

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 15
4:00pm SFX John Zwick by Christine & Family
6:00pm SG Marilyn Zwick by Jim & Lucille Frigyes

Sunday, October 16—29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30am SFX Joseph Petenzi by Bob & Jane Davis
10:30 am SG Living and Deceased members of both parishes

Monday, October 17—St. Ignatius of Antioch
8:00am SFX Emilio Castellucci by Chris & Sheri Montella

Tuesday, October 18—St. Luke
9:00am SG Bev Filisky by Paul

Wednesday, October 19—Sts John DeBrebeuf & Isaac Jogues
8:00am SFX Donald & Mabel Bendetta by
John & Kaaren Grodhaus

Thursday, October 20—St. Paul of the Cross
9:00am SG JoAnn Bennett by Feta, Pauline & Kristine Foltz

Friday, October 21
9am SG Communion Service

Saturday, October 22
4:00pm SFX Living and Deceased members of both parishes
6:00pm SG Helen "Peggy" Moushey by Family

Sunday, October 23—30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30am SFX Don Casper by SFX Men's Club
10:30 am SG Ruth Pilati by Nick & Mandy Hoagland

CHURCH SUPPORT:

May God bless you for your generosity to our parishes on **October 2, 2016**

St. Gabriel: Adult \$1,978; Loose \$332; PSR \$75; New Hall \$165; World Missions \$194.

St. Francis Xavier: Adult \$1,676; Loose \$133; Extraordinary bldg. fund \$170; New Hall \$305.

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.

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.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT: "...be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient..." 2 Timothy 4:2

It is not always convenient to be a good steward, especially when all the temptations of our busy and materialistic world get in the way. Now add our own pride and ego into the equation and living a stewardship lifestyle may be downright uncomfortable! Remember, God didn't call us to be comfortable. He called us to be faithful.

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; Tom Bolanz, Patricia Burman, Ed Libbey, Ivette Martinez
Eldercare: Mildred Rennier
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, 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.

PRAYER BEFORE AN ELECTION

Lord God, as the election approaches, we seek to better understand the issues and concerns that confront our city/state/country, and how the Gospel compels us to respond as faithful citizens in our community.

We ask for eyes that are free from blindness so that we might see each other as brothers and sisters, one and equal in dignity, especially those who are victims of abuse and violence, deceit and poverty.

We ask for ears that will hear the cries of children unborn and those abandoned, Men and women oppressed because of race or creed, religion or gender.

We ask for minds and hearts that are open to hearing the voice of leaders who will bring us closer to your Kingdom.

We pray for discernment so that we may choose leaders who hear your Word, live your love, and keep in the ways of your truth as they follow in the steps of Jesus and his Apostles and guide us to your Kingdom of justice and peace. We ask this in the name of your Son Jesus Christ and through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH



Intention: For all who are abused: May they experience God's love and receive the support and resources they need to find help. **Prayers:** Our Father, 3 Hail Marys, Glory Be. **Reflection:** In his recent Respect Life Month statement, Cardinal Dolan reflected, "God loves us, treats us with respect, and asks us to do the same with others. ...No one should ever be treated callously or carelessly—everyone should be cherished and protected!"



**"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!

Offerings as of 10/3/2016:

\$252,698.00 Pledges & Gifts [Goal \$350,000]
\$ 55,560.00 Brick, Block and Window Pledges
\$ 308,258.00 **Sub-total**
\$ 76,669.00 Fundraisers/Organization gifts
\$ 12,488.00 Memorial Donations.
\$397,415.00 Total of Pledges and Gifts



GOOD NEWS!

We hope to have all of the preliminary design work, diocesan and state approvals by Fall/Winter of 2016. 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: Consider: 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. Our Financing, according to Diocesan Policy involves three parts:



I. Pledges/Gifts. Individual Pledges towards the project. Preferably payable over a five year period. Our Building Committee set this target goal at \$350,000.00.

II. Savings and Fundraisers. We do not want to totally deplete our savings and investments. We will need to keep a "rainy day" fund for emergencies. All Fund Raisers and gifts received through the "Building Fund Envelopes" and other special gifts are earmarked for this project. The Annual "Quarter Auction" is one example of what we are able to accomplish by working together.

III. Bank Loan. As soon as we are able to determine projected costs we will need a bank loan to cover the unpaid pledges and balance of costs. We estimate this amount to be in the range of \$400,000—\$600,000.

Information sheets and pledge cards available in the narthex of church, parish Web Site, or by calling Parish Office.

