



St. Francis of Assisi Parish

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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 - The gospel today shows Mary and Joseph weren't 'perfect' parents. If you have ever been 'amazed' and 'astonished' at what came out of your child's mouth, then you are in good company. If there were times you 'didn't understand' your children or felt 'anxious' about their behavior so did Mary and Joseph. Parenting is tough but it is also the stuff of holiness.

Great Christmas in our parish family. Over 700 parishioners and family visitors gathered to celebrate Christ's birth as we offered our thanksgiving prayer to the Father - Eucharist. Prior to Christmas we had many people come to confession especially, "The Light is On For You" December 10th from 6-9 p.m. It was steady till 8:50 p.m. The priests thank you for your Christmas cards and gifts. The parish Giving Tree seems bigger every year. Kids in our parish and neighborhood got a load of gifts and the poor ones in Braddock filled their school bus with gifts. We have the most generous people in the world. I'm sure! Thank you on behalf of all the recipients of your generosity. God will bless you with kindness.

Masses for January 1st, Solemnity of Mary are Wednesday, December 31st at 6:00 p.m. and Thursday the 1st at 8 and 11 a.m.

Pictorial Album - Sign up your whole family, college kids home for Christmas, Monday and Tuesday, December 29th & 30th. Call the Parish Office 724-348-7145 to make an appointment. From 2 p.m. - 9 p.m.

We need volunteers to help with portrait sign in. Call Kathy Pitzer 724-348-5361. Thank you for helping.

Eucharistic Adoration - This Friday, January 2nd, we will have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 6-9 p.m. Come, pray for your special intentions.

No Donuts this weekend, December 27/28.

No Bingo Tuesday, December 30th, we will resume games on Tuesday, January 6th.

Happy and Blessed New Year!

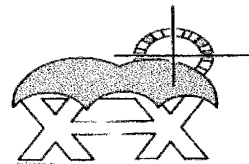
Discovering Christ - St. Paul tells us today, "Let the peace of Christ control your hearts." How difficult is that? Join many others on a comfortable journey to discover Christ who offers peace and total support. Eat, pray, listen, talk, and find Christ with them. No cost; 7 Thursday evenings from 6:30 - 9:00; starts February 12, 2015, ends March 26, 2015. Call Joanna 724-348-8056 or Teresa 724-348-9041 to register for seven sessions. Can't make all 7 evenings, register any way!

Marriage Moments - As the year comes to a close, many people review its ups and downs. Share the happiest and saddest time for each of you this past year. Is there anything you want to change to love each other better next year.

Parenting Pointers - It's the week after Christmas. Perhaps the house is a mess - but hopefully it's a happy mess. Presumably your child has gotten some nice gifts. Take time to enjoy them together this weekend. Play some games. Rejoice in each other's company. Relax.

Flower Calendar for 2015 is in the vestibule. So that everyone will have a chance to select their special date, we will offer the flower selection to two families per week. The cost for one vase will be \$20.00. There are two spaces on each date, please use only one unless you want both vases for \$40.00 then put your name through both spaces. Please put your last name and **phone number** by the date of your choice and we will contact you as to the intention to be placed in the bulletin. Any question, call the parish office at 724-348-7145.

"Molokai" Movie, Wednesday, January 14th, 12 noon at the Mon Valley YMCA, (Duration 108 minutes). Mandatory sign up in the Business Office. This drama is the story of Fr. Damien, who in 1872 went to the island of Molokai, where lepers had been exiled to live in miserable surroundings. Damien earned the trust of the lepers and his appeals for help resonated throughout the world. Even after Damien himself contracted leprosy he carried on working for his "fellow lepers" to the end. Stars: David Wenham, Derek Jacobi, Peter O'Toole, Sam Neill, Leo McKern and more....



