



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 Magi in today's gospel were led to Jesus by a star. Who are the stars your children follow? Don't let it be the tabloid stars. Resolve in this New Year to be the guiding star in the life of your children.

Happy and Blessed New Year to all. We hope it's a year of good health, better than ever. May the disappointments of last year become by-gones that we can move on to better days. Good time to resolve to come back to Sunday Mass and give thanks to God for your many blessings, for your family as well. We'll welcome you.

The Christmas Season ends with the Baptism of the Lord, next Sunday, January 11th. We will tear down our decorations after 11:00 mass. Please stop by and give us a hand. If the Steelers make the playoffs, we want to be ready in case they play that day. Help! Please!

Prayer Blankets Sewers - Prayer Blankets should be returned to the Parish Office by Thursday, January 22nd so that they can be put together on January 30th. Thank you.

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.

Discovering Christ - We don't see camels outside of church or treasures of aromatic spices in ornate boxes. As you come to adore in your jeep or pick-up, praise Christ and offer the best gift - yourself! You know He's been waiting as you journeyed through school halls, family gathering, across ball fields and soccer fields, to the grocery store and home. Give meaning and depth to your journeys. Register for Discovering Christ. Starts February 12th in Finley Hall. Details on-line at www.stfrancischurch.net or from Teresa 724-348-9041 or Joanne 724-348-8056.

Thank you to Kegel Funeral Home in Finleyville for our 2015 Catholic Calendars.

"Molokai" Movie on Wednesday, January 14th, 12 noon at the Mon Valley YMCA, Country Club Rd., Monongahela. (Duration 108 minutes). Mandatory sign up in the Business Office. This is the story of Fr. Damien, the leper.

Marriage Moments - The feast of the Epiphany on January 6th celebrates the three wise men bringing gifts to the baby Jesus. Why not be wise and bring your spouse three compliments on January 6th. Consider your beloved's physical appearance, a unique talent, and an act of kindness.

Parenting Pointers - On the 9th Day of Christmas 9 Ladies Danced. But dancing is not only for ladies and true love is not only for newlyweds. Try dancing with your child(ren). It needn't be ballroom; it needn't have partners; it needn't even be good dancing. Share a dance from your childhood with your children. It could be serious or silly, from the waltz to the hokey pokey. Let them share their style of dance with you - if you dare. Moving together can be joyous.

South Hills Children's Choir is scheduling auditions for children ages 8-15. The Children's Choir is an independent nonprofit organization dedicated to enhancing the lives of children from all back grounds through vocal excellence and celebrated choral music. Practices are held at Viewcrest Presbyterian Church in Eighty Four. Contact Director Jennifer Nolan for more information at 724-949-0048 or check the website at www.shcchoir.org.

Christian Mothers & Ladies Guild Meeting will be held Thursday, January 8th at 7:00 p.m. We will have a Fellowship Night and White Elephant Bingo. Sounds like fun, come join us. Service Project is a Paper Product donation to the Food Pantry. Refreshment Committee: Chairperson - Carol Wagner, Donna Marraccini, Karen Digby, Mary Ann Mastandrea, Karen Andrews.

Enjoy Books - Last Call. We return to printer any books left over soon. Need a special gift?



Ministry Schedule – January 10/11**6:00 p.m. Saturday**

Ministers: Kovscek, Foster, Thropp, Checque,
Hoover, Stanchak, Brucker

Lector: S. McCormick

Servers: K., C., T. Berdar

8:00 a.m. Sunday

Ministers: Sherred, McNally, Dishong, J. Funtal,
Fox, F. Funtal

Lector: E. Garry

Servers: R. Funtal, E. & C. Rega

11:00 a.m. Sunday

Ministers: Mansmann, Trovato, C. Wardle, Folz,
A. Parker, Pitzer, Bublak

Lector: J. Dimoff

Servers: K. Lewis, A. Parker, Z. Bublak

Bingo resumes - Join us Tuesday for Bingo in Finley Hall. The Jack-pot will be \$1,195.00 in 55 numbers. A Magic Number will be \$158.00 plus this week's take. The 'All Nighter' will be \$630.00 plus this week's take. Early Bird games begin at 7:15, Regular games start at 7:30. This may be your lucky night.

Partners in the Promise -

As a society, during these days we can be in something of a "postpartum" depression. Our celebrations of Christmas and the New Year are over, and after today many of us will put away the decorations and the last visible remnants of the celebrations of the past weeks. The apostle Paul today uses the expression "partners in the promise." This is an uplifting phrase for us to reflect upon, and to think of as our own calling in these days following the birth of the Lord. What is this promise? We can find it in the gifts the magi bring: it is a promise of being a royal priesthood (gold), a holy nation (frankincense), a people set apart for self-giving (myrrh). We find more of the promise in Isaiah—a light shines upon us! In the psalm we know a promise of a world of flowering justice, profound peace, the poor rescued, pity for the lowly and the poor. This is the promise; and one of the best ways for us to lift ourselves out of any possible low spirits we may be suffering is to live out our partnership in this promise each and every day.

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The Holy Star

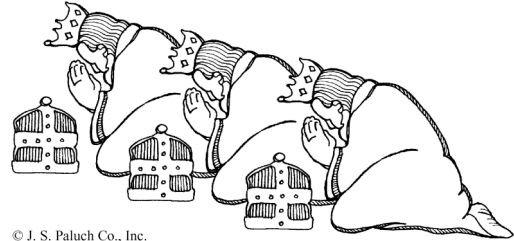
O Father, may that holy star
Grow every year more bright
And send its glorious beams afar
To fill the world with light.

—William Cullen Bryant

Gentleness

Feelings are everywhere—be gentle.

—J. Masai



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Today, 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

Monday, January 5, St. John Neumann

1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

8:30 a.m. Beatrice Donovan - Paul & Joan Owens
& Family

Tuesday, January 6, Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44

8:30 a.m. Carl Funtal - Funtal Family

Wednesday, January 7, Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52

8:30 a.m. Terry Balog - Todd, Denise & Maddox
Miller

Thursday, January 8, Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72: 1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a

8:30 a.m. Jose Romero - Pat, Joanne & Bea
Mansmann

Friday, January 9, Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16

8:30 a.m. Jaime Kuczyk - Grandmother, Margaret
Kuskie

Saturday, January 10, Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30

8:30 a.m. Edward Krall - Daniel Rodgers Family

Confessions after 8:30 a.m. Mass daily**Sunday, January 11, The Baptism of the Lord**

Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10

6:00 p.m. (Sat.) For the People of the Parish

8:00 a.m. Ed Banahasky - Wife, Anna

11:00 a.m. Mary Ann McGinty - Gavin

Home With Christ - Please pray for the soul of **Edward Zalagens** of our Parish & for Edith Cupido, mother of Rose Marie DiCenso. *May he rest in peace,*

The Sanctuary Candle will burn this week "**In Memory of Jaime Kuczyk**" requested by Kuskie Family.

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.