many new people from different parishes and neighborhoods, the effects of COVID and all the changes that brought about. A facilitated town hall meeting might be helpful as we all adjust to this transition in the parish. The "picture wall" will soon be ready in the back of the church, giving all of us the chance to connect faces and names of all the people filling the pews! After Mass socializing could also be returning soon. We want to grow as a vibrant community, honoring all the gifts that people are offering in the service of the mission of this church.

**Good Friday Collection**

Pope Francis asks Catholics around the world to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Through this collection, you stand in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land as a witness of peace, supporting Catholics there in parishes and schools, maintaining Christian shrines (many under the care of FRANCISCANS!) and caring for refugees in the Holy Land. **PLEASE BE GENEROUS!**



**Worship Committee...**With another meeting coming up in April, here are the names of those currently serving on this committee: Dan Nolan (chair), Jeanette Tepe (sec.), Lois Biddle, Randy Ulses, Jerry Diersing, Kathy Schellinger and Casey Betz. If you have observations or questions, you can approach one of these committee members.

"Give me grace and mercy as I try and fail, guidance when I'm not sure which way to go, and wisdom to trust you in all things. For your love brings light and life to all who seek it. May I seek you evermore as I walk with you through this Holy Week and beyond. Amen."