



St. Francis of Assisi Parish

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Rev. Robert J. Boyle *Pastor*
 Rev. Richard J. Tusky *Senior Parochial Vicar*
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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

A Family Perspective - Family life is about decisions. The leper in today's gospel knew this when he said to Jesus. "If you will, you can make me clean." Jesus knew this when he said, "I do will it." Love is not an emotion. It is a decision to be with and for another person in "good times and bad," even when we don't feel like it.

Ash Wednesday February 18th Masses at 8:30 a.m., 12:00 noon, and 7:00 p.m., distribution of Ashes after the homily and a 4:00 Prayer Service with distribution of Ashes.

Ash Wednesday Fish Fry, 12 noon – 6:30 p.m. in Finley Hall. Dinner includes Baked or Fried Fish, Cole Slaw, choice of: macaroni & cheese, pierogies or fries. Adult Dinner: \$8.50, Child Dinner (10 & Under) \$5.50. Ala carte and take-outs also available.

Stations of the Cross and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament every Friday during Lent at 7:00 p.m.

Next Blood Drive will be held on Wednesday, March 4th, 12:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in Finley Hall. Circle the date on your calendar. Make an appointment: Help us make your experience faster and more convenient. Prepare for your donation, eat well, stay hydrated, bring ID. Call Kathy at 724-348-5361 to register.

Parish Share Program 2015 begins today, February 15th. The spirit of renewal growing throughout our diocese, coupled with the increasing needs of those served by the Church, should inspire us to support PSP even more generously than in the past. Our campaign will begin with Mail-in Pledges or donations. Our goal this year is \$62,370. Please return the form that you received in the mail, with your pledge or donation and return it by way of the collection basket in an envelope marked **PSP 2015**, or mail it to the rectory by Sunday, March 22nd. Any amount collected over our assessment stays here at St. Francis and that amount is not taxed/assessed for the next year. Your participation in the Parish Share Program helps to support many diocesan-wide services, including the formation of future priests, as well as the support and care of our retired priests. The Parish Share Program supports the oversight and direction of religious education in our 214 parishes, as well as tuition grants in our more than 100 Catholic schools.

Discovering Christ session II continues this Thursday, February 19th. Please pray for the participants that this will be a fruitful experience for all.

Lenten Regulations

Lent begins on Wednesday, February 18th

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. The Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence in the United States.

The obligation of abstinence (refraining from eating meat) begins at the age of 14. The law of fasting (limiting oneself to one full meal and two lighter meals) obliges all between the ages of 18-59. No one should consider this obligation lightly.

Those individuals who have a medical condition in which fasting may be considered harmful are not obliged to fast, but should perform some other act of penance or charity.

Pastors and parents are to see to it that minors, though not bound by the law of fast and abstinence, are educated in the authentic sense of penance and encouraged to do acts of penance suitable to their age.

All members of the Christian Faithful are encouraged to do acts of penance and charity during the Lenten season beyond what is prescribed by the law.

As a general rule, a request for a dispensation from the obligation of abstinence on Fridays of Lent will not be considered unless some serious reason is present. The attendance at social events, banquets, wedding rehearsals or receptions, or funeral wakes are not considered sufficient reason to request a dispensation.

Help - Fr. Boyle and Fr. Tusky need a supertime cook Monday through Friday. If you can't do five days, call Fr. Boyle, we can make adjustments.

Bingo - Congratulations to the winner of the 'All Nighter'. Join us Tuesday for Bingo in Finley Hall. The Jack-pot will be \$1,175.00 in 55 numbers. The Magic Number will be \$151.00 plus this week's take. A new 'All Nighter' will be started. Early Bird games begin at 7:15, Regular games at 7:30. Come give it a try. This may be your lucky night!

Pregnancy Resource Center has two part-time positions: Registered Nurse (20 hr. per week) and License Sonographer (R.D.M.S.) (29 hr. per week). If you are interested in either position or would like more information, contact Terry Dodds, Client Service Director at 412-833-2320 or tdodds@prcsh.org.

