



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 - Jesus “went up the mountain to pray” and he was “changed.” Prayer has the power to change us. This Lent set aside a few minutes each day to pray for members of your family. Pray before each meal and if you are married, spend five minutes in prayer together.

Stations of the Cross and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament each Friday 7:00 p.m. during Lent (except Good Friday). Great Lenten prayer. Join us.

Interfaith Lenten Service tonight, February 21st will be at Wright’s United Methodist Church in Venetia at 7:00 p.m. Speaker will be Rev. Alberta Hall of the First Baptist Church. Bring non-perishable food item to the Service.

Interfaith Lenten Service was cancelled last Sunday, so one change: Third Sunday of Lent, next week, the 28th, Pastor Glenn McClelland of Mingo Presbyterian Church will be the speaker next door at 1st Presbyterian Church instead of your holy, humble one.

Our deepest sympathy and prayers go out to our Deacon Vic Satter on the death of his wife Mary Ann and to Chris their son as well.

St. Francis Blood Drive is Wednesday, March 2nd from 12:30 - 6:00 p.m. in Finley Hall. Walk-in welcome. Eat well, stay hydrated, bring ID. All participants will receive a St. Patrick’s Day T-shirt inscribed with “Give A Pint.” To schedule an appointment contact Kathy Pitzer at tkpitzer@verizon.net or 724-348-5361.

RCIA Wednesday February 24th topic is “*The Nicene Creed & The Lord’s Prayer.*” All are welcome.

Sharing Christ - We quote the words of St. Paul this week...”Join with others in being imitators of me” as an invitation to all to Sharing Christ. During Lent, let the Spirit change you as He changed Paul. And after Easter, join us to learn as Paul did - to be imitators of Christ! Will others know we are Christians by mere observation? Register (for free) with Joanna at 724-348-8056. Mark your calendars: Wednesdays April 6th through May 18th, 7:00 - 9:15 p.m. All are welcome!

Next Ministry Schedule will include Holy Week and Easter. Let us know what Masses you would prefer to minister. Holy Thursday (3/24, 7:00 p.m.), Good Friday (3/25, 2:00 p.m.), Easter Vigil (3/26, 8:30 p.m.), Easter Sunday (3/27, 8:00 & 11:00 a.m.). Please call by **Monday, February 22nd** (724-348-7145).

Easter Flowers – There are Flower Offering envelopes in the church to order flowers for the Altar for Easter. Donation: \$7.00. The flowers may be placed on the Altar “*In Memory of a Loved one*”, “*In Thanksgiving*” or “*For a Special Intention.*” Orders must be in by Sunday, March 14th.

Bingo - Congratulations to the winner of both Magic Numbers. Join us Tuesday for Bingo in Finley Hall. The Jack-pot will be \$725.00 in 55 numbers. A new Magic Number will be started. The ‘All Nighter’ game will be \$740.00 plus this week’s take. Early Bird games begin at 7:15, regular games at 7:30 p.m.

Marriage Moments - It’s Lent - a time of taking stock, self-sacrifice, and penance. Take stock of your marriage this week. Is there a sacrifice you can make for your beloved? Anything, it’s time to forgive?

Parenting Pointers - *Week 2:* It’s still pretty cold in the northern hemisphere. Does your household have an extra pair of gloves, a scarf, boots, a coat, a blanket that you could take to a homeless shelter, Goodwill, etc.? Do it this week.

Parish Share 2016 - Your donations and pledges are coming in! Our total is growing! Return your pledge or donation and return it by way of the collection basket in an envelope marked **PSP 2016**, or mail it to the rectory by Sunday, March 20th. Any amount collected over our assessment stays here at St. Francis and that amount is not taxed.

Guide Book & Directory - We are in the process of updating our annual Guide Book for the Church. This book will contain everything pertinent to our Church: the ministries, organizations, committees, activities, etc., plus a complete directory of all members. If you do not want your information included in the directory, please call the Parish Office by February 29th.

