



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 - Stoning is not just an ancient act of violence. Each day in our homes we throw stones of ridicule, criticism, name-calling and put-downs. All of it is deadly. Hear Jesus in today's gospel: "Whoever is without sin can throw the first stone." Rid your home of violence. Stop verbal stoning!

Spring Ahead all you Saturday readers. At 2:00 a.m. Sunday, March 13th Daylight Savings Time begins.

Stations of the Cross and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament each Friday (except Good Friday) at 7:00 p.m. Come and pray this Lenten liturgy with us.

Finleyville Interfaith Lenten Service tonight at First Presbyterian Church (hosted by Go Time Ministries). Rev. Kevin Young is the presenter of the same church.

RCIA Wednesday March 16th 7:30 - 9 p.m. on the "Meaning of Holy Week Liturgies," in Finley Hall.

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 Monday, March 14th.

EASTER EGG HUNT
Saturday, March 19, 2016
12:00 noon
Ages 1 - 9
Call Kathy 724-348-0504 to register by
Wednesday, March 16th.

PSP Pledges to our Parish Share Program are still coming in. Each week we get closer to our assessment goal. If you haven't made your pledge yet, please do and get it off your "must do" list. 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.

Next Sunday, March 20th, is Palm Sunday - Palm will be distributed after masses Saturday night and 8:00 Sunday morning. We'll have a Palm Procession before 11:00 mass from the Blessed Virgin Mary Grotto to the Church - weather permitting!

Youth Ministry Shoe Drive - Our Youth Ministry are collecting used shoes, slightly worn for their fundraiser. Tie the laces together and deposit in the box in the vestibule. Our goal is 2,500 pairs of shoes for developing nations. There is also a box in Finley Hall.

On Mission for The Church Alive! The Christian faith does not change: the grace of the sacraments remains for every generation. But our emphasis can change over time - in the way we see faith, express the faith, live out and grow in the faith. We build on the past to meet the needs of the present. Today, Pope Francis has called us to emphasize the Church of Mercy. In a hurting world, the Church provides hope and forgiveness. How can we spread the word to our neighbors that our parish is a place to receive mercy and hope?

To read more, check out "On Mission for The Church Alive!" on page 5 of this week's Pittsburgh Catholic and visit:

www.OnMissionChurchAlive.org

Sharing Christ: Consider setting aside real time for yourself to re-turn to God, either quickly like St. Paul, or slowly like most of us who see our imperfections. Come as you are in 2016 to pray, nourish mind, spirit, and body at Sharing Christ sessions. If you can't make all 7 sessions, register for as much time as you can. April 6th through May 18th, 7:00 p.m. to 9:15 p.m. Early registration is helpful to our team. (724-348-8056)

Bingo - Join us Tuesday for Bingo in Finley Hall. The Jack-pot will be \$525.00 in 48 numbers. The Magic Number will be \$218.00 plus this week's take. The 'All Nighter' game will be \$997.00 plus this week's take. Early Bird games begin at 7:15, regular games at 7:30 p.m. Come and enjoy a relaxing evening.

Thank you donors to our Blood Drive last week. You donated 50 pints of blood. You're our silent unsung heroes. Overwhelming!!

Palm Sunday Ministry Schedule – March 19/20**6:00 p.m. Saturday**

Ministers: Foster, Wardle, Thropp, DeIuliis,
Weisdack, Kovscek, Wietrzykowski
Lector: E. Garry & S. McCormick
Servers: N. Wardle, E. MacKenzie, T. Smida

8:00 a.m. Sunday

Ministers: Patellos, F. & R. Funtal, M. A. & Henry
Lassige, Yesionek, Barner
Lector: N. Lang, & J. Valecko
Servers: R. Funtal, E. & C. Rega

11:00 a.m. Sunday

Ministers: C. & J. Patterson, Kims, Pitzer, Trovato,
Battaglia, Folz
Lector: V. Lombardi & J. Mansmann
Servers: V. Lombardi, K. Brant, G. Mucci

Benefit Band Concert will be presented at Ringgold Middle School on Route 88 Sunday, March 20th at 2:00 p.m. Funds raised will benefit area libraries. The Greater Monongahela Area Community Band will perform a program that includes a wide variety of concert band music styles. (Broadway show tunes, marches, selections from the traditions concert bands.) Tickets to the concert are \$5.00 and will be available at the door. The printed program numbers will include a challenge for those attending. In place of the traditional listing of music selections, the audience will be faced with the decision: "Which titles does the number represent?" Sounds like fun!

Marriage Moments - Adultery is a tragic offense against one's marriage vow. Yet Jesus says, "Has no one condemned you?....Neither do I condemn you." (Jn. 8:11) It doesn't make an awful act right, but Jesus' response is mercy. Is there anything big or small that needs mercy in your marriage?

Parenting Pointers - *Week 5:* Jesus fed the hungry and bids us to do the same. (Mt. 25:35) But people need pots, pans, and other kitchen utensils to cook meals to feed themselves. Do you have any duplicate kitchen supplies that you can pass on to a needy family?

Madonna Catholic School is collecting items for the Options Pregnancy Center of Monongahela. A pro-life group supporting young adults and teens during unplanned pregnancy until the child is two years old. Bring items to Finley Hall. They will pick up your donations Wednesday, March 16th.

**Today, March 13, Fifth Sunday of Lent***Is 43:16-21; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11*

6:00 p.m. (Sat.) Larry Withum - Terry Simon Black
8:00 a.m. For the People of the Parish
11:00 a.m. Frank Kelly - Paul & Joan Owens & Family

Monday, March 14, Lenten Weekday*Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62];**Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:12-20*

8:30 a.m. Mark Sanders - Todd, Denise & Maddox Miller

Tuesday, March 15, Lenten Weekday*Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30*

8:30 a.m. Ron Datz - Mom & Family

Wednesday, March 16, Lenten Weekday*Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42*

8:30 a.m. Special Intention of Gail McDowell - John McDowell

Thursday, March 17, Lenten Weekday/St. Patrick*Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59*

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

Friday, March 18, Lenten Weekday*Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42*

8:30 a.m. Dan & Frieda Nurnberger - AC & Clara Franklin

7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross & Benediction

Saturday, March 19, St. Joseph, Spouse of the**Blessed Virgin Mary** *2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps**89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21*

8:30 a.m. Veronica & Stanley Mocniak - Steve & Mary Parish

Confessions after 8:30 a.m. Mass daily**Sunday, March 20, Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord***Lk 19:28-40; Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14 — 23:56 [23:1-49]*

6:00 p.m. (Sat.) Adam Checque - Mom & Dad

8:00 a.m. Donna Simon Barner - Jim & Nancie McNally

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

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

The Sanctuary Candle will burn this week *"In Memory of Adam Checque"* requested by Mom & Dad.

Many thanks to all the people of the parish for their prayers, Mass Intentions, charitable offering and support for the Satter -Belhumeur family on the death of my wife and Chris's mom Mary Ann. May God bless you all abundantly!

Deacon Vic