

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

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Mary Jane Jurofcik *High School Ministry*

Sunday Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 6:00 p.m. (Vigil)
Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

Holy Day Mass Schedule: Refer to bulletin

Weekday Mass Schedule: Monday - Saturday 8:30 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Daily: 9:00 a.m.
Saturday: 12:30 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. or by appointment

Sacrament of Baptism: Baptism is celebrated any
Sunday at 12:15 p.m. Parents are required to
attend a Preparation Class prior to the Baptism.

Sick Calls: Notify the Rectory for hospital visits
or Communion to the sick or shut-ins.

Bulletin deadline: Monday at Noon

Child Abuse Line: 1-888-808-1235

A Family Perspective - Why is it so hard to forgive, yet so easy to get even? Listen to John the Baptist in today's gospel and repent of the anger and ugly feelings which block your ability to forgive. This Christmas give a gift which makes a difference. Give forgiveness.

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be Monday, December 8th at 8:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. No anticipated mass.

Pictorial Album draws the parish closer together. December 9-10; December 26-30. It won't be as good if your picture isn't in it. Call the Parish Office at 724-348-7145 to schedule an appointment for the remaining dates. It's not too late.

- Please be on time for your photo session.
- If you are able to help signing people in for their sessions, please call Kathy 724-348-5361.

Christian Mothers & Ladies Guild Christmas Party will be held this Thursday, December 11th at 6:30 p.m. in Finley Hall. Bring a paper product for the service project of the Food Pantry, and a \$10 gift if you wish to participate in the gift exchange.

Oplatki - Christmas Wafers are available after all masses or at the Parish Office during the week.

Christmas Giving Tree Project – Today is the day to return the gifts for the “**Giving Tree.**” If you have forgotten to bring your gift today, please bring it to Finley Hall no later than **9:30 a.m., Monday, December 8th.** Hall opens around 6:30 a.m. Thank you for a great participation this year!

Good Samaritan Collection today - Box in the vestibule this last weekend. Finleyville Interfaith Council will get food for needy families in the community.

Christmas Poinsettias – There are Flower Offering envelopes in the back of the church to order flowers for the Church for Christmas. Donation: \$7.00. The Poinsettias may be placed on the Altar “***In Memory of a Loved one***”, “***In Thanksgiving***” or “***For a Special Intention.***” Return by **Monday, December 15th.**

Bingo - Join us Tuesday for Bingo in Finley Hall. The Jack-pot will remain at \$1,175.00 in 55 numbers until it is won. The Magic Number will be \$55.00 plus this week's take. 'All Nighter' game will be \$510.00 plus this week's take. Early Birds begin at 7:15, regular games begin at 7:30 p.m. This may be your lucky night! Come check out our new Bingo Board.

Advent Carol Service here at St. Francis presented by the combined Interfaith choirs and 'Too Many Tubas' band next Sunday, December 14th at 7:00 p.m. in the Church. Come join us for this advent program. We will have fellowship and refreshments afterward in Finley Hall. All are welcome.

Discovering Christ - As you prepare the way of the Lord in Advent, think beyond Christmas. Like Mary, willingly say “Yes!” to the Spirit. Decide to deepen your relationship with Christ. Discover His power and His unconditional love for you! Registration forms for “Discovering Christ” are in the Church vestibule; or call Teresa 724-348-9041 or Joanna 724-348-8056.

Help Wanted - The Discovering Christ team needs a few men willing to be facilitators/helpers with small group discussion. Topics can be previewed; guidelines and suggestions are provided.

If interested call Dot 724-941-4874 or Henry 724-348-6251.

Thanksgiving Lottery Winners:

November 23	Midday #657	Pasquinelli
	Night #543	Barb Stefanik
November 24	Midday #376	Dan
	Night #454	Jim Bartkowiak
November 25	Midday #111	JAT
	Night #944	Shirley Fetchko
November 26	Midday #958	Gallo
	Night #635	Clara Detts
November 27	Midday #358	Shirley Pinchok
	Night #576	Tom Brown
November 28	Midday #261	Joe Couey
	Night #549	Pamela Welsbacher

Congratulations and Thank You everyone helping to sell the tickets and for your support!

Thank you to all who helped with the Thanksgiving Dinner. Many people, who may have otherwise been home alone, had a place to go for Dinner.

Marriage Moments - December 8 is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception - an angel, Mary, a life changing message. It's almost too surreal to believe. What's our take away? Ponder the angel's greeting to Mary, "Do not be afraid." What do my beloved and I worry about? Remember: "Nothing is impossible for God."

