

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 4
4:00pm SFX Living and Deceased members of both parishes
6:00pm SG Marilyn Zwick by Kay Hilverding

Sunday, February 5
8:30am SFX Josh Shearer by Jay & Kim Wackerly
10:30am SG Ruth Pilati by Nick & Many Hoagland

Monday, February 6
8:00am SFX Loraine Warner by Jackie Contini

Tuesday, February 7
9:00am SG MaryJo Casper by Robert & Patricia Ailes

Wednesday, February 8
8:00am SFX Esther Danielson by The Traina Family

Thursday, February 9
9:00am SG JoAnn Bennett by Ken Bennett

Friday, February 10
9am SG Communion Service

Saturday, February 11
4:00pm SFX Gary Phillips by Rick & Theresa Andreski
6:00pm SG Marilyn Zwick by Kay Hilverding

Sunday, February 12
8:30am SFX Doug Deeter by Judy & Vince Palleschi
10:30am SG Living and Deceased members of both parishes

CHURCH SUPPORT:

May God bless you for your generosity to our parishes on January 29, 2017

St. Gabriel: Adult \$1,508; Loose \$153; Cap Imp. \$75; Salvation Army \$302.

St. Francis Xavier: Adult \$2,081; Loose \$129; New Hall \$430; Christian Care Center \$633.

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.



STEWARDSHIP "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." Matthew 5:16

The generosity of being a good steward of your gifts has a positive effect on people and it is contagious! Good works encourages more good works. Let your light shine! Be careful to recognize that God is working through you and don't put yourself above the people you have been called to help.

SICK AND SHUT-INS OF THE PARISH ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

Stone Crossing: Vera Kompara
St. Joseph Care Center: Fran Montella, Jerry Nicolet (SG)

ST. GABRIEL

Home: Shirl Bonar; Ivette Martinez
Arbors (Great Trail) Nursing : Richard Lane, Doris Ferguson.
St. Luke Minerva: Stella Kiko;
Carroll Health Care: 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, and/or 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.

TAX FINANCIAL STATEMENTS: Anyone needing a contribution statement for the past year, please contact the church office. This includes any contributions to the New Hall Construction and D/PSC.

PLEDGE STATEMENTS: Can't remember how much you've pledged? Call the church office and you may get a pledge statement which will show how much you pledged and how much you've paid on that pledge. These statements are different than the Financial Statements. The financial statements do not give you a total of ALL money paid from the beginning pledge.

VOCATION VIEWS: Let your light shine and give God praise! Hiding your light doesn't serve anyone. Where will you choose to "glow"?



CONGRATULATIONS to Dale & Suzanne Lawson of St. Gabriel who celebrated 30 years of marriage on January 31. May you have many more happy and healthy years ahead.



SYMPATHY: St. Francis and St. Gabriel off our prayers of sympathy to Betsy (Jim) Cinson, and family, on the death of Betsy's mother Iola Bryant on February 1st. Following cremation a service will be celebrated on Friday, February 10 at St. Francis Church. May all of the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE: stgabriel-stfrancis.org



**"Come Together, Build Our Future,
"Leave a Legacy"
Help keep the momentum growing. Support
Our "New Parish Hall" Building Fund Drive.**

Help us get to get over the top!

Pledge Amounts as of 2/2/2017:

\$256,604.00 Pledges & Gifts
\$ 55,660.00 Brick, Block and Window Pledges
\$ 312,264.00 Sub-total [Pledge Goal \$350,000]
\$ 79,169.41 Fundraisers/Organization gifts
\$ 13,453.00 Memorial Donations.
\$404,886.41 Total of Pledges and Gifts



**KEEP UP YOUR PRAYERS AND HELP!
WE ARE GETTING CLOSER TO THE
GROUNDBREAKING OF THE NEW HALL.**

The plans for the New Social Hall have been submitted to the Diocesan Building Commission for approval. The next step will be to place the project out for bid soon and finalize the financial arrangements. In addition to the building, we will need to consider new equipment and furnishings. Also, an additional Building Phase will consist of upgrading the current Parking Lot. We are confident that once our new hall is completed we will have a state of the art facility which will be more efficient to maintain and be of benefit to our parishes for educational and social needs. We feel that this facility will also generate sufficient revenue from rentals to assist with future upkeep and maintenance. We are already getting requests for rental dates in 2018!