CHECK OUT OUR PARISH WEBSITE
stgabriel-stfrancis.org

MOMENTS OF MERCY:



During this Holy Year of Mercy, we have reflected on God's mercy, revealed especially in the incarnation of his Son, and on our duty, as followers of Jesus, to be "merciful like the Father". In St. Matthew's Gospel, the Lord tells us that we will be judged by the mercy we show to him, present in the least of our brothers and sisters. His words have inspired the seven traditional "corporal" works of mercy – feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, clothing the naked, welcoming the stranger, healing the sick, visiting the imprisoned and burying the dead. The Church's tradition also adds seven "spiritual" works of mercy – counseling the doubtful, instructing the ignorant, admonishing sinners, comforting the afflicted, forgiving offences, bearing patiently those who do us ill, and praying for the living and the dead. As expressions of living faith, these works are often carried out quietly and with simple gestures. Yet, as Saints like Mother Teresa of Calcutta show us, they reveal the merciful face of Christ and can change the culture around us. Let us keep them always in mind and strive to practice them daily.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

The Journey continues! Every **Wednesday at 7 PM** in the St. Gabriel annex classrooms (enter through the doors from the back parking lot), we welcome those from our area interested in learning more about the Catholic faith. This faith journey process, called the RCIA – The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, is designed for adults who are un-baptized, baptized in another Christian denomination, or baptized Catholic but who did not celebrate the sacraments of Confirmation and/or Eucharist. If you, a spouse, family member or friend are thinking about finding out more about the Catholic faith this is the perfect opportunity to join us. For more information please call either Linda Shaw or Fr. Vic Cinson at 330.868.4498 as soon as possible.

VOCATION VIEWS: Pray persistently and God will respond. Ask God to bless the Church with faith-filled ministers. (Luke 18:1-8)



ON MAKING MORAL CHOICES IN VOTING. (See Today's Bulletin

Insert) The Diocese has asked us to make available copies of "On Making Moral Choices In Voting" from the Catholic Conference of Ohio to all of our parishioners. Please take a moment to reflectively read this insert in helping you to make sound moral decisions for the upcoming election. "Catholic voters are called to properly form their consciences in preparation for voting and for the continued advocacy for just laws and policies required after voting." This insert does not tell you who to vote for, nor is it a "short-cut" to the constant prayer, understanding of Church teaching and discernment that goes beyond campaign rhetoric and partisan politics.

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. A big "Thank You" to all who helped us to reach this level so far. We have had some individual contributors who made sizeable gifts. *Both Parishes have reached the point where ALL gifts will be returned to the parish* for our use and not be subject to Diocesan assessments. This truly is the **BEST Way** and the **BEST Time** for you to make a **gift to your parish**. Please help us in this special appeal.

St. Francis. Goal \$21,452

Gifts: \$ 21,890, Responses: 36% (200 households)

St. Gabriel. Goal \$22,568

Gifts: \$38,290, Responses: 28% (306 households)

To make a gift, or add to an existing gift, simply *return the Appeal Card/Envelope to the Office*, call us, or visit the D/PSC site www.diosteub.org Please **HELP US According to your means. God Bless you!**

ST GABRIEL CWC BOUTIQUE: Mark your calendars now for the St. Gabriel annual Boutique held Nov. 3,4,5 in the basement of St. Gabriel Church. For table rentals please call Judy Wood at 330-868-5627.

TURKEYS, DISH TOWELS, DISH CLOTHS

(new/used) AND COFFEE are needed for the St. Gabriel Boutique. If you are able to donate any of the above items, please drop them off in the church hall kitchen.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We are in need of some volunteers for the Boutique. If you are able to lend an hour or so of your time, please contact Judy Wood at 330-868-5627.



CHRISTMAS PLAY: The Youth of our Parishes are organizing a simple Nativity play on Sunday, Dec. 18 at 7pm for Christmas. It will be held at St. Gabriel. All children, of both parishes, K-12 are welcome to participate. An informational meeting will be held after the 10:30am Mass on Sunday, October 23 in the social hall of St. Gabriel. Please contact Mrs. Karla Bolanz 330-495-6048 for questions.

PSR HIGH SCHOOL: "LIFEWORk: FINDING YOUR PURPOSE IN LIFE" Special Teen Sessions

LifeWork sessions are 9 am -10:15 in the annex rooms of St Gabriel beginning Oct 23rd, and again Nov 20th with more scheduling to follow. For further information contact Denise Laubacher, 330-868-3808.

