



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

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. All are welcome tonight, December 13th at 7:00 p.m. in the Church. Refreshment will be served in Finley Hall after the program.

Christmas Poinsettias - There are Flower Offering envelopes in the church for your order of a poinsettia "*In Memory of a Loved One*", "In Thanksgiving", or "For a Special Intention. Return by tomorrow, December 14th.

Good Samaritan Collection to support families in need here. A box in church for your gift. This is the last weekend of the collection.

Baby Jesus Birthday Party is Saturday, December 19th at 10:00 a.m. in Finley Hall. There is no CCD on that day.

Christmas Decorating next Sunday, December 20th after 11:00 Mass. Stick around or come back and help. It won't take long if we have enough help!

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

Thanks to Kegel Funeral Home for our 2016 Catholic Calendars.

We still need Altar Servers for weekend masses. Parents, see if your 4 - 12 grade son or daughter will help us. Training will be in January. You get to pick what mass you wish to serve. Sign up by calling the Parish Office 724-348-7145.

Thank you from the Pregnancy Resource Center. Your baby bottles of change totaled \$1,624.13. They are very grateful for your generosity to help the program.

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.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Thursday, December 24th - 4, 8 and 10 p.m.

Friday, December 25th - 8 and 11 a.m.

Christmas Confessions:

Monday, December 21st - 9 a.m., 7 p.m.

Tuesday, December 22nd - 9 a.m., 4 & 7 p.m.

Wednesday, December 23rd - 9 a.m., 4 & 7 p.m.

Thursday, December 24th 9 a.m.

By appointment, call Rectory 724-348-7145.

Bingo - Join us Tuesday for Bingo in Finley Hall. The Jack-pot will be \$600.00 in 52 numbers. The 1st Magic Number will be \$250.00 and the 2nd Magic Number will be \$74.00 plus this week's take. The 'All Nighter' game will be \$211.00 plus this week's take. Early Bird games begin at 7:15, regular games at 7:30 p.m.

"Servants of All" Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen documentary film tells the story of a holy and remarkable life. Mon Valley YMCA Wednesday, December 16th, 1 -2:30 p.m. Sign up at the front desk. Snack and drink donations appreciated. 724-483-8079 (one block past Giant Eagle on the right in Mon City).

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.

An Advent Prayer

May the God of peace make us completely holy.
May God keep us blameless in spirit, soul and body for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Forever faithful is the One who calls us—God our Father!

Expectant, let us live in joyful hope

for the revelation of the glory

of our God and Savior, Christ Jesus!

To him be glory forever!

Come, Lord Jesus! Your grace be with us all.

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Ministry Schedule – December 19/20**6:00 p.m. Saturday**

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

Lector: K. Jasko

Servers: T., T., & T. Smida

8:00 a.m. Sunday

Ministers: Gallo, Drahnak, Durost, Fox,
Combes, Banahasky, Dishong

Lector: L. Obringer

Servers: J. & I. Gallo, D. Drahnak

11:00 a.m. Sunday

Ministers: C. Wardle, D. & K. Lewis, A. & S.
Parker, Battaglia

Lector: L. Kenavey

Servers: K. Brant, K. Lewis, A. Parker

Knights of Columbus - Any Catholic man 18 or older to join men in Charity, Unity, and Fraternity are welcome. Call Keith Folz 724-348-0504 or Frank Kovscek 724-348-6537.

Offertory Procession

If a Mass is for your intention or at your request, please inform the ushers **before** Mass begins that you will take up the Offertory Gifts (Bread & Wine) during Mass. Many times the ushers do not know who you are, especially if the intention is for a person by a different name.

Celebrate

This Sunday, God rejoices and sings because of us. We read in Zephaniah today that God “will sing joyfully because of you, / as one sings at festivals” (Zephaniah 3:18). We know plenty about singing at festivals. Already our ears are ringing with the songs and carols that anticipate the Christmas season.

Paul reminds us of the source of our own double rejoicing: God is the mighty savior who is in our midst (in Zephaniah’s words). Because this is so, says Paul, we can rejoice and be at ease. We don’t have to worry, for God’s peace will stand guard over our hearts and minds.

A medieval carol depicts Christmas as “my dancing day” and urges us to enter into the dance. Why all the merrymaking? Because “the Lord is near,” as Paul reminds us (Philippians 4:5). He then points to another reason for the dancing: the dawn of the promise of peace, the peace beyond all understanding, that is now within our grasp.

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Today, 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

Monday, December 14, St. John of the Cross

Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9; Mt 21:23-27

8:30 a.m. Rose Lombardi - Vince’s Emmaus
Brothers

Tuesday, December 15, Advent Weekday

Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23; Mt 21:28-32

8:30 a.m. John Grilli - Anna & Domenic
DiPilato

Wednesday, December 16, Advent Weekday

Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 7:18b-23

8:30 a.m. Dolores Lang - Mary & Wed Conn

Thursday, December 17, Late Advent Weekday

Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17

8:30 a.m. Mark Schirra - Wife, Kathy

Friday, December 18, Late Advent Weekday

Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25

8:30 a.m. Vera Cutler - Daughters, Barb & Rose

Saturday, December 19, Late Advent Weekday

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25

8:30 a.m. Tom Boyle - Roseann Laughlin

Confessions after 8:30 a.m. Mass daily**Sunday, December 20, Fourth Sunday of Advent**

Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

6:00 p.m. (Sat.) John & Michael Maimone - Family

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

11:00 a.m. Joseph Judeikis, III - Mom & Dad

Home With Christ - Please pray for the souls of **Paul Entinger**, uncle of Jeff Bett, for **Vera Gatalski** of our Parish, and for **Jack Walsh**, brother of Joan Maimone. *May they rest in peace.*

The Sanctuary Candle will burn this week “**In Memory of Dolores Lang**” requested by Mary & Wed Conn.

“TO THE GLORY OF GOD”

The Flowers on our Altar today are presented

“In Memory of Mark Schirra”
requested by Wife, Kathy

**“In Memory of the Hoover &
Schettler Families”**

requested by John & Sue Hoover.

