



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 - Can you say “I have testified Jesus is the Son of God?” If you aren’t talking about Jesus in your family, you aren’t testifying. If you are not walking your talk, your children will see your words as meaningless.

Second Collection for St. Anthony School and DePaul School for Hearing and Speech this weekend January 14/15. If you are blessed with good health and don’t need the services of these programs, thank God. Please be generous.

Protecting God’s Children Class here at St. Francis Parish on Wednesday, January 18th. The class will be held in Finley Hall and starts promptly at 6:30 p.m. If you are involved in a ministry in this or any parish, you must be compliant with the Diocesan Safe Environment Policy. This class is taken once and is good forever. To register for the class, contact Mary Jane at 724-344-2444.

Free Income Tax Assistance is available again this year beginning Wednesday, February 1, through Friday, April 13, 2017, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at 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, and PACE applications.

Must bring: **Last year’s tax return:** ID for yourself and spouse. Social Security numbers and birth dates for yourself, spouse and dependents; all W-2 forms, 1099’s (including Social Security 1099) 1095 health care statements, and property tax receipts, and all other income and interest forms. Totals of itemized deductions. Both spouses are required to sign joint returns. A voided check for direct deposit of refund.

How do you pray in February? Are you “in Step” with the Lord? Are you stumbling through the Dark? Come, reflect with friends, on Thursday February 2nd at 9:15 a.m., or 1:00 p.m., or 7:00 p.m. in Finley Hall. Missed January? Come any way! Any month is a good time to tune in! Questions, call Maryanne 412-417-6435.

Marriage Moments - In these days of racial tension, yes, black lives matter. Yes, all lives matter. Presumably you’ve had to figure out how to resolve differences in your own marriage. Do you have friends of a different race than your own? Relationships matter. Make friends.

Parenting Pointers - Consider starting a new family prayer tradition this year. Try this ancient prayer: “May God bless you and keep you! May God’s face shine upon you and be gracious to you! May God look upon you kindly and give you peace!” (Numbers 6:22-27)

Prayer Blanket Ministry - If you took prayer blankets to sew for our ministry, we need them back. Please run them in to the parish office by January 27th. We are always looking for sewers. If you would like to join this ministry, please contact Mary Jane at 724-344-2444.

Bingo - Congratulations to the winners of the first 2 Magic Numbers. Join us Tuesday for Bingo in Finley Hall. The Jack-pot will be \$625.00 in 53 numbers. The Magic Number will be \$53.00 plus this weeks take. The ‘All Nighter’ game will be \$387.00 plus this week’s take. Early Bird games begin at 7:15, regular games at 7:30 p.m.

The Power of Prayer - If you have any prayer requests or would like to be a *link* in the prayer chain, please call Kathy at 724-941-0347.

Never underestimate the power of prayer.

On The Lighter Side...

- ◇ How does Moses make his tea? Hebrews it.
- ◇ I stayed up all night to see where the sun went, and then it dawned on me.
- ◇ I didn’t like my beard at first. Then it grew on me.
- ◇ I got a job at a bakery because I kneaded dough.
- ◇ I’m reading a book about anti-gravity. I just can’t put it down.
- ◇ All the toilets in New York’s police stations have been stolen. As of now, it appears the police have nothing to go on.
- ◇ Broken pencils are pretty much pointless.



Ministry Schedule – January 21/22

6:00 p.m. Saturday

Ministers: Wietrzykowski, Weisdack, Wardle,
DeLuliis, Checque, Hoover, Thropp
Lector: S. McCormick
Servers: N. Wardle, K. Brant

8:00 a.m. Sunday

Ministers: Sherred, M. Jurofcik, Fox, Lang, Parish,
H. & M. A. Lassige
Lector: K. Jasko
Servers: C. & E. Rega, A. Kolano

11:00 a.m. Sunday

Ministers: D. & B. Lewis, A. & S. Parker, Hamilton,
Pitzer, Folz
Lector: K. Lewis
Servers: A. Parker, G. Mucci, A. Llopart

Beginning next weekend, January 21/22 and 28/29, the Knights of Columbus will be taking orders for their famous hoagies. They will be available for pickup Saturday, February 4th.

Three Missions

Today we begin with one of the “servant songs” from the book of Isaiah, a song prophetic of Jesus’ ministry of service. Isaiah’s mission is not only to bring back the children of Jacob to gather in Israel; it is also to be “a light to the nations” (Isaiah 49:6). Jesus Christ, as servant, will be the fulfillment of the ancient prophecy and the basis of the new.

This Sunday we begin a series of readings from Paul’s letter to the Corinthians. Here Paul is identified by his mission: he is an apostle of Jesus Christ. The church at Corinth to whom he addresses this letter is also identified: it is part of the universal church of God. The Corinthians are called to holiness, as are all Christians.

Though the feast of the Baptism of the Lord was celebrated last Monday, today’s Gospel also alludes to the importance of that event. The reading emphasizes that Jesus “outranks” John: his baptism in the Spirit will eradicate sin. Jesus accepts John’s baptism, even though it is he himself who is the Lamb of God.

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Vision

Some people see more in a walk around the block than others see in a trip around the world.
—Anonymous

God Knows Best

God’s creative wisdom was at its best when making humans. There are four holes in the head for information to go in, and only one for it to go out.
—Anonymous

Today, January 15, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34
6:00 p.m. (Sat.) Jean Stefanov - Deacon Vic Satter
8:00 a.m. For the People of the Parish
11:00 a.m. Bill Andrewson - Ellen Andrewson

Monday, January 16, Weekday Mass

Heb 5:1-10; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 2:18-22
8:30 a.m. Leonard Checque - Larry & Sis Welsbacher

Tuesday, January 17, St. Anthony

Heb 6:10-20; Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9, 10c; Mk 2:23-28
8:30 a.m. Paul Gergerich - Maryanne & Mike

Wednesday, January 18, Weekday Mass

Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 3:1-6
8:30 a.m. Willa Mae Zukauckas - Frank & Anna Jeanne Ruguricki

Thursday, January 19, Weekday Mass

Heb 7:25 — 8:6; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Mk 3:7-12
8:30 a.m. Lisa Koontz - Bob & Kelly Jasko

Friday, January 20, Weekday Mass

Heb 8:6-13; Ps 85:8, 10-14; Mk 3:13-19
8:30 a.m. Shirley Noroski - Dennis Ryan

Saturday, January 21, St. Agnes

Heb 9:2-3, 11-14; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Mk 3:20-21
8:30 a.m. Larry & Gloria Withum - Family

Confessions after 8:30 a.m. Mass daily

Sunday, January 22, Third Sunday in Ordinary

Time *Is 8:23 — 9:3; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23 [12-17]*
6:00 p.m. (Sat.) For the People of the Parish
8:00 a.m. Art & Catherine Hengler - Joanne Funtal & Family
11:00 a.m. Gary Spalla - Family

The Sanctuary Candle will burn this week “In Memory of Caitlyn Papson” requested by Margaret Kuskie.

“TO THE GLORY OF GOD”
The Flowers on our Altar today are presented



“In Memory of Ruth & Jake Scheidhauer”
requested by Diane & John Varner.

Financial Overview

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| Needed/week..... | \$8,266.74 |
| Last week | \$5,875.00 |
| Deficit/Surplus..... | (\$2,391.74) |

2016 Contribution Records for income tax purposes will be in the mail this week. If you notice any discrepancies or have questions, please call the parish office 724-348-7145.