Parenting Pointers - With Christmas approaching this is a good time to talk with your child about selecting one or several toys to pass on to other children. It's consistent with the "one in - one out" principle for keeping a simple home. It doesn't have to be a favorite toy, but it should be something they think will bring joy to another.

Ministry Schedule

December 8th Immaculate Conception Holy Day

8:30 a.m. Monday

Ministers: Jurofcik, McNally, Schirra
 Lector: E. Stanchak

7:00 p.m. Sunday

Ministers: S. & A. Parker, Gallo
 Lector: N. Lang
 Servers: A. Parker, K. & K. Gindele

December 13/14

6:00 p.m. Saturday

Ministers: Thropp, Checque, Hoover, Stanchak,
 Brucker, Foster, D. Lewis

Lector: K. Lewis
 Servers: T. & T. Smida, K. Lewis

8:00 a.m. Sunday

Ministers: J. Funtal, Dishong, McNally, Hirsch,
 R. & F. Funtal, Sherred

Lector: M. Wyse
 Servers: R. Funtal, E. & C. Rega

11:00 a.m. Sunday

Ministers: C. & D. Stewart, C. Wardle, Trovato,
 Folz, Bublak, Gallo

Lector: L. Kenavey
 Servers: K. & K. Gindele, J. Scherer

“It’s Been a Loooooong Time Since My Last Confession” - This Advent season, each Catholic parish in the Diocese of Pittsburgh will have their doors open and lights on Wednesday, December 10th from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. If you have been reluctant to come to the sacrament, have been away for some time or just found it difficult to get to a Saturday afternoon confession time, this is a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with Christ and His Church. *“The Light is Still On for You!”* especially if you haven’t been to confession in a while. Our priests are cream-puffs.

Visit www.diopitt.org/lightstillon for information.

Altar Servers needed for weekend masses. The more we have the less we lean on the few we do have. Parents, see if your 4th grade to high school grades will help us. Training will be in January. Call the Parish Office to sign up.

Thanks from the Pregnancy Resource Center for your gift of \$1,730.80 in the Baby Bottle Collection.

Congratulations: John & Owen Weldon, Honor Roll at Bishop Canevin High School, and to **Andrew Parker** on team for the Peters Township Boys State Champion soccer team.

Financial Overview

Needed/week.....	\$9,355.71
Last week.....	\$6,199.31
Deficit/Surplus.....	(\$3,156.40)



Today, December 7, Second Sunday of Advent

Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

6:00 p.m. (Sat.) George & Dolores Tallon - Carleo Family

8:00 a.m. Jared Donovan - Grandma & Grandpap

11:00 a.m. For the People of the Parish

Monday, December 8, The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Holy Day of Obligation

Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

8:30 a.m. For the People of the Parish

7:00 p.m. Luigi Rigano - Rigano Family

Tuesday, December 9, Advent Weekday

Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14

8:30 a.m. Personal Intention of Carol Wagner

Wednesday, December 10, Advent Weekday

Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30

8:30 a.m. Beatrice Donovan - Rick & Mary Jane Jurofcik

Thursday, December 11, Advent Weekday

Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9, 10-13ab; Mt 11:11-15

8:30 a.m. David Goettel - Darlene Fetchko

Friday, December 12, Our Lady of Guadalupe

Zec 2:14-17, Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38

8:30 a.m. Gerald DeRiso - Carol Cicci

Saturday, December 13, St. Lucy

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

8:30 a.m. Vera Duchak - Francis Funtal

Confessions after 8:30 a.m. Mass daily

Sunday, December 14, Third Sunday of Advent

Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-50, 53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn :6 -8, 19-28

6:00 p.m. (Sat.) Helen Ely - Leonard Checque

8:00 a.m. For the People of the Parish

11:00 a.m. In Thanksgiving for Stevie Roper - Mom, Dad & Family

Home With Christ - Please pray for the souls of Margaret Little, sister-in-law of Roseann Laughlin; for John Chornak, husband of Lois Chornak, father of John Chornak, and brother-in-law of Rich & Mary Kriston; for Albert Parish, brother of Tom Parish; for Terry Balog, husband of Sheila Balog.

The Sanctuary Candle will burn this week *“In Memory of the Deceased Members of the Parish & Whitco Families”* requested by Steve & Mary Parish & Family.

TO THE GLORY OF GOD

The Flowers on our Altar today are presented



“For the Birthday of Irene Fidago”
 requested by Daughter, Cindi.

“In Memory of Steven Tkach, Sr.”
 requested by Patricia, Steve Jr., Scott & Beth Tkach.

