



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

Giving Tree Project - Wrapped gifts, with the ornament name tag attached, must be brought in today, December 6th. Place them in Finley Hall.

Good Samaritan Collection to support families in need here. Boxes will be in church for your gift this weekend December 5/6 and next weekend December 12/13.

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be Monday, December 7th at 7:00 p.m. and December 8th at 8:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Christian Mothers & Ladies Guild Christmas Party will be held Thursday December 10th 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. Money for Dinner must be in by Monday December 7th, no later. Call Sue at 724-348-4185.

Christmas Spirit - St. Francis Choir and Christmas Brass Ensemble of "Too Many Tubas" will present an *Advent Program Welcoming Christmas* with music and Scripture. Admission free, everyone welcome on Sunday, December 13th at 7:00 p.m. in the Church. Refreshments will be served in Finley Hall after the program.

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 14th.**

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

Taxes and Giving - All gifts for the Church made on or before December 31st are tax deductible for the tax year. This is an opportunity to support your Church and lessen your tax liability for the year.

Happy Birthday Father Boyle!

**NO BINGO TUESDAY DECEMBER 8TH.
Bingo will resume Tuesday, December 15th.**

The Light is Still On for You - This Advent on the evening of Wednesday, December 9th from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m., rediscover the healing power of the Sacrament of Reconciliation at any Catholic parish in the Diocese. If you've been away for a long time, don't worry. We'll leave the light on for you.... Go to <http://www.diopitt.org/latest-diocesan-news/light-you-0>.

Our Pictorial Directory has finally arrived!

If you had your photo taken for the directory you are entitled to a free directory. If you didn't get your directory over the weekend, they will be available throughout this week Monday through Friday from 9 - 3 p.m. at the Parish Office.

Thanksgiving Lottery Winners:

November 22	Midday #269	Jennifer Valecko
	Night #426	Debbie Hurrell
November 23	Midday #706	Austin/Jeanne
	Night #980	John Smida
November 24	Midday #482	Mary Ellen Gajski
	Night #309	Frank Cominski
November 25	Midday #206	Zieben/Jenifer Bublak
	Night #608	Joe Uremovich
November 26	Midday #447	Chris
	Night #065	Debbie Lewis
November 27	Midday #463	Ray Miller & Deb Campbell
	Night #472	Grace Lani

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.

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.

Ministry Schedule**December 7/8th Immaculate Conception Holy Day****7:00 p.m. Monday**

Ministers: Hoover, Thropp, Brucker
 Lector: V. Lombardi
 Servers: V. Lombardi, K. & K. Gindele

8:30 a.m. Tuesday

Ministers: Jurofcik, McNally, Schirra
 Lector: M. Wyse

7:00 p.m. Tuesday

Ministers: Gallo, Trovato, Bublak
 Lector: J. Mansmann
 Servers: I. & J. Gallo, Z. Bublak

December 12/13**6:00 p.m. Saturday**

Ministers: Foster, Brucker, Hoover, Checque,
 Stanchak, K. & D. Lewis
 Lector: S. McCormick
 Servers: K. Brant, E. MacKenzie, K. Lewis

8:00 a.m. Sunday

Ministers: Patellos, Jaki, Durost, Drahnak, Hirsch,
 H. & M. A. Lassige
 Lector: M. Wyse
 Servers: D. Drahnak, E. & C. Rega

11:00 a.m. Sunday

Ministers: Battaglia, J. & C. Patterson, Trovato,
 Bublak, D. Lewis, J. Wardle
 Lector: V. Lombardi
 Servers: V. Lombardi, Z. & Z. Bublak

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. (724-348-7145)

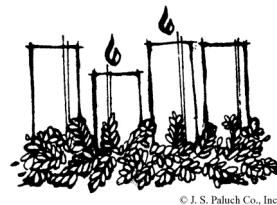
Put On Joy

Today, Baruch speaks of the splendor that lies ahead for the city of Jerusalem and for all of us, regardless of where home is for us. Throw off strife, he tells us, and put on joy. Like a favorite old sweatshirt, joy fits, and how warm it keeps us, even when the winds blow cold.

Paul knows of this joy as he pens his letter to the Philippians, praying that they may grow in their ability to discern what is righteous and good. And Luke speaks to us of John, who was foretold by Isaiah and who sings a similar song—"Prepare the way of the Lord," for salvation is at hand.

A man ahead of his time, Baruch spent his days joyfully awaiting a distant glory. On this Second Sunday of Advent, Paul and John know that this glory is upon us.

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Today, December 6, Second Sunday of Advent

Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

6:00 p.m. (Sat.) Luigi Rigano - Rigano Family
 8:00 a.m. For the People of the Parish
 11:00 a.m. John & Alvina Schneider and Sarah & Bill Staab - Carol & Jack Schneider

Monday, December 7, St. Ambrose

Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 5:17-26

8:30 a.m. Frank Henry - Family

Tuesday, December 8, The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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

7:00 p.m. (Monday) Larry Withum - Pete & Jean Pleska
 8:30 a.m. For the People of the Parish
 7:00 p.m. Billie Lytle - Rose & Buck Cosgray

Wednesday, December 9, Advent Weekday

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

8:30 a.m. Ruth Carpeta - Carol Cicci

Thursday, December 10, Advent Weekday

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

8:30 a.m. Charles Greiner - Ray & Rose Collins

Friday, December 11, Advent Weekday

Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19

8:30 a.m. Louis Martik - Joyce Tonecha

Saturday, December 12, Our Lady of Guadalupe

Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

8:30 a.m. Martin, Mary, Thomas & Sr. Peggy Flaherty - Dorothy Flaherty Weldon

Confessions after 8:30 a.m. Mass daily**Sunday, December 13, Third Sunday of Advent**

Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

6:00 p.m. (Sat.) For the People of the Parish
 8:00 a.m. Julie Funtal - Joanne & Family
 11:00 a.m. In Thanksgiving for Stevie Roper - Steve & Alma Roper

The Sanctuary Candle will burn this week "In Memory of M.B.F.'s, Evelyn Jozefkowicz, & Judy Kovscek" requested by Janet Nyga.

"TO THE GLORY OF GOD"

The Flowers on our Altar today are presented

"For the 90th Birthday of Irene Fidago"

requested by Daughter, Cindi.

"In Memory of
 the Brinda & Severa Families"

requested by
 Marianne & Julianne Hostovich
 & Kim Arencibia.

