



ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH NEWS

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“Here I Am Lord” Theme of Lenten Soup Suppers

"Here I am Lord. Is it I Lord?" the theme of this year's Lenten Suppers, underscores what one person can do when he or she answers the Lord's call. To quote Vietnamese Buddhist Monk and peace activist Thich Nhat Hahn:

*One tree can start a forest;
One smile can begin a friendship;
One hand can lift a soul;
One Word can frame the goal;
One candle can wipe out darkness;
One laugh can conquer gloom;
One hope can raise your spirits/;
One touch can show you care;
One life an make the difference;
BE THAT ONE TODAY.*

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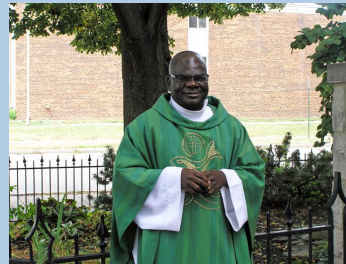
Honoring the Past—St. Francis' Capital Campaign

Honoring the Past, Serving the Present, Preserving God's Gifts for the Future is the theme of the St. Francis of Assisi capital campaign that kicked off in January. To honor the past we are reprinting the following article that originally appeared in the Winter 2015 issue of St. Francis of Assisi Parish News. It reports the research of our late parishioner, Pat Mooney

Pat Mooney is a lifelong learner who loves exploring history. He served for 25 years as the president of the Catholic Record Society of the Diocese of Columbus, which, according to its mission, "is dedicated to the searching out, preserving, and publishing or otherwise making available to researchers and the public any materials pertaining to events, persons,

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Thoughts from Father Fritz—The Meaning of Lent



*With this issue we are starting a new newsletter feature that we are calling **Thoughts from Father Fritz**. In this issue Father*

talks about Lent and Lenten practices.

Lent is a time to remember Jesus' suffering and to do something in sympathy with him. People often give up something for Lent. That's good but even better is to do something positive as a result of that giving up. For example, if they decide to have more modest meals during Lent they could give the money that they save to people who are hungry. Or if they want to cut down on the time they spend watching TV or playing on the computer they could use the time they save to do something healthy like walking or providing service to others.

Lent also is a time to foster our prayer life. I use the Liturgy of the Hours as the foundation of my prayer life. Also, I spend quiet time every day reading and reflecting on the daily readings in preparation for the celebration of Mass. The practice of prayer is very important for every Catholic. Those parishioners who want to read and reflect in prayer on the daily readings will find our new web site link to the readings helpful.

I urge all parishioners to use this sacred time of year to reflect on their lives and to strengthen their commitment to their faith.

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organizations, and places in Ohio historically associated with the Diocese of Columbus." So it was not surprising that Pat began exploring St. Francis' past when he and his wife Margaret became parishioners.

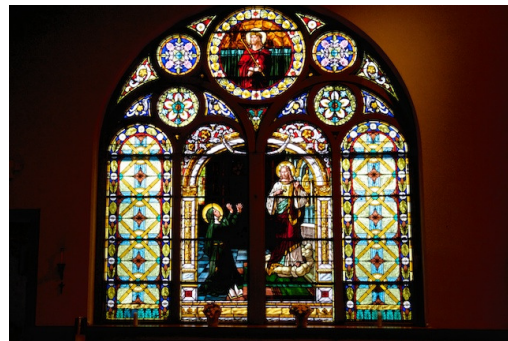
Pat shared his findings on October 17, 2014, when parishioners gathered in St. Francis' hall to hear his fascinating descriptions of St. Francis of Assisi's early years and the neighborhood which now is the Short North.

Key facts presented by Pat included:

- St. Francis was founded in 1892. Prior to the building of the church Masses were held at a former Methodist Church. Rent for the facility was \$318 for two years.
- The cornerstone for St. Francis of Assisi was laid in 1895 by Bishop Watterson. A reenactment of that event occurred in 1995.
- The church's original architects were Joseph Yost and Frank Packard. Renovations were made in 1955 and 1986. In 1906 a two-story school was built on what is now the church

parking lot. It was no longer operating as a school when it burned down in 1973.

- Contrary to popular belief most members of the early church were Irish, not Italian.
- The large east window at the front of the church depicting Jesus' revelation of his sacred heart to Margaret Mary Alacoque was donated by Jeremiah O'Shaughnessy. The window is on the east of the church because St. Francis' mother church was Sacred Heart, which is located east of St. Francis of Assisi on Hamlet Street.