Ministry Schedule – February 27/28



6:00 p.m. Saturday

Ministers: Brucker, Hoover, Checque, Kovscek,
D. & K. Lewis, Wietrzykowski,
Lector: K. Jasko
Servers: E. MacKenzie, K. Brant, K. Lewis

8:00 a.m. Sunday

Ministers: Schirra, Sherred, Dishong, Yesionek,
Gallo, H. & M. A. Lassige
Lector: L. Obringer
Servers: M. Miller, J. & I. Gallo

11:00 a.m. Sunday

Ministers: Pitzer, Hamilton, Folz, Battaglia,
C. Wardle, C. & J. Patterson
Lector: V. Lombardi
Servers: G. Mucci, V. Lombardi, Z. Bublak

Evening of Praise and Worship Music at St. Louise DeMarillac Parish, from 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. Friday, February 26th after Stations. All ages welcome to attend.

C.W.C.C. Scholarship - The 2016 annual scholarship of the Catholic Women’s College Club will be awarded to a deserving Catholic senior girl who is a current resident of Belle Vernon, Charleroi, Donora, Finleyville, Monessen, Monongahela or Union Township. Required a GPA of 3.50 or higher. Applications for the award are available at the Parish Office. Deadline to apply is March 2, 2016.

Free Income Tax Assistance is available again this year beginning Monday, February 1, through Friday, April 15, 2016, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. except Good Friday. Bible Chapel, 300 Gallery Dr., McMurray, PA 15317. Located 5 miles south of South Hills Village, west side of Route 19, adjacent to South Hills Chrysler-Jeep. Follow signs 0.4 miles to VITA entrance. Do not call the Bible Chapel. Questions, call IRS 1-800-829-1040. Volunteers will assist taxpayers with Federal, PA, and local wage tax returns, real estate/rent rebates.

Tusky-Destination - 2016: I’m at it again, inviting parishioners to join me on another trip, October 23 - 30, Sunday to Sunday. We travel on the Liberty of the Seas, A ‘Royal Caribbean’ ship. All cabins have a balcony, price includes all transfers (airport to hotel & back), fees, taxes, and food. Contact the parish secretary for details...my letter with all the specifics. - **fr. t.**

Donuts & Coffee next weekend February 27/28 in Finley Hall.

Today, February 21, Second Sunday of Lent

Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Ps 27:1, 7-9, 13-14; Phil 3:17 — 4:1 [3:20 — 4:1]; Lk 9:28b-36

6:00 p.m. (Sat.) Mary Costello - Husband, Paul
8:00 a.m. For the People of the Parish
11:00 a.m. Jason Jancuski - Ninetta, Bill, Kurt & Erik DiNardo

Monday, February 22, The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle *1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19*

8:30 a.m. Dolores Mazzeo - Vic & Mary Ann Satter

Tuesday, February 23, Lenten Weekday

Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12

8:30 a.m. Joseph Balzer - Mary Carleo

Wednesday, February 24, Lenten Weekday

Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28

8:30 a.m. Betty Burgan - Don & Mary Ann Kims

Thursday, February 25, Lenten Weekday

Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31

8:30 a.m. Louise Tomasko - Aunt Mary Baker & Bill Baker, Carl & Martha Weisdack

Friday, February 26, Lenten Weekday

Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

8:30 a.m. John Oliverio - Bob & Diana Held
7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross & Benediction

Saturday, February 27, Lenten Weekday

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

8:30 a.m. In Thanksgiving - Tom & Eileen Wessel

Confessions after 8:30 a.m. Mass daily

Sunday, February 28, Third Sunday of Lent

Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 11; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9

6:00 p.m. (Sat.) Judy Kovscek - Linda Marano
8:00 a.m. Ida Hudak - Anthony & Joyce Sciore
11:00 a.m. For the People of the Parish

Home With Christ - Please pray for the souls of **Frank Dupree** of our Parish, and for **William Oberman**, father-in-law of Lenny (Brenda) Checque, and brother-in-law of Walt (Nancy) Wietrzykowski. *May they rest in peace.*

The Sanctuary Candle will burn this week **“For the 99th Birthday of Mary C. Parish”** requested by Steve & Mary Parish & Family.

Congratulations to Dan & Christine Levi who celebrated their 70th Wedding Anniversary on February 6th.

Financial Overview	
Needed/week.....	\$8,266.74
Last week	\$5,750.03
Deficit/Surplus.....	(\$2,526.71)
Ash Wednesday Collection	\$986.00