As Pastor, I feel very confident that the success of this project will give our parishes greater hope for our future survival in offering a Catholic presence in this part of Carroll County. It will be a sign of the life and vitality of our parishes in living and spreading the faith in our area.



The Diocesan Guidelines basically call for one half of the money in cash/reserve funds and one half borrowed (to cover any unpaid pledges and applied to the building process). We estimate the amount needed to be borrowed in the range of \$400,000—\$600,000. We need to hear as soon as possible from anyone who has not yet had an opportunity to make a pledge, or gift. We invite all visitors to help in whatever way possible. Invite former parishioners and family members to help as they are able. No gift is too small! Thanks to the many who have already responded. **Information sheets and pledge cards are available in the narthex of the church, parish Web Site, or by calling the Parish Office.**

PARISH PHOTO DIRECTORY: You will receive information in the mail of how you can get signed up to get your picture taken and receive a free 8x10 portrait. Thanks in advance! LifeTouch will be here to photograph every household/family in our two parishes. They will be at St. Gabriel from **March 14—18, 2017, at St. Francis from March 23-25** and they will return to **St. Francis April 17 and 18** to finish anyone who was not able to attend the first sessions. **Mark your calendar.** If you have questions or are able to lend a hand, please call Linda Ferrante 330-324-3690.



JUSTICE AND SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE: The Justice and Social Concerns Committee is hosting the February Salvation Army client dinner. We will be serving it on Tuesday, February 7th at the Minerva Community Building. We are asking parishioners of both parishes to help donate the food items. Please bring the food items back to the annex at St. Gabriel on this weekend **February 4th and 5th.** Cash or check donations are always welcome. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Ryan Irwin at 330-205-5475. Thank you for your generosity!



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults:

This is the process in which we welcome new members into the Catholic faith. **Sessions meet in St. Gabriel Annex rooms on Wednesdays from 7-9 pm.** If you, or someone you know, would like to explore and/or join the Catholic faith call Linda Shaw at the Parish Office: 330-868-4498. We welcome all and will meet to set up the process for you as soon as we hear from you. Come and See!

K OF C PANCAKE BREAKFAST: K of C Council #11380 is sponsoring a Pancake Breakfast **TODAY** Sunday, Feb 5 at St. Gabriel Church hall from 9am-12:30pm. Breakfast includes pancakes, sausage, home fries, scrambled eggs and a drink. \$5 for adults, \$2 for children ages 6-12 and ages 5 and under free. Please join us for the best breakfast in town. Bring your family and friends.



THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE

As children we sang the lively song *This Little Light of Mine*. The words, of course, are based on today's Gospel, in which we are called as disciples to be salt and light for the world. Children are uninhibited about sharing their faith. It's only when we grow older that we prefer to hide our light under a bushel basket because our culture tends not to emphasize discipleship. The message in this week's readings is clear: in order to give glory to God through our discipleship, we must show the light of Christ in our words and deeds. Not an easy thing for inhibited adults. Often we may think of salt and light in terms of what we do for others, but it can be just as important not to do something, such as getting angry with the stranger on the road, or telling an offensive joke.

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PSR NOTES:

LOOKING AHEAD - PSR NOTES

Feb 5: Preschool PSR meets 9-10:15 am

Feb 19: YOUTH GROUP BAKE SALE

Feb 26: FIRST RECONCILIATION at 1 pm St Gabriel



ST. BLAISE AND BLESSING OF THROATS

This past Friday, *February 3rd*, was the feast of *Saint Blaise*, a saint who helped cure many throat illnesses and injuries, and was martyred for his faith in the year 316. Saint Blaise was a physician before becoming a priest, then bishop, in the Church, and at the time of the Licinius' persecutions, he was taken prisoner for his faith. While in prison, he miraculously helped cure a boy who was in danger of death by choking on a fishbone. Because of this, we honor this Saint's feast day by having a priest, or Special Minister of the Eucharist, place two blessed candles in a cross over people's throats, saying a prayer of blessing. "Through the Intercession of Saint Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." Most parishes also offer this blessing after Masses on the weekend closest to the feast. All are invited to come forward today for this personal blessing.

"Vocations—Tour 2017"



The Office of Vocations will be holding a diocesan vocations tour, a series of events throughout the diocese where parishioners will be able to hear from priests, religious, and Bishop Monforton just what discernment is and how to pray in order to follow God's will for your life. These events are open to anyone—and I would particularly encourage parents to come with their children. We would also love to see high school and college-age young men and women, and anyone who would like to hear about what it means to find and live your vocation. The Tour will be in our area on March 19 at 6pm, at Our Lady of Mercy in Carrollton.