East window photo by parishioner Will Brenner

St. Francis of Assisi Designed by Famed Architects Yost and Packard

As the above article on the history of St. Francis of Assisi indicates (and as Ralph Rosenfield pointed out at one of the capital campaign information sessions) our church was designed by the architectural firm of Yost and Packard which existed for approximately eight years until Joseph Yost left to work in New York.

The Yost/Packard partnership and later Frank Packard on his own designed many notable buildings in Ohio and elsewhere. Here's a listing of a few of their designs:

- The Governors Mansion on E. Broad Street
- YMCA on Third Street
- The Toledo and Central Ohio Railroad building on W. Broad Street
- The Seneca, Great Southern, and Virginia Hotels in downtown Columbus
- The Masonic Temple (currently the Columbus Athenaeum)
- Worthington and North High Schools
- Memorial Hall on east Broad (home of the original COSI)
- Children's Hospital

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Feedback?—We are always seeking feedback re: the newsletter as well as ideas for future issues. Send ideas to Karen Scheid (klscheid@gmail.com) or Lorri Kuczynski (lorrik09@gmail.com)

Recently Launched Parish Web Site Houses Several New Features

The newly designed St. Francis of Assisi web site has been launched! While the site contains many familiar items—information about liturgy and sacraments, ministries, and faith formation—it also includes many new features.

The site utilizes the **e-Catholic platform** and includes several links to external Catholic sites offered by the platform. For example, on the homepage **Rome Report** houses videos of Vatican activities; **Catholic Link** provides access to articles that may be of interest; and the **Catholic Diocese of Columbus'** link connects to the Diocese' website.

The homepage also includes a listing of the daily Mass readings and a link to them on the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishop's site— a map to St. Francis, which should be convenient for visitors,—Mass schedules, and a link to the most recent bulletin.

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Parish Mission
St. Francis of Assisi is a diverse community of faith rooted in Christ. We follow the Roman Catholic tradition seeking to become a people utterly inspired by faith and devotion to God, as lived by St. Francis. The center of our life is the Eucharist, where we come to know Christ in one another, in Sacred Scripture, and in Sacrament.

We strive to become a family with hearts open to all, sharing the joy of God's Word and the challenge of on-going spiritual growth. We labor to transform society through acts of social justice and charity, to promote peace, and to ease the burdens of poverty, illness, and discrimination within our parish and larger community.

Mass Times
SUNDAY:
 • 9:00 AM
 • 11:00 AM
TUE-FRI:
 • 6:00 PM
3RD TUESDAY:
 • Mass at Westminster Thurber, 11:00 AM, all are welcome
 • On this day, there is no 6:00 PM Mass
ADORATION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT
 • Second Tuesday of the month, following 6:00 PM Mass
HOLY DAYS
 • 7:00 PM on the Holy Day
RECONCILIATION
 • 5:30 PM on Friday

Rome Reports
 Pope Francis to consecrated people: Look at eyes of brot...

Catholic Link
 What is True Service to Others? Are You Merely Glorifying Yourself? (Gospel Reflection)
 Gospel Reflection for the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time No matter how hard we try to build walls and barriers... The post What is True Service to Others? Are You Merely Glorifying Yourself? (Gospel...
 Five Feminine Virtues I Learned From the Joyful Mysteries (Part 4: The Presentation)
 How many women ache in longing -- in one way or another -- for the men in their lives (fathers... The post Five Feminine Virtues I Learned From the Joyful Mysteries (Part 4: The Presentation) appeared...
 Confused About What To Do For Lent? Take This QUIZ!
 Every year without fail all things Lent appeal to me. The books, the retreats, the daily emails, the texts... Inevitably... The post Confused About What To Do For Lent? Take This QUIZ! appeared first...
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Office Hours
 Monday - Friday, 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
 or By Appointment

Sunday's Bulletin
 See the most recent bulletin [HERE](#)

Today's Readings
 Feast of the Presentation of the Lord
Reading 1 Mal 3:1-4
Responsorial Psalm PS 24:7, 8, 9, 10
Reading 2 Heb 2:14-18
Gospel LK 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

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 St Francis of Assisi Catholic Church
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"Preach the gospel at all times. If necessary, use words."
 ~ St. Francis of Assisi

Social Justice Update

The St. Francis Social Justice Group meeting will be held in the church hall on **Monday, February 19 at 7—8:30 p.m.** Any parishioner interested in social justice including those who attended the St. Francis BREAD house meeting last October and/or the BREAD Annual Assembly in November are encouraged to attend.

