



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 - The child born to Jesus and Mary was named Emmanuel, which means "God is with us." Every child is EMMANUEL, reminding us "God is with us." Children are signs of God's continuing presence in our lives.

Christmas decorating today, December 18th. Stick around after 11:00 Mass or come back to help us. The more bodies, the faster the job. Shouldn't take long. Steelers play at 8:30 p.m.

Christmas Masses
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.
For an appointment at the Parish Office, call 724-348-7145.

Christmas Charities Collection for Children and Youth. This collection will be taken at masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day and is credited to our annual Parish Share assessment. So, being very generous will support a number of programs in our diocese which serve many children and young people, as well as put a nice credit on our PSP.

Flower Calendar for 2017 is in the vestibule. So that everyone will have a chance to select their special date, we 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.

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.

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.

Christmas 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. Christmas Gifts will be given to all players.

Marriage Moments - "A husband always prefers his wife's mother-in-law to his own." (Anonymous) Think of one trait or talent that your mother-in-law or father-in-law passed on to your spouse for which you are grateful.

Parenting Pointers - As Christmas approaches help your children prepare by urging them to choose at least one of their possessions to give away to someone who needs it more than they do.

Don't be surprised you'll see Catholic friends and neighbors at the Christmas Masses, that's why there are no seats left at 4:00 Mass on Christmas Eve. Lots of seats on Christmas at 8:00 & 11:00 a.m.

Thank you for your generosity in the Good Samaritan Collection. You contributed a generous \$1,055.00. The donations along with the many gifts from the 'Giving Tree' Project were delivered to the families. I'm sure it will make Christmas extra special for them. Again thank you for your support in all the projects we do at this time of the year.

Oplatki Wafers are still available for your Christmas Eve tradition. Help yourself to an envelope and make a donation in the can beside the box.

Enjoy Books - Still need that last minute Christmas Gift? Many freebee meals, golf, carwashes, dry-cleaning coupons. A gift that lasts all year! \$30.

December 24/25 Christmas Masses

4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve

Ministers: Thropp, Dishong, Weisdack, Barner,
Jaki, Hoover, F. Funtal
Lector: S. McCormick
Servers: G. Mucci, T. & T. Smida

8:00 p.m. Christmas Eve

Ministers: Wietrzykowski, Kovscek, Checque,
Brucker, Deluliis, Wardle
Lector: E. Garry
Servers: N. Wardle, J. Scherer

10:00 p.m. Christmas Eve

Ministers: Bublak, Trovato, Banahasky, Foster
D., R., & B. Lewis
Lector: K. Lewis
Servers: Z. & Z. Bublak

8:00 a.m. Christmas Day

Ministers: Fox, H. & M. A. Lassige, Hirsch,
Drahnak, Durost, Yesionek
Lector: N. Lang
Servers: E. & C. Rega, D. Drahnak

11:00 a.m. Christmas Day

Ministers: A. & S. Parker, Haid, Pitzer, Battaglia,
Hamilton, Greco
Lector: L. Kenavey
Servers: K. & K. Gindele, K. Brant

Summoned By God

As Christmas draws near, Advent's scriptures lure us into a world of dreams, signs, wonders, and the miracle of the virgin birth. Too often we allow the great stories of our faith, the ones that are most familiar, simply to wash over us. Today's Gospel account of the events leading up to the birth of the Lord reads like a present-day soap opera. Yet Joseph's courage, even in the midst of what must have been an incredibly confusing time, provides a model for us. Each week, we are summoned by God to embrace the way of goodness and truth through the proclamation of God's holy word. Like Joseph, we are called to do as the Lord commands us. As we stand at the threshold of Christmas, let us have the courage to be open to whatever it is that the Lord will require of us as we celebrate the miracle of Bethlehem.

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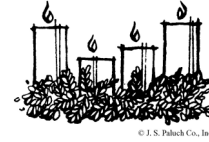
Christmas Children

It is good to be children sometimes, and never better than at Christmas.

—Charles Dickens

Financial Overview

Needed/week.....	\$8,361.64
Last week.....	\$6,309.60
Deficit/Surplus.....	(\$2,052.04)



Today, 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

Monday, December 19, Late Advent Weekday

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25

8:30 a.m. John Miehl - John & Cathy Miehl

Tuesday, December 20, Late Advent Weekday

Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38

8:30 a.m. Agnes Cicci - Erin & Scott Bexendell

Wednesday, December 21, Late Advent Weekday

Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45

8:30 a.m. Joseph Judeikis III - Dad, Mom & Jen

Thursday, December 22, Late Advent Weekday

1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56

8:30 a.m. James & Beatrice Donovan - Daughter, Janet

Friday, December 23, Late Advent Weekday

Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66

8:30 a.m. Raymond Dusch - Ladies of Charity

Saturday, December 24, Late Advent Weekday

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79

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

Christmas Eve Masses

4:00 p.m. Special Intention

8:00 p.m. Special Intention

10:00 p.m. For the People of the Parish

Sunday, December 25, The Nativity of the Lord

Christmas Day

8:00 a.m. Special Intention

11:00 a.m. Special Intention

Home With Christ - Please pray for the soul of *Ruth Sarsfield* of our Parish. *May she rest in peace.*

The Sanctuary Candle will burn this week *"In Memory of Charles Janeski"* requested by the McCormick Family.

"TO THE GLORY OF GOD"

The Flowers on our Altar today are presented

"In Memory of the Deceased Members of the Hoover & Schettler Families"

requested by John & Sue Hoover.



"In Memory of James W. & Beatrice Donovan" requested by Daughter, Janet.