Mary, Mother of God - December 31st, January 1st**6:00 p.m. Wednesday**

Ministers: Thropp, Hoover, Brucker
 Lector: S. McCormick
 Servers: C., K., & T. Berdar

8:00 a.m. Thursday

Ministers: Dishong, McNally, R. Funtal
 Lector: J. Mansmann
 Servers: R. Funtal, C. & E. Rega

11:00 a.m. Thursday

Ministers: Bublak, Trovato, Folz
 Lector: L. Kenavey
 Servers: Z. Bublak, K. & K. Gindele

January 3/4, 2015**6:00 p.m. Saturday**

Ministers: Thropp, Kovscek, Foster, Brucker,
 Stanchak, Hoover, Checque
 Lector: K. Andrews
 Servers: K. Lewis, E. MacKenzie

8:00 a.m. Sunday

Ministers: F. & R. Funtal, Jurofcik, Jaki, Yesionek,
 Hirsch, Patellos
 Lector: M. Wyse
 Servers: P., J., & J. Pisarcik

11:00 a.m. Sunday

Ministers: Folz, Bublak, Broglie, C. & J. Patterson,
 D. & K. Lewis
 Lector: V. Lombardi
 Servers: Z. Bublak, V. Lombardi, K. Lewis

Treasure's From Our Tradition

In the last century, a few new feasts were blended into the Church year, including today's. After World War I, the chaos of daily life in Europe made its impact felt on the family structure. Partly to offer Christians an image of hope and holiness in married family life, and also to promote the welfare of children, today's feast was "invented" in 1921. In 1969, it became a feast of Christmas.

The prayers today remind us not only of family life, but of life in the community of faith. We ponder the mystery of a God who loves us dearly enough to embrace the struggles, joys, and daily sorrows of family life. The message of Christmas shines through: God-with-us is available to us in the ordinary patterns of our lives and commitments. The lives of people who raise their children in difficult circumstances, and of people who remain faithful to life in the Church in spite of some of their own family struggles, occupy a special place in our hearts today in prayer. -Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Time

Do not squander time, for that is the stuff life is made of.

—Benjamin Franklin



Today, December 28, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph *Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Ps 128:1-5, Lk 2:22-40 [22, 39-40]*

6:00 p.m. (Sat.) For the People of the Parish
 8:00 a.m. Joan Schmalzried - St. Francis Ushers
 11:00 a.m. Helen Nyga - Bill & Janet Nyga

Monday, December 29, Fifth Day in the Octave of Christmas *1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35*

8:30 a.m. David Goettel - Lou & Berta Merolli

Tuesday, December 30, Sixth Day in the Octave of Christmas *1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40*

8:30 a.m. Dan & Frieda Nurnberger - AC & Clara

Wednesday, December 31, Seventh Day in the Octave of Christmas *1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18*

8:30 a.m. Kathy Pasquinelli - Jurofcik Family

Thursday, January 1, The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord, Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

6:00 p.m. (Wednesday) Roy Breinig - Janet Donovan

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

11:00 a.m. Neil Amann - Family

Friday, January 2, SS Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen/First Friday

1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28

8:30 a.m. Jean Taylor - Carolyn Prendergast

6-9 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration

Saturday, January 3, Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34

8:30 a.m. Chester Suski - George A. Wilson

Confessions after 8:30 a.m. Mass daily

Sunday, January 4, The Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

6:00 p.m. (Sat.) John Chornak - Rich & Mary

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

11:00 a.m. Paul Owens, Jr. - Betty Klein

The Sanctuary Candle will burn this week **"In Memory of James & Beatrice Donovan"** requested by Daughter, Janet.

The Sanctuary Candle burns before the Blessed Sacrament 24 hours a day. It is a symbol of the presence of Christ in the Eucharist. If you wish to have the Sanctuary Candle burn for a special intention, please pick up the special envelope in the vestibule of the Church. Mark the envelope with the name(s) you would like to be remembered, or a special intention and return it with a \$10.00 donation. Each week we will publish in the bulletin the intention.