

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 2

4:00pm SFX Jim Strabley by Bev Strabley

6:00pm SG JoAnn Bennett by Greg Rhodes

Sunday, July 3 Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am SFX Living and Deceased members of both parishes

10:30 am SG Jean Laubacher by Pete & Denise Laubacher

Monday, July 4—Independence Day

9:00am SFX Virginia Greeneisen by Jay & Kim Wackerly

Tuesday, July 5—St. Anthony Zaccaria

9:00am SG Fr. Bernie Krajcovic by Jim & Family

Wednesday, July 6—St. Maria Goretti

8:00am SFX Mabel Bendetta by Don & Virginia Bendetta

Thursday, July 7

9:00am SG Sick & Homebound by Eucharistic Ministers

Friday, July 8

9am SG Communion Service

Saturday, July 9

11:00 am SFX Wedding of Abigail Robertson & Thomas Betsa

4:00pm SFX Gary Phillips by Judy & Vince Paleschi

6:00pm SG Carl Winter by Dorothy Winter

Sunday, July 10 Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am SFX Dick Contini by Jackie

10:30 am SG Living and Deceased members of both parishes

CHURCH SUPPORT:

May God bless you for your generosity to our parishes on June 26, 2016

St. Gabriel: Adult \$1,558; Loose \$220; Cap. Improve. \$75; New Hall \$60; Peter's Pence \$202; Workless Festival \$125.

St. Francis Xavier: Adult \$1,762; Loose \$346; Peter's Pence \$340' New Hall \$2,390.

PARISH SUPPORT: Please make any Checks covering your Regular Church contributions payable to the parish in which you are formally registered. The exception would be if you are making a donation to the New Church Hall Fund, which should be made payable to: St. Francis Church. Thanks.

SUMMERTIME & GIVING: The relaxed pace of the summer is here. Have a good time and safe trips and vacations. Remember to attend Mass, both while at home and when you are away. **There is no vacation from church!** To find the closest Catholic Church, Mass times and directions check: masstimes.org Also, please don't forget your home parish. We are still here and we need to maintain things while you are away. Your regular church support is very important. We have been looking into forms of electronic giving, but at this time the fees are prohibitive. Thank you and safe travels!

SICK AND SHUT-INS OF THE PARISH

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

Stone Crossing: Vera Kompara

St. Joseph Care Center: Fran Montella

Oak Hill Manor: Chris Norton

(4466 Lynnhaven Ave NE, Louisville, OH 44641)

ST. GABRIEL

At Home: Shirl Bonar; Patricia Burman; Ivette Martinez,

Jerry Nicolet

Eldercare: Mildred Rennie; Joe & Lorene Casper (SFX)

Arbors (Great Trail) Nursing : Richard Lane, Doris Ferguson.

St. Luke Minerva: Stella Kiko; Mary Wadsworth

The Pines: Roman Ritterbeck

(3015 17th St. NW, Canton, OH 44708)

Prayer Chain for St. Gabriel and St. Francis:

For the prayer list for **St. Francis**, please call Dolores Hudson at 330-863-0273; For **St. Gabriel**, please call Darlene Mackey at 330-868-6639.

FOR ILL & HOSPITALIZED: Please call Parish Office as soon as one is hospitalized, to request home visits and Holy Communion, from either parish. The Eucharistic Ministers are not to make these arrangements. Whenever one is admitted to an area hospital, or nursing care facility please inform the Admissions Office you are Catholic and your Parish. Due to the Privacy of Information Act, hospitals no longer give out personal information.



SOCIAL JUSTICE AND CONCERNS:

Habitat for Humanity has approached the local area churches to assist with constructing a home for a local family. Our two parishes are asked to help on **July 16th**, we will need about 6 people to help with trim work. The typical day begins at 8:30am, break at 10 am, lunch around noon and finish around 2:30pm. If you can help, please call Ryan Irwin at 330-205-5475.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT: "He said to them, 'The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few...' Luke 10:2 As Catholics we are all called to serve in ministry. However, many of us are unsure how to use our talents and gifts to build God's Church. Talk to God and ask God what He wants you to do. The next time one of your fellow parishioners asks you to help or join a committee, it may be the answer to your prayer.