The major portion of the meeting will focus on preparing for the BREAD Nehemiah Action on May 7. Cora Harrison from BREAD will be in attendance on February 19th and available to answer any questions about recent BREAD activities and progress on the issue selected for 2018—**Youth and Family Concerns.** Parishioner Gary Snyder has reported that the initial work on the issue has focused on research related to four subjects:

- 1) foster care/custody;
- 2) housing/homelessness;
- 3) drug abuse; and
- 4) mental health.

According to Cora two of the most commonly

voiced concerns that have thus far surfaced in meetings are the lack of affordable housing and financial burdens faced by grandparents raising grandchildren.

The goal of the issue committee (made up of individuals from all congregations including St. Francis) and the steering committee will be to see what emerges from the research and the many meetings Dec.—March that can best support tangible action(s) to constructively address one of these areas of need.

Besides time organizing for the Nehemiah Action, the Social Justice Group meeting will offer updates from the Creation Care Team and St. Vincent de Paul. Also John Coyne and Tom Scheid will provide a brief overview of their efforts with Lifebuilders—a prison ministry program—and discuss opportunities for others to join in a Diocesan ministry to aid individuals re-entering society.

Questions? Contact Karen Scheid at klscheid@gmail.com

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Stewardship Committee is coordinating the suppers this year and the following presentations have been lined up to elaborate on the selected theme:

- Feb. 21 - The St. Francis Inn - A documentary film of Franciscan Friars who run a soup kitchen and food pantry in Philadelphia
- Feb. 28 - Speaker from the Coalition for the Homeless
- Mar. 7 - Parishioners reading St. Padre Pio's account of Jesus in the Garden
- Mar. 14 - Bill Keller leading a game of Catholic Jeopardy
- Mar. 21 - Speakers from Franklin County Children Services
- Mar. 28 - Stations of the Cross organized by Amy Knight with fellow Parishioners.

Soup suppers begin at 6:30 p.m. following the 6 p.m. Mass. At each meeting a part of a hymn that represents the soup supper theme will be sung and participants will choose a Lenten goal for the week.

Come join us!

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- Granville Inn
- Orton Hall, McMillan Observatory, Hayes Hall, Lord Hall on OSU's campus
- The Atlas Building in downtown Columbus
- The Columbus Athletic Club
- The Sells Mansion across from Goodale Park
- The original Huntington Bank Building on S. High Street

Another Lenten Idea




The Catholic Climate Covenant has sent a link to an online Lenten calendar --<http://justresponse.faith/lent-2018-calendar>

– that contain prayer and other activities for each day of Lent.

In Case You Missed It....As reported in the last newsletter and in recent church bulletins, we now have new recycling containers in the church hall. Below is a guide as to what items should be recycled. Thanks to Frank Conway for securing the containers and moving St. Francis' recycling efforts forward!


Items You Can Recycle

Paper




- ✓ Newspaper
- ✓ Envelopes
- ✓ Junk mail
- ✓ Phone books
- ✓ Brochures
- ✓ Magazines

Cardboard



- ✓ Ream wrappers
- ✓ File folders
- ✓ Poster board
- ✓ Frozen food boxes
- ✓ Cardboard boxes
- ✓ Milk cartons

Plastic




- ✓ Water bottles
- ✓ Take-out containers
- ✓ Soda bottles
- ✓ Bagged film plastics

Aluminum/Metal



- ✓ Aluminum beverage cans
- ✓ Food cans
- ✓ Pots, pans, tins & utensils
- ✓ Scrap metal

Glass*



- ✓ Beverage containers
- ✓ Glass food jars

*Glass recycling varies by location.

 **Quick tip:** When recycling, ensure your recyclables are **EMPTY, CLEAN and DRY.**

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The Catholic Resources section in the **News** contains other links of interest including those to the Catholic News Service and the Pope's twitter account as well as past issues of St. Francis of Assisi News.

A link that can be used to sign up for scheduled giving and a "Contact Us" tab to

enable site users to request additional information about St. Francis, ask for prayer, seek Pastoral Counseling, or to provide feedback about the newsletter also have been added.

Thanks to Louis Schulte, Debora Lipetz, and Jeanna Diederich for making the new site a reality!

Scenes from Pasta Dinner 2018 ———>