Finleyville Interfaith Council Lenten Services begin next Sunday, February 22nd here at St. Francis. Brent Furlong of Go Time Ministries will be the speaker. Refreshments to follow in Finley Hall. Non-perishable food collection each Sunday to benefit the Finleyville Food Panty.

Ministry Schedule
Ash Wednesday, February 18th

8:30 a.m. Mass

Ministers: Hamilton, Trovato, Schirra
Lector: L. Obringer

12:00 Noon

Ministers: Patellos, Trypus, Jaki
Lector: M. Wyse

4:00 p.m. Liturgical Service

Ministers: Deacon Vic

7:00 p.m. Mass

Ministers: Broglie, Barner, Gallo
Lector: V. Lombardi
Servers: V. Lombardi, T. & T. Smida

February 21/22

6:00 p.m. Saturday

Ministers: Kovscek, Thropp, Checque, Hoover, Stanchak, Brucker, Mansmann
Lector: K. Jasko
Servers: E. MacKenzie, T. & T. Smida

8:00 a.m. Sunday

Ministers: Sherred, Patellos, Lang, F. Funtal, Fox, Jurofcik, Jaki
Lector: E. Garry
Servers: R. Funtal, E. & C. Rega

11:00 a.m. Sunday

Ministers: Bublak, S. & A. Parker, Battaglia, Trypus, D. Lewis, J. Mansmann
Lector: K. Lewis
Servers: K. Lewis, Z. Bublak, D. Drahnak

FYI - Divorced Catholics may receive Holy Communion at Mass (in spite of false teachers who St. Paul spoke of today who say you can't). Divorced and remarried Catholics who do not have a nullity in the Catholic Church may not receive Holy Communion but may receive a blessing from the Eucharistic Minister when they cross their arms across the chest. If you are in that group, call Fr. Boyle and learn how to get a nullity.

If you come late for mass, please wait in the back of the church till after the scripture reading enter during Responsorial Psalm and during the Alleluia, and wait again until the homily is finished. It's disturbing to people who are listening to God's word.

Marriage Moments - Lent begins this Wednesday. Sure, celebrate Mardi Gras on Tuesday but start thinking now of a meaningful Lenten practice. Why not choose at least one penance that you both do. It can reinforce your decision and bond you in a common effort.

Campaign for Human Development is March 15th. Flyers are in the vestibule to inform you how to help yourself in small business as well as uplifting the poor.



Today, February 15, Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11; 1 Cor 10:31 — 11:1; Mk 1:40-45

6:00 p.m. (Sat.) Ray Spencer - Daughter, Linda Adams & Family

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

11:00 a.m. Judy Kovscek - Husband, Frank

Monday, February 16, Weekday Mass

Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21; Mk 8:11-13

8:30 a.m. Special Intention of Carol Cicci - St. Francis Ladies of Charity

Tuesday, February 17, Weekday Mass

Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9c-10; Mk 8:14-21

8:30 a.m. The Holy Face of Jesus

Wednesday, February 18, Ash Wednesday

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

8:30 a.m. Bea Donovan - Dolores Lani & Kathy Schirra

12:00 noon Ron Todd - Dan Petrone

4:00 p.m. Liturgical Service and Distribution of Ashes

7:00 p.m. Beverly Smida - Carol Cicci

Thursday, February 19, Thursday after Ash

Wednesday *Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25*

8:30 a.m. Don Fox - Wife, Eileen

Friday, February 20, Friday after Ash Wednesday

Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15

8:30 a.m. Dolores Tallon - Carleo Family

Saturday, February 21, Saturday after Ash

Wednesday *Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32*

8:30 a.m. Carl Funtal - Tim & Debbie Funtal

Confessions after 8:30 a.m. Mass daily

Sunday, February 22, First Sunday of Lent

Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

6:00 p.m. (Sat.) Helen Ely - Carol & Jack Schneider

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

11:00 a.m. David Goettel - Collins Family



TO THE GLORY OF GOD
The Flowers on our Altar today



"In Memory of Judy Kovscek"

Financial Overview	
Needed/week.....	\$9,355.71
Last week	\$9,011.31
Deficit/Surplus.....	(\$ 344.40)