



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

Palm Sunday distribution of palms after masses today. We celebrate Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem to die and be raised. Procession before 11:00 mass. We will gather at the Blessed Mother Grotto at 10:50.

Confessions in Holy Week

Monday 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 & 7:00 p.m.

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Wednesday 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 & 7:00 p.m.

You may call for a more convenient time. 724-348-7145.

Holy Thursday - Chrism Mass at St. Paul Cathedral at 10:00 a.m., Bishop Zubik blesses the three oils used in the Sacraments: Baptism, Confirmation and Anointing of the Sick for each parish in the Diocese.

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 p.m. Adoration until midnight after the Liturgy.

Good Friday

2:00 p.m. The Liturgy begins at 2:00 p.m. Reading of the Passion, Veneration of the Cross, Holy Communion distribution.

7:00 p.m. Tenebrae Service

Collection for Holy Land taken at all Services.

Holy Saturday

No morning mass.

1:00 p.m. Blessing Easter Food Baskets

8:30 p.m. Easter Vigil

Blessing of Fire, (outside) Procession into Church, Prayers, followed by Mass of Easter. You may receive Holy Communion at this Mass and on Easter Sunday if you attend Mass again.

Easter Sunday Mass at 8:00 and 11:00 a.m.

A Family Perspective - The Passion of Jesus makes it clear, no one escapes suffering. Suffering is inevitable but no one should suffer alone. That is one of the primary roles of families, to stand with and support each other in suffering.

Journey to Jerusalem today March 29th in Finley Hall. The fist group goes off at 1:00 and every 20 minutes thereafter. Excellent enactment of Jesus' last days.

Late for Mass? Please wait in the back of the church until the end of the scripture reading. Proceed to a pew during the Responsorial Psalm or after the Second Reading, enter during the Alleluia before the Gospel. Entering during the readings or homily distracts the people. Thanks for your consideration.

Finleyville Interfaith Lenten Service is at Mingo Presbyterian Church at 7:00 tonight. Speaker is Rev. Richard Roberts from Wrights United Methodist Church. Bring a can of food for Finleyville Food Pantry and stay for refreshments and dessert after the Service.

Parish Share assessment is \$62,370. If you haven't made a pledge yet, please take a form from the vestibule and fill it out, pledging to help us achieve this goal. We are short so far and your pledge could bring us closer to our assessment.

High School Youth Ministry will meet this Wednesday, April 1st at 6:00 p.m. in Finley Hall. We will have dinner and work on the rolls for the Holy Thursday visitors to our church.

Marriage Moments - "Marriage is a give-and-take experience, involving hurt and forgiveness, failure and sacrifice.

Parenting Pointers - Today is Palm Sunday. Tell your children the story of how the people praised Jesus by waving palms. Of course, just a few days later we remember Jesus' crucifixion on Good Friday. Learn how to make a palm cross with your child.

Mark your calendar for our Parish Retreat coming soon.

Saturday April 11th at 6:00 Mass and the Sunday Masses, Monday - Wednesday, April 15th. Deacons Paul Herrmann and Eddie Ensley will be the speakers at weekend masses and Monday through Wednesday at 8:30 a.m. Mass and at a service at 7:00 p.m. each evening.

CASA for Kids, a program Court Appointed Special Advocates. You may be trained to be appointed by a judge as a spokesman for a child who is neglected.

E-mail casa4kidsinc@gmail.com or call 724-228-0414 or visit 30 E. Beau St., Suite 421, Washington PA 15301.

Holy Thursday - Mass at 7:00 p.m.

Ministers: A. & S. Parker, Gallo, Bublak, Trovato, Hoover
 Lector: J. Valecko
 Servers: Funtal, Parker, Pisarcik, Bublak

Good Friday - 2:00 p.m.

Ministers: Trovato, Jurofcik, Schirra
 Lector: K. Lewis, L. Obringer
 Servers: K. Lewis, Z. Bublak, E. & C. Rega

8:30 p.m. Holy Saturday Vigil

Ministers: D. & K. Lewis, B. Lewis, Thropp, R. & F. Funtal
 Lector: J. Mansmann, M. Wyse
 Servers: R. Funtal, Z. Bublak, K. & R. Lewis

Servers Practice 11:30 a.m.

Easter Sunday

8:00 a.m. Sunday

Ministers: Brucker, M. A. & H. Lassige, Yesionek, Jaki, Hirsch, Fox
 Lector: N. Lang
 Servers: E. & C. Rega, J. Pisarcik

11:00 a.m. Sunday

Ministers: Folz, J. & C. Patterson, Trypus, Kims, Pitzer, Hamilton
 Lector: V. Lombardi
 Servers: V. Lombardi, T. & T. Smida

NO BINGO DURING HOLY WEEK.

Thank you from the Ladies of Charity for all the help and support that made the Bingo last Sunday a success.

Prophetic Anointing

The solemnity of today's readings invites us into silent contemplation of the mystery of our redemption. There are so many levels on which to understand the events of the Passion. The woman who anoints Jesus acts prophetically in a way that the other disciples do not yet grasp. Anointing is for priests, prophets, and kings, and also for the preparation of the dead. It is for healing and for holiness. Her action acknowledges the imminent events of the passion and death of the Lord, and points toward his resurrection and triumph over evil and death. He is priest and victim, prophet and God, King and Lord. All these are acknowledged in her prophetic anointing.

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The Cross - We should glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection, through whom we are saved and delivered.



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Today, March 29, Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16 (procession); Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1 — 15:47 [15:1-39]

6:00 p.m. (Sat.) Bill Parish - Wife, Frances & Family
 8:00 a.m. For the People of the Parish
 11:00 a.m. In Thanksgiving to St. John Paul II - Steve & Alma Roper

Monday, March 30, Monday of Holy Week

Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11
 8:30 a.m. Beatrice Donovan - Daughter, Janet

Tuesday, March 31, Tuesday of Holy Week

Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
 8:30 a.m. Mary Costello - Bette Green & Family

Wednesday, April 1, Wednesday of Holy Week

Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34; Mt 26:14-25
 8:30 a.m. James D. Trovato - Family



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Holy Thursday, April 2

Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

7:00 p.m. For the People of the Parish

Good Friday, April 3

Is 52:13 — 53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 — 19:42

1:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross
 2:00 p.m. Liturgical Service
 7:00 p.m. Tenebrae Service

Holy Saturday, April 4

1:00 p.m. Blessing of Easter Food Baskets

Easter Sunday, April 5

8:30 p.m. (Vigil Mass) For the People of the Parish
 8:00 a.m. Special Intention
 11:00 a.m. Special Intention

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

Financial Overview	
Needed/week.....	\$9,355.71
Last week.....	\$6,873.63
Deficit/Surplus.....	(\$2,482.08)