



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

Christmas Spirit - St. Francis Choir and Christmas Brass Ensemble of "Too Many Tubas" will present an *Advent Program Welcoming Christmas* with music and Scripture. Admission free, everyone welcome on tonight Sunday, December 11th at 7:00 p.m. in the Church. Refreshments will be served in Finley Hall after the program.

Good Samaritan Collection to support families in need here in our community. A box in church for your gift. This is the last weekend of the collection.

The Light is one for you... This Wednesday, December 14th from 6-9 p.m. Confessions in all Churches of our Diocese. Come on in!

Christian Mothers & Ladies Guild Christmas Party will be held this **Thursday, December 15th at 6:00 p.m.** in Finley Hall. Bring a paper product for the service project of the Food Pantry, and a \$10 gift if you wish to participate in the gift exchange. Money for Dinner must be in by Monday December 12th, no later. Call Sue at 724-348-4185.

Baby Jesus Birthday Party is Saturday, December 17th at 10:00 a.m. in Finley Hall. Call Carol Cicci at 724-348-6190 or Parish Office. For children of all ages.

Christmas Poinsettias – There are Flower Offering envelopes in the back of the church to order flowers for the Church for Christmas. Donation: \$7.00. The Poinsettias may be placed on the Altar "*In Memory of a Loved one*", "*In Thanksgiving*" or "*For a Special Intention.*" Return by **Monday, December 12th.**

Oplatki - Christmas Wafers are available at the Parish Office or after all masses.

Christmas Decorating next Sunday, December 18th after 11:00 Mass. Stick around or come back and help. It won't take long if we have enough help!

Taxes and Giving - All gifts made on or before December 31st are tax deductible for the tax year. Here is an opportunity to support your Church and lessen your tax liability for the year.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Saturday, December 24th - 4, 8 and 10 p.m.
Sunday, December 25th - 8 and 11 a.m.

Christmas Confessions:

Monday, December 19th - 9 a.m., 7 p.m.
Tuesday, December 20th - 9 a.m., 4 & 7 p.m.
Wednesday, December 21st - 9 a.m. & 11 a.m., 4 & 7 p.m.
Thursday, December 22nd 9 a.m.
By appointment, call Rectory 724-348-7145.

Christmas Discernment Retreat Friday, December 16th to Sunday, December 18th at Gilmary Retreat Center. No cost. For men thinking about a vocation and opportunity to learn about priesthood. Must be 18 or older. Visit www.pghpriest.com, tsullivan@diopitt.org to register or phone 412-456-3123.

Advent Prayer Service - Take time to step away from hectic preparations, and join us for Advent Prayer. Song, silence, and scripture form a quiet time to let the Spirit refresh your heart! Tuesday evening, **December 20th, 6:00 p.m.** in Church.

Bingo - Join us Tuesday evening for Bingo in Finley Hall. The Jack-pot will be \$600.00 in 51 numbers. The 1st & 2nd Magic Numbers will be \$250.00 and the 3rd Magic Number will be \$36.00 plus this week's take. The 'All Nighter' game will be \$194.50 plus this week's take. Early Bird Games begin at 7:15, Regular Games at 7:30 p.m.

Marriage Moments - "Be patient, brothers and sisters... Do not complain about one another." (James 5: 7-9). Preparation for Christmas can strain even the best relationships. Be gentle and patient with each other as you do the many tasks to prepare for Christmas.

Parenting Pointers - The purpose of Advent is not to shop but to learn to wait. Teaching your child to delay gratification is an important life skill. Perhaps this W.A.I.T. acronym could help:
W - Waiting give us time to make a good decision or buy the right thing.
A - Anticipation can enhance appreciation.
I - Instant gratification is often fleeting.
T - Take stock of your blessings. What do you already have?

Ministry Schedule – December 17/18

6:00 p.m. Saturday

Ministers: Hoover, Brucker, Foster, B. Lewis,
Thropp, Checque, Deluliis

Lector: E. Garry

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

8:00 a.m. Sunday

Ministers: R. Funtal, Durost, Schirra, Jaki, Combes,
B. Jurofcik, Sherred

Lector: M. Wyse

Servers: E. & C. Rega, R. Funtal

11:00 a.m. Sunday

Ministers: Hamilton, A. & S. Parker, Kims, Trovato,
Battaglia, Greco

Lector: J. Mansmann

Servers: G. Mucci, K. & K. Gindele

An Advent Prayer

May the God of peace make us completely holy.
May God keep us blameless in spirit, soul and
body for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Forever faithful is the One who calls us—God our
Father!

Expectant, let us live in joyful hope
for the revelation of the glory
of our God and Savior, Christ Jesus!

To him be glory forever!

Come, Lord Jesus! Your grace be with us all.
—From *Come, Lord Jesus* by Lucien Deiss, CSSp, copyright
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A Season of Hope

Today we can bask in the imagery that the Mass readings offer us. In particular, Isaiah’s vision of a parched land that blooms with abundant flowers holds a message for each of us. Too often we are just like that parched land. We can allow ourselves to become absorbed in the waves of consumerism that grip so many. We look for fulfillment in the things that money can buy. Unfortunately, this leaves us like parched land, thirsting for something that money can’t buy. This holy season has much to offer to quench our thirsts. In a word, this season offers hope. We are told that those who are ransomed by God will know joy and gladness. For them, sorrow and mourning will be no more. Let us place our hope in these promises.

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Financial Overview

Needed/week.....	\$8,361.64
Last week.....	\$7,101.75
Deficit/Surplus.....	(\$1,259.89)

Religious Education Fund \$3,125.00



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Today, December 11, Third Sunday of Advent

Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

6:00 p.m. (Sat.) Helen Nyga - Bill & Janet Nyga

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

11:00 a.m. In Thanksgiving for Stevie Roper -
Mom & Dad

Monday, December 12, Our Lady of Guadalupe

Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

8:30 a.m. Pete Barszczowski - Carol Cicci

Tuesday, December 13, St. Lucy

Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23; Mt 21:28-32

8:30 a.m. Mary Ann Satter - Paul & Ann
Schreibeis

Wednesday, December 14, St. John of the Cross

Is 45: 6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 7:18b-23

8:30 a.m. Julie Funtal - Mom & Family

Thursday, December 15, Advent Weekday

Is 54:1-10; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b; Lk 7:24-30

8:30 a.m. Rich Kriston - Roseann Laughlin

Friday, December 16, Advent Weekday

Is 56:1-3a, 6-8; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Jn 5:33-36

8:30 a.m. Vera Cutler - Barb & Rose

Saturday, December 17, Late Advent Weekday

Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17

8:30 a.m. Mark Schirra - Wife, Kathy

Confessions after 8:30 a.m. Mass daily

Sunday, December 18, Fourth Sunday of Advent

Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

6:00 p.m. (Sat.) John & Michael Maimone - Family

8:00 a.m. Paul Ghilani - Dorothy, Michael &
Family

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

Home With Christ - Please pray for the souls of *Tere Castro*, sister of Christi Vamos, and for *Lori Anne Corbin*, daughter of Roger & Dorothy Corbin. *May they rest in peace.*

The Sanctuary Candle will burn this week **“In Memory of Rich Kriston”** requested by Rick & Mary Jane Jurofcik.

“TO THE GLORY OF GOD”

The Flowers on our Altar today are presented

“In Memory of Mark Schirra”

requested by Wife, Kathy.



“In Memory of Parents and Brother”

requested by Patty Kelly.



The Look of Love

What does love look like? It has feet to go to the poor and needy. It has eyes to see misery and want. It has ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of others.

—St. Augustine