VOCATION VIEWS: "The harvest is rich but the workers are few: therefore ask the harvest-master to send workers to his harvest." Pray for vocations. Depend on God's providence. (Luke 10:1-9)



MARRIAGE BANS III

Abigail Robertson of St. Francis Xavier and **Thomas Betsa** of Wicliff, Oh. Wedding:

July 9, 2016 at St. Francis Xavier.



"Come Together, Build Our Future, Leave a Legacy"

Help keep the momentum growing. Support The Pledge Drive Phase for a New "Parish Hall".

"Pledge Drive" Phase

Target Goal **97.7%** Reached!

Will you help us get to the top?

Offerings as of 06/26/2016:

\$272,637.05 Pledges & Gifts

\$ 38,750.00 Brick and Window sponsorships

\$ 21,000.00 Block sponsorships

\$ 11,933.00 Memorial Donations.

\$344,320.05 [Note: Pledge Target Goal is \$350,000]

Parishioners, Visitors,

Friends: Help make our



dream a reality!

Our original "quonset hut" Hall at St. Francis has served us well for over 65 years and has reached the stage of being beyond repair. The only viable solution is to replace the existing structure.



The Committee continues to meet. We are refining the drawings and asking the architect to submit a plan, from which we will be able to determine a

more exact estimate of the size and cost of the building.

We hope to have all of the preliminary design work, diocesan and state approvals by this fall. At that time we will put the project out for bid and plan to begin construction in the Spring of 2017.

Please prayerfully consider ways in which you may be able to help make this project a reality:

- A Pledge, or A One Time Gift, Use of the Monthly Envelope, Volunteer time and talent with Fund raisers, Gifts in Kind, or a Memorial Gift.

The **Pledge Goal Phase** is only **one source** of funding for our project. **Part Two** is the **Savings & Fund Raisers** and, **Part Three** will require a **Bank Loan** to cover any unpaid pledges and any amount needed to complete our project. **Information sheets and pledge cards available in the narthex of church, or by calling Parish Office.**

KEEP WATCHING OUR PARISH WEBSITE

stgabriel-stfrancis.org

NEW HALL PROJECT PAGE IS NOW OPEN.



MOMENTS OF MERCY:

"Those who judge put themselves in the place of God", the Pope said. "They make themselves God and doubt the word of God". This is precisely "what the serpent persuaded our fathers to do, saying: 'No, no, God is a liar, if you eat this you will be like Him'. And they wanted to take God's place".

This is why, the Pope insisted, "judgment is so wrong: judgment is only for God to do, him alone!". Our responsibility is instead to "love, understand, and pray for others when we see things that are not good", and if need be, to "even speak to them", to warn them if something does not seem to be going in the right direction. In every case, "never judge, never", because "if we judge that is hypocrisy".

Moreover, Pope Francis said, "when we judge we put ourselves in God's place. This is true, but our judgment is a poor judgment: it can never, never be a true judgment", precisely because "true judgment is what God gives". Why "can't our judgment be like that of God?". Is it "because God is omnipotent and we are not? No, because our judgment lacks mercy". And "when God judges, he judges with mercy".

In conclusion, the Pope suggested that today we think about "what the Lord says to us: not to judge, so that we will not be judged; the measure by which we judge will be the measure we are judged by. And, thirdly, let us look in the mirror before we judge". Therefore, when we want to say: "he does this, or she does that", it is better to look in the mirror before we speak. Otherwise, "I am being a hypocrite because I put myself in God's place", Pope Francis repeated, and "my judgment is a poor judgment: it lacks a very important thing that we find in God's judgment: mercy". May the Lord "allow us to understand this well

THANK YOU ST. FRANCIS COF/MEN'S CLUB !

Thanks to St. Francis Catholic Order of Foresters/Men's Club for their recent gift of \$2,000 as a result of their fundraising projects. We will apply it towards our New Church Hall! Thanks to all who assist with regularly keeping our church clean and our outside grounds so beautiful. It reflects your spirit of sacrifice. The "Tuesday Crew" (men and women) do a great job and are always ready to welcome additional helpers. Just show up on Tuesday morning. They will give you a job to do!



HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY JULY 4! We will celebrate **Mass** at St. Francis Xavier for all on Monday at **9:00am**. There will be no adoration at St. Francis and the **Church office** will be **closed**. Join us for Mass as we thank God for all of the Blessings of Freedom which we enjoy in this country.

