

May 2022

15 Fifth Sunday	16	17 *Steve Rollinger	18	19 *Fred Robertshaw	20 *Helen Bender -Anointing of the Sick 8am in Chapel.	21
22 Sixth Sunday *Scott Kiley	23	24	25 *Chris Wilson	26 *Jim Imholte	27 *Christian Jenkins	28 *Vivian Winterhalter *Max Winterhalter

Music for Today's Liturgy
 Processional: #744
As a Fire is Meant for Burning
 Response: **Psalm 145**
I Will Praise Your Name
 Communion: #834 **We Are Many Parts**
 #932 **One Bread One Body**
 Recessional: #743
Sing a New Church



Winner-A-Day Winners: 5/9-5/15
 James Filusch, Jay McGlasson, Janet Bolam, James Bono, Cynthia Metz, Mary Trossman, ADCO Heating and Air. 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 May 22
Coordinator: Jeanette Tepe
Greeters: Barbara Bok, Sr. Joyce Moeller, Marilou Priestle
 Lector 1: Diana Campbell
 Lector 2: Bob Ehram
Intercessions: Sr. Theresa Falkenstien
Eucharistic Minister: Jerry Diersing
Collection: Tina Candelaresi, John Reder

Did you NOT receive a parish email?
 On April 26, we sent a parish-wide email concerning the Saturday, April 30, funeral information and news about Sunday, May 1. We are hearing some people did not receive that. If you are one who did not receive that notice, please send your email to our "Office Guy" at joepearce@sfparish.org. We hope to use this means of communication to alert parishioners to events or news that require a certain time-sensitive notification.

OTR is looking better after many parishioners gathered on Saturday morning to plant all the beautiful flower boxes on the Vine Street side of the friary and on the front of the church on Liberty Street. Thanks to everyone who took part.



Today's Readings: Acts 14:21-27 Rev 21:1-5a John 13:31-33a, 34, 35	Next Sunday: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29 Rev 21:10-14, 22-23 John 14:23-29
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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.



St. Francis Seraph Church

at Liberty & Vine, in Over-the-Rhine

**ST. FRANCIS SERAPH
 THE HEART OF OVER-
 THE-RHINE**
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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.

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. & 6 p.m.

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Stewardship - Week Ending May 8
 Sunday Collection: \$2,619.00
 Mail in Collection: \$2,442.68
 Total: \$5,061.68
 PayPal Total for April: \$985.00



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.

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. And let us pray for the repose of the soul of Dan Sucher. May he rest in peace. Amen.

Catholic Relief Services collection on May 1 received a generous \$1,133.00 from our parish members. Thank you!

Pastor's Corner *Fr. Al*



For 6 Saturdays from late February until May 7, about 20 people regularly met to discuss Pope Francis' Encyclical, "Fratelli Tutti" (Brothers and Sisters to All). These hour and a half discussions were rich in sharing and we all felt enlightened by Francis' words. A major conclusion at the last session is that people desire to know and understand better the needs of Over-the-Rhine. The 25 or so people comprised of long-time St. Francis members and new folks from other parishes (St. Anthony, St. Monica-St. George, St. Margaret of York) bonded well and want to continue in the fall with another study.

Our hope is to offer a panel discussion of invested parishioners who live and work in OTR, to share various perspectives on where OTR is going, what resources are presently here to help the needy and homeless neighbors. There has been a lot of energy on those Saturdays to get involved in a meaningful way.

Our goal is to sponsor this information session on a Sunday after Mass. I am looking into use of the dining room at St. Anthony Center where we could share a brunch and then engage in a panel presentation and discussions. As the covid virus diminishes we hope our parish can come alive with involvement that benefits our brothers and sisters.

Thank you, Joan Hoxsey, for sharing on Mother's Day your reflections at the homily. Her love for family and this church were so clear. And she likes sheep, too! Hopefully all of us want all the more to listen to the voice of the Good Shepherd.

Coming Events

May 17 Parish Council Meeting via Zoom
 May 20 Anointing of the Sick, celebrated at the 8AM Friday Mass
 May 23 Franciscan Chapter/All Province Assembly begins in afternoon at St. Meinrad, IN. This is a week-long meeting through Friday.
 May 24-27 No 8AM Masses
 May 24 SFSS 8th Grade Graduation, 5pm in church
 May 29 Solemnity of Ascension of the Lord
 May 30 Memorial Day



Do Something Wonderful for Someone Today



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.



New Parking Option

The parking lot behind the Franciscan Media building is now available for parishioners to park for Sunday Mass. You gain access to this lot on Race Street (which is one way south). The gate will be locked at 1PM. There are about 25 parking slots available. It is a short walk around the corner onto Liberty Street and then over to the church. Other parking options: The lot behind our school and the lot behind that. The parking lot at Liberty and Race, operated by 3CDC, is also available to us. See the WELCOME GUESTS box (above) for instructions regarding this other free option. Of course, sometimes you can find open spots on the street.



Easter Flower Memorials and Dedications are displayed in picture frames on the back tables in the church.

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.

Wedding Anniversaries

If you are celebrating a 25th, 40th or 50th Wedding Anniversary in 2022, please let our parish office know. If you would like a congratulatory certificate from Archbishop Schnurr you can contact Ana Ramirez at 513-263-3384 or aramirez@catholicaoc.org. A special Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass will be celebrated at the Cathedral on August 14 at 11:00am.



Synod document...The Synthesis of the Synod on Synodality Local Meetings is now available at <http://catholicaoc.org/synod>. This report has been submitted to the USCCB. Rita Reichert, from our parish, was one the two facilitators for our Cathedral Deanery. Thanks to all who participated. The Archbishop reviewed it and did not amend or change the report as it was presented.