FISH FRY AT ST GABRIEL: It's time to organize our Lenten Fish Fry Dinners. There will be an organizational meeting this coming Wed. Feb 8 at 6pm in the church basement. Fish Fry dinners at St. Gabriel will begin on Friday, Feb. 24 from 4:30-7pm. There will be sign-up sheets in the narthex of the church for

volunteers. Please watch the bulletin for more info. If you have question, please call Ralph Halter at 330-205-5958 or Dave Cinson at 330-205-1324.



FAMILY GAME TIME: Dust off your family games & bring them to play, *Sat. Feb 11 4-6pm* then join the group at 6pm Mass.

You may call Pam Moody at 330-205-2163 or Karla Bolanz at 330-495-6048 for more information.

TUESDAY "FAITH & FELLOWSHIP"

Tuesday morning study group at St. Gabriel Annex classroom, 10:00 am. We will be studying the book "*Resisting Happiness*" by Matthew Kelly. Come and see what it's all about!

THURSDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

Bible study continues, starting back on Thursday January 12th at 7-8:30 pm in the annex rooms of St. Gabriel. Maccabees 2 is being studied and all are invited to attend; bibles are available. For more info, please contact Pete & Denise Laubacher 330-868-3808.

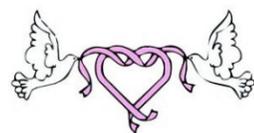
ST. FRANCIS CWC The next meeting will be Tues. Feb. 7, rosary at 2pm and meeting to follow in the narthex of St. Francis Church.



QUARTER AUCTION The next planning meeting will be Tues. Feb. 21 at 6pm in the narthex of St. Francis. We need your ideas, input and help! Please join us for this meeting.

Please watch for the "*Basket Tree*" to go up in the narthex of the church. The "*Basket Tree*" will have tags on it with ideas for baskets that the parishioners are able to make and turn in for the auction. If you have questions you may call Jan Prevot at 330-863-0789.

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY



Pope Francis, in his Apostolic Exhortation, *Amoris Laetitia*, "*The Joy of Love*," challenged the Church to reach out to married couples and families in order to encourage, support and accompany them in their God-given vocation. World Marriage Day, February 12, and National Marriage Week (Feb. 7-14) offers a special opportunity to respond to the Holy Father's invitation. A daily virtual marriage retreat for National Marriage Week is also available through Facebook: www.facebook.com/foryourmarriage. **Prayer for Married Couples:** "Almighty and eternal God, You blessed the union of husband and wife so that we might reflect the union of Christ with his church: look with kindness on us. Renew our marriage covenant. Increase your love in us, and strengthen our bond of peace so that, [with our children], we may always rejoice in the gift of your blessing. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen."

ST. GABRIEL

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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 TRADITION

When the custom of the stationary liturgies was revived in the city of Rome in the early days of the twentieth century, the papal liturgy for Good Friday was appropriately housed in the stationary church of *Santa Croce in Gerusalemme*, the Holy Cross of Jerusalem.

The church is off the tourist track today, but true pilgrims would never miss it. It stands on the grounds of the Sessorian Palace, the home of the Empress St. Helena, mother of Constantine. She dedicated her life to finding the true cross of Christ in Jerusalem, and desired to found a church in Rome for people who could not make the long and dangerous trip to the Holy Land. Eventually, it came to house relics of the cross. When the pope fled the city of Rome for Avignon, the religious institutions of Rome collapsed and the church was abandoned. Centuries later it was given into the care of monks. Amazingly, it concealed a forgotten treasure. In 1492 repairmen took down a brick wall and discovered a niche with the inscription "Title of the Cross," and within, an ancient wooden tablet on which was carved the inscription dictated by Pilate for the cross of Christ in Hebrew, Latin, and Greek. No one is certain that this is authentic, although its discovery was enough to give the church great prestige among pilgrims. The veneration of the relic of the cross located here was a factor in shaping our restored Holy Week.

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PARISH SHARE CAMPAIGN:

February 4/5 Hot drink mix, Coffee, tea, etc

February 11/12 Soaps & washing products

Please place items in shopping cart in St. Gabriel hallway, and the marked boxes in the St. Francis coatroom



FIFTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME— February 5, 2017