



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 - Today's gospel contains the truth about parenting: "but his parents did not know." One of the reasons parenting is so difficult is because our children don't tell us everything. If the Holy Family had trouble with their teenager, why do we think it will be easier for us?

A great Christmas it was, lots of people at all the Masses. Singing and all the music was fabulous. We saw many people we hadn't seen in recent years. That was nice. God hears and answers our prayers.

You were very generous in your cards to Fr. Tusky and I. We are grateful and thank all you kind folks. May the New Year bring you much blessing, good health and lots of happiness.

Fr. Boyle and Fr. Tusky

Masses for January 1st, Solemnity of Mary are Thursday, December 31st at 6:00 p.m. and Friday the 1st at 8 and 11 a.m.

The gospel tell us "Mary Kept all these things, pondering them in her heart." We would do well to imitate Mary in our New Year's resolution. Instead of criticizing let's "keep it in our hearts." Criticism isn't productive or well received anyway!

Flower Calendar for 2016 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.

We need Servers for Weekend Masses - Parents, try to get your school students grades 4-12 to agree to serve Mass on the weekend. They can choose 6 p.m. Saturday, 8 or 11 a.m. Sunday. We will train them after the New Year. Call us - 724-348-7145.

No Bingo Tuesday, December 29th. Resume games on Tuesday, January 5, 2016.

Fans in our Church are directed to the ceiling to reflect down to the people. The ceiling area is where all the hot air in the church accumulates. So the fans blow hot air down on the people. If our furnace should ever fail, we can use the fans for a little heat, but we don't want heat coming down in the hot weather. This is the architects design.

Marriage Moments - The feast is over but the visiting and company may continue through the Christmas Season. Although generally a happy time of family togetherness, Christmas can also be a time when stress causes short tempers. Be mindful and merciful with your beloved these days when you might be together in extremely close quarters.

Parenting Pointers - It's the Christmas Season. Relish the glee of giving and receiving a gift. After the hubbub dies down, pause as a family not only to thank each other, but to be thankful that you have the resources to give gifts and that you have a family to share this time with. Don't let this time slip slide away without this pause.

Monongahela Area Library is looking for prospective board members. Submit a letter of interest to: Martha Ghilani, c/o M.A.L., 613 Main St., Monongahela, PA 15063.

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.

Volunteers needed for Meals on Wheels, Peters Township from where Finleyville/Union Township are served. Full time or part time is helpful. Call to see how you can serve 724-969-1000. Located at 245 E. McMurray Rd, above the Peters Township Fire Department.

No Donuts this weekend.



Mary, Mother of God - December 31st, January 1st**6:00 p.m. Thursday**

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

Lector: S. McCormick

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

8:00 a.m. Friday

Ministers: Drahnak, Yesionek, Dishong, Barner,
Durost, Fox, Gallo

Lector: E. Garry

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

11:00 a.m. Friday

Ministers: Folz, Trovato, Kims, Pitzer, Bublak,
C. & J. Patterson,

Lector: V. Lombardi

Servers: Z. & Z. Bublak, V. Lombardi

January 2/3, 2016**6:00 p.m. Saturday**

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

Lector: S. McCormick

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

8:00 a.m. Sunday

Ministers: Gallo, M. A. & H. Lassige, McNally,
Schirra, Jaki, Yesionek

Lector: M. Wyse

Servers: I. & J. Gallo, J. Pisarcik

11:00 a.m. Sunday

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

Lector: J. Dimoff

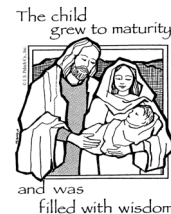
Servers: Z. Bublak, A. Parker, K. Lewis

How to survive a Heart Attack when alone?

Since many people are alone when they suffer a heart attack without help, the person whose heart is beating improperly and who begins to feel faint, has only about 10 seconds left before losing consciousness. However, these victims can help themselves by coughing repeatedly and very vigorously. A deep breath should be taken before each cough, and the cough must be deep and prolonged, as when producing sputum from deep inside the chest. A breath and a cough must be repeated about every two seconds without let-up until help arrives, or until the heart is felt to be beating normally again. Deep breaths get oxygen into the lungs and coughing movements squeeze the heart and keep the blood circulating. The squeezing pressure on the heart also helps it regain normal rhythm. In this way, heart attack victims can get to a hospital. Tell as many other people as possible about this. It could save their lives!

The Name For God - Mother is the name for God on the lips and in the hearts of little children.

—William Makepeace Thackeray



Today, December 27, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph *Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; Ps 128:1-5 or Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52*

6:00 p.m. (Sat.) Adam Checque & Helen Ely - Barb & Ed Checque

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

11:00 a.m. Ken & Flo Koppitz - Cheryl & Al Simone & Family

Monday, December 28, The Holy Innocents

1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18

8:30 a.m. Betty Jane Burgan - Jan & Jeff Bett

Tuesday, December 29, Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35

8:30 a.m. Eileen Balzer - Joanne Mansmann

Wednesday, December 30, Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40

8:30 a.m. Liz Gehring - Carl & Martha Weisdack

Thursday, December 31, Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18

8:30 a.m. Special Intention of Roseann Laughlin - St. Francis Ladies of Charity

Friday, January 1, Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

6:00 p.m. (Thursday) Special Intention - Joe & Alice Hakos

8:00 a.m. Esther Meissonier - Vic & Ruth Ann Zayac

11:00 a.m. For the People of the Parish

Saturday, January 2, SS Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen

1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28

8:30 a.m. Dolores Mazzeo - Steve & Mary Parish

Confessions after 8:30 a.m. Mass daily**Sunday, January 3, 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.) Reid Morrow - Mary & Family

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

11:00 a.m. Tim Frosini - Finleyville Moose Lodge 172

The Sanctuary Candle will burn this week **“In Memory of Martin, Mary, Thomas & Sr. Peggy Flaherty”** requested by Dorothy Flaherty Weldon.

