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| 29 *Annabelle Johnson *Carla Sherman *Dan Nolan | 30 | 31 *Randy Ulses | June 1 *Tom Sikes | 2 *Paul Kreinbrink *Jim Schmid | 3 | 4 |
| 5 Pentecost *Craig Weaver | 6 *Elise Bender *Elisa Perin | 7 | 8 | 9 *Bob Dahlstrom | 10 *Paul Schwartz | 11 |

Music for Today's Liturgy

Processional:
I Have Been Anointed
Response: #50
God Mounts His Throne
Communion: #683
Be Not Afraid
Recessional: #832
In Christ There is No East or West



Winner-A-Day Winners: 5/23-5/29

Donna Holt, Dave Scully, Camille Haamid, Kenneth Barnhorst, Dehmer Family Scholarship at RB HS, Banks Biggers, Lisa Cropenbaker. 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 June 5
Coordinator: Randy Ulses
Greeters: Gale LaWarre, Marilyn Meyer, Karen Skillman
Lector 1: Caroline Brock
Lector 2: Clarissa Irvin
Intercessions: Kathy McConkey
Eucharistic Minister: Kathleen MacQueeney
Collection: Barbara Bok, Dave Frondorf

Parish Family going on Mission!
Phil and Maria Vanderwerker, with their three children, will be "missioned" at our Sunday Mass on June 12. They are taking a leap of faith into a year in Panama assisting with various clean water projects in remote villages. Outside of a very wealthy Panama City, the majority of the country is well below poverty levels and has little access to clean water or filter systems. Phil is taking a year sabbatical from his job here, they are selling their cars and renting their house as they listen to this call to give a year of service as volunteers. A Facebook page is available so that parishioners can learn more and maybe help fund this year of unpaid service. <https://www.facebook.com/vanderwerkersinpanama>. More information will be prepared and available during the parish social time in the courtyard.

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| Today's Readings: Acts 1:1-11 Eph 1:17-23 Luke 24:46-53 | Next Sunday: Acts 2:1-11 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 John 20:19-23 |
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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

The Ascension of the Lord



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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.



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!

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 10:00 a.m.
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 Mon.– Fri. 8:00 a.m.
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 8 a.m. & 6 p.m.

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Stewardship - Week Ending May 22
 Sunday Collection: \$1,808.00
 Mail in Collection: \$ 750.00
 Total: \$2,558.00



Thank you to all who contribute on Sunday and to those who send your offerings during the week. You can donate online at sfparish.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

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. He is happy to take your prayer request by calling or texting him at 513-404-3688.

Pastor's Corner *Fr. Al*

Another excerpt from The Life of St. Francis by Thomas of Celano:
"Francis said to the brothers with joy: 'Be strong, dear brothers, and rejoice in the Lord. Do not be sad, because you seem so few, and do not let my simplicity or yours discourage you. The Lord has shown me that God will make us grow into a great multitude, and will spread us to the ends of the earth....I saw a great multitude of people coming to us, wishing to live with us.'"

Is it possible what St. Francis envisioned happening to his newly-founded community could happen here at St. Francis Seraph Church? In the big picture of large parishes, we seem so few. A Scripture passage reads *"And your old men shall dream dreams."* *This old man still dreams dreams. I think many of you believe, too, that the Franciscan approach to Church offers a wonderful alternative to parish life within our Archdiocese of Cincinnati. Who knows what will transpire as our Franciscan Family (with St. Clement) takes hold in the coming years? I envision St. Francis Seraph Church continuing to attract new people. Just last Sunday, a visitor shared with me that she felt such a beautiful sense of inclusion in our community. And a young woman who lives in the neighborhood was here with her mother 2 Sundays ago and she returned this past Sunday with her father! She has experienced something good!* I'm grateful that we are going to start after-Mass gatherings and maybe get a parish picnic scheduled in the fall. This pandemic has made coming together as a community difficult. I don't necessarily see that "great multitude" that Francis saw for the Franciscan Order, but I surely see more and more people likely to join us at St. Francis Seraph.



Coming Events

May 30 Memorial Day. Our Mass is celebrated at 8am in the Chapel. Daily, Monday thru Friday, this is an opportunity to pray with a smaller community.
 June 5. Pentecost Sunday. After Mass, Fr. Al will be on vacation thru Saturday.
 June 11. Women's Group at 10am.
 June 12. Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. Parish Social in the courtyard after Mass.



Lord, May We Ascend to be peacekeepers.



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.** Another option is to park in the lot behind the Franciscan Media building. You gain access to this lot via Race Street, north of Liberty. (Race is one way going south into downtown.) it is a short walk around the corner on Liberty Street to church. **This gate will also be locked at 1pm.** We are grateful to Northcrown Properties, 3CDC and Franciscan Media for making available all of these parking options free to our members on Sunday. 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.



Pentecost is Sunday, June 5...*Wear Red!*

As a Liturgical color, red is associated with the Holy Spirit, those tongues of flame that descended upon the early disciples. If you have something red to wear, June 5 would be the day to be ablaze in RED! (Cincinnati Reds gear is appropriate!)



No duty is more urgent than that of returning thanks. St. Ambrose

Parish Council Notes

Parish Council Elections, postponed from last fall, will take place in September. We will seek nominations Sept. 4 & 11. Election Sunday will be Sept. 25. We will probably have 4 or 5 open seats to fill. The second bathroom is almost completed! HVAC installation has begun. We do not have (as of this meeting) a time frame for completion. Bro. Tim will restart the picture taking for the photo board. Planning for a Town Hall Meeting was seen as important but not urgent. This could be planned for the fall. The purpose involves how much this parish has changed through the covid pandemic, the change of pastors, the influx of many new people, etc. We want to give parishioners a chance to hear one another's concerns, hopes, anxieties, etc. We also discussed trying to have a Parish Picnic in the fall. Also, we will restart social time after Mass (aka: coffee and donuts) in the courtyard June 12 and then most Sundays after that. A Social Action/Peace and Justice Committee might be emerging. Council suggested a proposal be presented. Fr. Al will work with interested parishioners to plan for such. In the Open Forum time on the agenda, there was discussion about possibly providing Liturgy of the Word for the young children during Mass and the question of a second Mass was surfaced. For now, one Mass seems sufficient, but parishioners should know that St. Clement offers a 4pm Mass on Saturdays. If coming to Sunday Mass is not possible some Sundays, SFS parishioners might consider the St. Clement option in our Franciscan Family. Next meeting will be August 2 where we can discuss more the elections, plans for having our church open for Blink (Oct.) and other issues.



Tomorrow is Memorial Day, and at 3pm, take a moment and observe the National Moment of Remembrance by pausing for one minute to remember the men and women who died while serving our country.