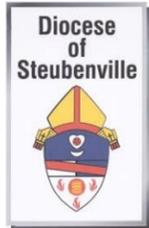
PARISH SHARE CAMPAIGN Items needed:

July 2/3 Flour, Sugar & Shortening

July 9/10 Breakfast bars & cereal

DIOCESAN/PARISH SHARE ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

“Give to the Most High as he has given to you.”



The needs of our diocese and individual parishes are great. Our **2016 Goal** is:

St. Francis is \$21,452
St. Gabriel's is \$22,568.

Any amount generated over our goal will be returned to our parishes. Any gift will be appreciated. Responses to date:

21% response from St. Gabriel (306 households)
31% from St. Francis Xavier (200 households)

Thanks to those who have already responded. Your support of the D/PSC is the most effective way our parish community joins together in the Church's work to care for our neighbors and to make disciples in the 13 counties of southeastern Ohio which make up our Diocese. If you have yet to participate in the 2016 Diocesan Parish Share Campaign, please visit www.diosteub.org or complete an **Appeal Envelope** found on the bulletin table in narthex of each church, or by calling the parish office. **PLEASE HELP US EXCEED OUR GOAL, God Bless you! God bless your generosity! God bless your love!** Fr. Cinson

CWC NEWS: St. Gabriel CWC will meet on Wed. July 6 at 12Noon in the annex meeting rooms. All ladies of the parish are encouraged to attend. Lunch will be provided. We will be starting to plan for the Annual Boutique, which is scheduled for Nov 3-4-5,2016. Candy making will take place on Monday mornings beginning in Sept., and volunteers are needed to help in the “Candy Kitchen”. A sign-up sheet for candy making will be on the desk in the gathering space soon.

A PRAYER FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY

“Almighty God, who has given us this good land for our heritage: We humbly beseech you that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of your favor and glad to do your will. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom your Name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that, through obedience to your law, we may show forth your praise among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness and in the day of trouble, do not allow our trust in you to fall; all this we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.”
AMEN! — *George Washington*

SIGN UP FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!

This is our TENTH year anniversary of VBS non-stop! Our **BARNYARD ROUND-UP VBS** is right around the corner **beginning July 11th through the 15th from 9:30 - 12 noon daily. PreSchool Age 4 through 12 years old (6th grade)** can register to attend, with 7th grade and up as small group leaders and helpers. We need both adult and teen help. Please use the sign up sheets available in the gathering space of St. Gabriel's. You can also call and leave a message for Denise Laubacher, 330-868-3808, to register your child/children, or call to say you are helping. VBS is a wonderful and fun summer experience for our youth and a great place to put into practice leadership skills for our teens. At Barnyard Round-Up kids learn how Jesus cares, provides, leads, forgives, and is our Savior. He gathers us together now and forever, no matter what! Sign up today!



DINNER OUT: Please join us for dinner at the **Minerva Senior Center**. It is open to **ALL** members of **ST FRANCIS AND ST GABRIEL** churches **regardless of age**. Our next dinner is **July 7**. Our menu will be baked turkey, cracker dressing, coleslaw and cake. Carry out meals available. Serving time is 5pm but they ask that we arrive by 4:45pm if possible. Dinners are \$6 each. You **MUST MAKE A RESERVATION** BY CALLING Norma at 330-868-4502 or the senior Center at 33-868-6004 **NO LATER** than 5pm the day before the dinner. Hope to see you there!



BACK TO SCHOOL PROJECT:

Our parishes are participating in the “Back to School Project” which will benefit student attending the Malvern and Minerva schools. Watch the bulletin for further information in weeks to come. You may also sponsor a child. If you would like to sponsor a child please contact The Salvation Army at 330-868-5808. Supplies need to be placed in the boxes under the coat racks at **either church by Sunday, August 7**.

ST. JAMES SCHOOL: PreK-6th now enrolling. Pre-School classes for 3,4 and 5year olds are offered for 2,3,4 or 5 morning per week from 9-11:30am. Kdg-Six grade offers and affordable tuition plan that meets the needs of every family. St James school is fully accredited by the State of Ohio Catholic School Accrediting Association. All teachers are licensed by the State of Ohio. Tuition Assistance is also available for students in Kdg—6th grade. Call the office at 330-866-9556 for more information. St. James School is located at 400 W. Lisbon St. Waynesburg.



