



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

End of Christmas Season 2015-16 - Today we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. At Jesus' baptism the Father announced "You are my beloved Son." Jesus was never distracted from the implications of that moment. Traditionally the Church ends the Christmas Season with this feast.

We will be taking down the Christmas decorations after 11:00 mass today. Please give a hand to finish the job quickly. Thank you. If you made a donation for Christmas Flowers, please take a poinsettia home.

A Family Perspective - In today's gospel Jesus was publicly AFFIRMED by his Father: "You are my beloved son, with you I am very pleased." As parents we can become so focused on misbehaviors we overlook the good behaviors. Our children are never too old to appreciate our praise.

Wanted, needed - A cook for the priests here on Saturdays and Sundays at supper. You determine the hour for meals. If you can't do both days, one would be fine. Call Fr. Boyle at the rectory if you have any questions, or a starting date. (724-348-7145)

Altar Server Practice today, Sunday, January 10th after 8:00 a.m. Mass. If you have not yet signed up and would like to be trained as a server, come in.

Flower Calendar for 2016 is completely filled. You will be contacted close to the date you selected for the intention you would like to be listed in the bulletin.

Bingo - Congratulations to the winner of the Magic Number. Join us Tuesday for Bingo in Finley Hall. The Jack-pot will be \$650.00 in 53 numbers. The Magic Number will be \$39.00 plus this week's take. The 'All Nighter' game will be \$430.00 plus this week's take. Early Bird games begin at 7:15, regular games at 7:30 p.m.

Marriage Moments - I'm very neat. My wife is messy. I cured myself from my annoyance with her by imagining that she had died and then asking myself, "If you could bring her back to life but she'd still be messy, would you still want her back?" "Yes, for sure!" It cured me. Whenever I get annoyed with her mess, I rerun the script. This could work with many annoyances.

Christian Mothers & Ladies Guild Meeting will be held this Thursday, January 14th at 7:00 p.m. in Finley Hall. We will have a Fellowship Night and welcome any women of the Parish to attend. Come and enjoy a relaxing evening. Service Project will be paper products for the Finleyville Food Pantry. Refreshment Committee: Chairperson - Carol Wagner, Donna Marraccini, Karen Digby, Mary Ann Mastandrea, Irene Holmes.

Parenting Pointers - "You are my beloved child: with you I am well pleased." (Luke 3:22) Such words are music to a child's ears. Find an authentic way to say this to your own child today.

Next Weekend January 16/17, we will have a second collection for St. Anthony School and DePaul School for the Hearing and Speech. Our Diocese of Pittsburgh is known nationally for these two educational programs.

St. Anthony School Programs provides Catholic special education to children with developmental delays and autism in five elementary/intermediate classrooms, two secondary classrooms and one college-age program located on the campuses of Duquesne University with training sites at the University of Pittsburgh and Carlow University. St. Anthony's also offers an academic component to the curriculum through Carlow University for qualified post-secondary students.

DePaul School for Hearing and Speech provides Listening and Spoken Language (LSL) education to children who are deaf or hard of hearing. Without the use of sign language, DePaul students learn to listen and speak and successfully transition to their neighborhood schools alongside their peers with typical hearing.

This second collection is credited to our Parish Share Program assessment, please be generous.

March For Life - Friday, January 22nd in Washington D.C. St. Anne Parish in Castle Shannon scheduled a bus, as they do each year. Call and ask for a seat. There is a charge. Call Kathy or John at 412-344-9690.

Ministry Schedule – January 16/17

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, Banahsky, Barner, Combes,
Jurofcik, R. & F. Funtal
Lector: L. Obringer
Servers: J. & I. Gallo, D. Drahnak

11:00 a.m. Sunday

Ministers: C. Wardle, Trovato, A. & S. Parker,
C. & J. Patterson, Battaglia
Lector: V. Lombardi
Servers: V. Lombardi, K. & K. Gindele

Prayer Blanket Ministry - If you were kind enough to take blankets to sew, could you return them to the Parish Office by January 27th. Thank you for helping with this ministry. If you would like to join this ministry, contact Mary Jane 724-344-2444.

Treasures From Our Tradition

Merry Christmas! Share that cheerful greeting with some folks today. They may wonder if you have had any Elvis sightings lately, attended Star Trek conventions, or were Cleopatra in a previous lifetime. Despite the skeptics, today is solidly within the Christmas season. In fact, in some strands of the Christian tradition it represents the clearest manifestation of the mystery of the Incarnation. On Christmas Day, for example, the Gospel reading is the Prologue of John’s Gospel, which reveals the glory of Christ shining through our humanity precisely in his baptism.

At any rate, this is an ancient feast, celebrated first in Egypt sixteen centuries ago. More than most other ancient people, the Egyptians understood the life-giving properties of water. On this day, they drew water from the Nile, so central in the history of their people, and reserved it in honor. Many other places copied the custom, so that St. John Chrysostom wrote of people in Antioch gathering at midnight to collect flowing water into vessels they brought from home since “today there is a blessing on the water.” At home for dinner tonight, decorate the table with beautiful bowls of water and white candles, toast one another with goblets of sparkling water, and light a Christmas candle in the window one last time. Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Offertory Collections

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| Christmas | \$15,884.01 |
| Children & Youth..... | \$4,637.38 |
| December 27th..... | \$5,803.25 |
| January 1st | \$2,945.00 |
| January 3rd..... | \$6,530.47 |



Today, 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

Monday, January 11, Weekday Mass

1 Sm 1:1-8; Ps 116:12-19; Mk 1:14-20
8:30 a.m. Dan & Frieda Nurnberger - AC & Clara Franklin

Tuesday, January 12, Weekday Mass

1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Mk 1:21-28
8:30 a.m. Eileen Balzer - Discovering Christ Core Team

Wednesday, January 13, Weekday Mass

1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10; Mk 1:29-39
8:30 a.m. Louis Martik - Joyce Tonecha

Thursday, January 14, Weekday Mass

1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mk 1:40-45
8:30 a.m. Helen Patton - Janice & David Carbonara

Friday, January 15, Weekday Mass

1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-19; Mk 2:1-12
8:30 a.m. Bill Andrewson - Ellen Andrewson

Saturday, January 16, Weekday Mass

1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Ps 21:2-7; Mk 2:13-17
8:30 a.m. Betty Burgan - Don & Mary Ann Kims

Confessions after 8:30 a.m. Mass daily

Sunday, January 17, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 62:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-10; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11
6:00 p.m. (Sat.) For the People of the Parish
8:00 a.m. Dolores Lang - Carol Thropp
11:00 a.m. Paul Owens, Jr. - Joe & Alice Hakos

Home With Christ - Please pray for the soul of *Ida A. Hudak*, mother of Ron Hudak of our Parish. *May she rest in peace.*

The Sanctuary Candle will burn this week **“In Memory of Jeffrey McCormick”** requested by the McCormick Family.

Turning the Tide

When everything goes against you, till it seems as though you could not hold on a minute longer, never give up then, for that is just the place and time that the tide will turn.

—Harriet Beecher Stowe