CHRISTMAS CHOIR: There will be several "Christmas Choir" opportunities coming up soon. The Mass times for Christmas will be Christmas Eve 4pm at St. Gabriel; 7:00pm at St. Francis Xavier, 10:00pm at St. Gabriel. Christmas Day will be 9:30am at St. Gabriel Church. If you are able to sing or play piano or any other instrument for any of these Masses, please contact the parish office at 330-868-4498 and talk to Peggy. Practice will begin shortly so watch the bulletin.

PSR "PRESCHOOL MONTHLY PROGRAM":

Our parishes' PSR program began a once a month **PRE-SCHOOL program that meets** on the **first Sunday of the month** (K of C breakfast Sundays) or the following Sunday if holidays or events prevent the first Sunday. **Preschool students** are invited to attend the "**All Saints Program**" during the regular PSR time which is 9-10:15am, October 30. Due to the Boutique, the next official Preschool class will be **Nov. 13**. If you are interested in your child being a part of this program, there is a sign up list in the educational wing at St Gabriel, or please contact Denise Laubacher at 330-868-3808.

THANK YOU: Frances Maurer would like to thank all of the parishioners of St. Gabriel and St. Francis for your prayers and well wishes during the illness and death of her husband, Edward this past month.

YOUTH GROUP SHOE BOX PROJECT:

St. Gabriel and St. Francis Youth Group meets **THIS SUNDAY**, October 16, 3-5pm in the educational wing (upstairs) for their service project "Operation Christmas Child". For more information contact Denise Laubacher 330-868-3808.

THURSDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY 7-8:30

pm in the annex rooms at St. Gabriel. There is always room for more, all are invited to attend! Contact Pete & Denise Laubacher if you have questions, 330-868-3808.

CWC IN OUR PARISHES:

St. Gabriel

† Baby Shower for the Alliance Pregnancy Crisis Center on Sun. Oct 16 at 2pm in the annex meeting rooms of SG. All ladies of both parishes are invited to attend. If you are unable to attend, you may place unwrapped items in the box in the narthex of either church.

St. Francis Xavier

† Asking someone to chair the annual Quarter Auction in the spring of 2017. Please contact Jan Prevot at 330-863-0789.

CWC DEANERY: Join Mother of Hope Deanery for a "Day With Bishop Monforton" on Wed. Oct 25 at Holy Family Church in Steubenville. Reservations required. Call Diana Vargo at 740-937-2941 for reservations.

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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

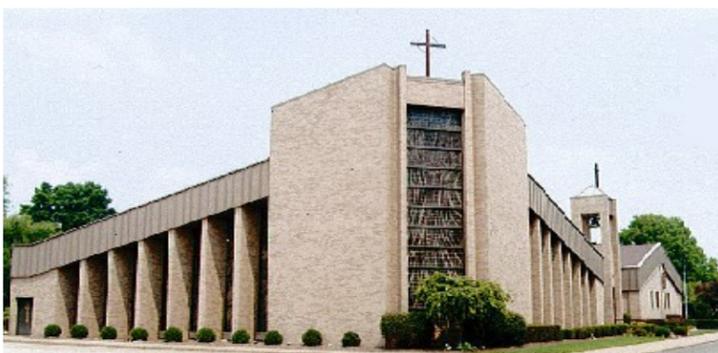
Parents are to call the Parish Office to arrange for a preparation meeting. The child need not yet be born to make these arrangements.

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**.



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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITIONS:

From the early medieval period, it was expected that the many bishops of Italy travel to Rome at least once every three years to give a report of their ministry, with a footnote granting the bishops of Sicily a visit every five years. By the eleventh century, the idea of bishops visiting the tombs of the apostles was a very strict requirement for all within reasonable reach of Rome. The age of discovery and the expansion of the Church into remote corners of the earth made this an unreasonable burden in many cases, yet every bishop was required at least to send a representative to Rome every five years.

In 1911, Pope St. Pius X established the rule for a "quinquennial" (meaning "once in five years") report, called an *ad limina*. This literally means "to the threshold," and refers to the expectation that the visiting bishop will go to the thresholds of the tombs of the apostles Peter and Paul and to a personal audience with the Holy Father. An exemption was given to so-called "mission territories," which in 1911 included the United States. The reports were still required, but could be filed by letter with an office of the missions called "Propagation of the Faith." This status was changed in 1917 and since that time all American bishops have been subject to the *ad limina*. These reports, carefully kept in the Vatican archives, are a treasure trove for historians, providing snapshots of culture and faith and a record of the Church's resilience even in times of persecution and change.

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PARISH SHARE CAMPAIGN

Items needed:

15/16 Condiments, salad dressings, etc.

22/23 Toiletries



29th Sunday Ordinary Time, October 16, 2016