FREEDOM Those who deny freedom to others deserve it not for themselves. —Abraham Lincoln

ST. GABRIEL

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St. Francis 330- 863-0760

OFFICE HOURS:
9am – 5pm Monday - Thursday; 9am—2pm Friday

REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:00pm at St. Francis
6:00pm at St. Gabriel
Sunday: 8:30am at St. Francis
10:30am at St. Gabriel
Weekdays 8:00am Mon. and Wed. at St. Francis
9:00am Tues. and Thurs. at St. Gabriel
9:00am Fri. St. Gabriel Communion Service

[See Weekday Schedule inside for changes & special days.]

Holy Days of Obligation

Vigil (evening before) 7:00pm at St. Francis
Holy Day 9:00am and 7:00 pm at St. Gabriel

CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 2:00 – 2:45pm St. Gabriel
3:15 – 3:45pm St. Francis
Other times by request. [Note: Confessions will be cancelled when there is a wedding at either church. Check weekly bulletin.]

BAPTISMS

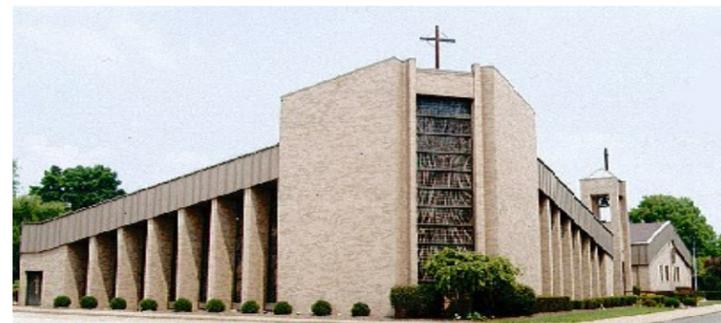
Parents are to call the Parish Office to arrange for a preparation meeting. The child need not yet be born to make these arrangements.

MARRIAGES

Couples intending to marry **must** consult the pastor personally at least 6 months prior to the desired date. No date will be set until this meeting takes place.

BULLETIN DEADLINE:

All items must be submitted to the Parish Office **in writing** by **12:00 Noon on Tuesday**.



ST. FRANCIS

125 Carrollton Street ▪ Malvern, OH 44644

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITIONS:

Some say tomato—and some say tomahto—you know the old song. What do you say when you arrive at church and see a font prepared, a baby in the wings, the paschal candle burning? Well, maybe you will say that “we’re having a baptism today,” or maybe you say “we are having a christening.” The proper term is baptism, since that is the name of the sacrament. But the persistent use of “christening” in our culture, probably from due to the influence of the Episcopal Church, is interesting.

Baptism, an ancient word, is from the Greek meaning to dip or to dunk. Christening is an Old English word that describes perfectly well that more than getting splashed with water, the person being baptized is being “Christ-ed.” No matter what you call it, there’s always water involved, and then an anointing with chrisem—fragrant olive oil consecrated as a sign of Christ’s presence—poured upon the brow as we say, “As Christ was anointed Priest, Prophet, and King, so may you live always as a member of his body, sharing everlasting life.”

So, in being Christ-ed, you are conformed to his image, your life is expected to be a retelling of his life in miniature and you—even though you may be squirming or sleeping—are commissioned to be a priest, a prophet, a king. This means that you are called to be one who worships, you are called to speak the truth, you are called to shape the world and exercise right judgment. That is the deepest treasure of our tradition, and every time you gather to celebrate a baptism, you renew your vows precisely so that you can be more “Christ-ed.” No matter what vocabulary you assign to the liturgy, the key is transformation of the human person in the community of the Body of Christ.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

LOW GLUTEN HOSTS AVAILABLE: We have a special ecclesiastically approved low-gluten(0.01%) host available for any with glucose intolerance (celiac disease). Please inform the ushers **before** Mass begins. Those receiving this special host should come forward in the line in which the priest is distributing the Eucharist.



14th Sunday Ordinary Time, JULY 3, 2016