



## St. Francis of Assisi Parish

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 Jenifer T. Bublak ..... 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

**Child Abuse Line:** 1-888-808-1235

**A Family Perspective** - After meeting Jesus, the Magi returned home by "another way." What in our family needs to be done "another way?" Do you need "another way" to resolve differences, to communicate or show affection? This is a new year, time to change what isn't working. Take a tip from some wise men, there's always "another way."

**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.

**Bingo** - Congratulations to the winner of the 1st Magic Number. Join us Tuesday for Bingo in Finley Hall. The Jack-pot will be \$625.00 in 53 numbers. The Magic Number will be \$199.00 plus this week's take. The 'All Nighter' game will be 338.00 plus this week's take. Early Bird games begin at 7:15, regular games at 7:30 p.m.

**The Christmas Season** ends with the Baptism of the Lord, next Sunday, January 10th. We will tear down our decorations after 11:00 mass. Please stop by and give us a hand. Help! Please!

**St. Anthony School and DePaul School** for hearing and speech are schools operated by the Diocese of Pittsburgh for children with special needs. They are not self sustaining and need our financial help. We have a collection on the weekend of January 16/17 for this purpose. The collection amount is credited to our Parish Share Program assessment.



**From the Vicar's Desk**

So, we are into the first week of the New Year! Looking back, this Christmas Season visited upon us many gifts. We have relived and celebrated the birth of our God in Christ Jesus. We have paused to honor the gift of the Holy Family and, more recently, the gift of Mary, the Mother of God (on January 1, 2016). Today, we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord and, next Sunday, we will celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. These comprise the five wonderful gifts of the Christmas Season. You see, Christmas is far more than a mere day in the life of the Church. It is the unfolding of God's eternal love for us through out the days of our lives. We tend to rush things: get the tree up, get the tree down; get the decorations out, put the decorations away; bake this, wrap these, deliver that, and so on. It is not so with our God. His eternal love and concern is constant, always unfolding, always revealing, like a river that has no beginning and no end. We are in continual '**relationship**' with our God.

However, we have definite beginnings and endings. 2015 has ended. 2016 has begun. What do we plan to do differently this year, as opposed to what we did last year? Do we hope to repeat certain things? To avoid other things? Now is the time to sit back, to think, and to make a definite plan. It is a time for fresh beginnings. The past is the past. It cannot be re-lived... for better or worse. If there were mistakes, don't waste them--learn from them! Now, one knows what to avoid from the lessons learned. This is how wisdom and good choices are achieved. Hopefully, we learn from many bad choices in the past. Don't waste the lesson. Wise-up and gain wisdom!

*Sincerely, Fr. T.*

**Needed:** A cook for the rectory for two priests, for supper on Saturdays and Sundays only. Easy to please, not fussy. Call Fr. Boyle at the rectory for questions, or starting date.

**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.

**Ministry Schedule – January 9/10**

**6:00 p.m. Saturday**

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

Lector: E. Garry

Servers: K. Lewis, E. MacKenzie, K. Brant

**8:00 a.m. Sunday**

Ministers: Drahnak, Jaki, Parish, Schirra, McNally,  
H. & M. A. Lassige

Lector: M. Wyse

Servers: J. & J. Pisarcik, D. Drahnak

**11:00 a.m. Sunday**

Ministers: Bublak, J. & C. Patterson, S. & A.  
Parker, J. Wardle

Lector: J. Mansmann

Servers: A. Parker, Z & Z. Bublak



**“The Present”**

To realize the value of ONE YEAR, ask a student who failed a grade.

To realize the value of ONE MONTH, ask a mother who has given birth to a pre-mature baby.

To realize the value of ONE WEEK, ask an editor of a weekly newspaper.

To realize the value of ONE DAY, ask a daily wage laborer who has kids to feed.

To realize the value of ONE HOUR, ask the lovers who are waiting to meet.

To realize the value of ONE MINUTE, ask a person who has missed a train.

To realize the value of ONE SECOND, ask a person who has avoided an accident.

To realize the value of ONE MILLISECOND, ask the person who has won a silver medal in the Olympics.

Treasure every moment that you have. And treasure it because you shared it with someone special, special enough to spend your time. And remember, time waits for no one.

Yesterday is history,  
Tomorrow a mystery,

Today is a gift,

That’s why it’s called the present!

**The Power of Prayer** - If you have any prayer requests or would like to be a *link* in the prayer chain, please call Kathy at 724-941-0347.

**Never underestimate the power of prayer.**

**Offertory Collections**

November 30th .....	\$5,752.25
December 6th.....	\$7,346.75
December 8th.....	\$1,507.80
December 13th.....	\$6,135.57
December 20th.....	\$6,372.30

**Today, 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

**Monday, January 4, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton**

*1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25*

8:30 a.m. Mary Ann Bobak - Gabe & Janet Gemma

**Tuesday, January 5, St. John Neumann**

*1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44*

8:30 a.m. Andy Funtal - Wife, Joanne

**Wednesday, January 6, Christmas Weekday**

*1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52*

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

**Thursday, January 7, Christmas Weekday**

*1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a*

8:30 a.m. Jack Maimone - Roseann Laughlin

**Friday, January 8, Christmas Weekday**

*1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16*

8:30 a.m. Vera Gatalski - Cheryl & John Hrycko

**Saturday, January 9, Christmas Weekday**

*1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30*

8:30 a.m. Billie Lytle - Rose & Buck Cosgray

**Confessions after 8:30 a.m. Mass daily**

**Sunday, January 10, The Baptism of the Lord**

*Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10 or Ps 104:1b-4, 24-25, 27-30; Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22*

6:00 p.m. (Sat.) For the People of the Parish

8:00 a.m. Christine Jantosik - Marcoux Family

11:00 a.m. Al & Jeanette Simone - Al & Cheryl Simone & Family

**Home With Christ** - Please pray for the soul of *John Miehl* of our Parish. *May he rest in peace.*

**The Sanctuary Candle** will burn this week **“In Memory of Mel Povich”** requested by Wife, Karen.

**Sanctuary Candle** - 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 or Finley Hall. Please 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 for that week.

We will try to honor your request, but as the envelopes come in on a first come, first serve basis.