



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 - Giving the shirt off your back, turning the other cheek or walking/driving the extra mile is normal stuff in families. We do that for one another. Today's gospel reminds us all people, even those we don't like, are our brothers and sisters. Our family should prepare us to be FAMILY to others.

Pancake Breakfast and Bake Sale today in Finley Hall from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. Tickets at the door. Adults \$6.00, Children \$3. This is a fundraiser for our Columbiettes charities.

Through our Baptism we share responsibility for the mission of the Church. Jesus calls us to discipleship and to share our unique gifts with the Church. Our beloved priests cannot "do it all." All of us are called to step up and lead others in faith. This is what it means to be *On Mission for The Church Alive!*

About "Journey to Jerusalem:" besides actors, we need organizers, artists, and craftsmen. Others will transform our parish hall into the rooms and streets of Jerusalem. Others, still, will prepare flyers, programs, and advertisements. Promoters will go out into the highways and byways to bring in an audience. Directors, make-up artists, and costumers will transform 21st century people into 1st century people. Finally, we need 'hospitable souls' to welcome everyone to St. Francis in our own, special Way. There are many ways to participate and make this a lent to remember. Don't miss this remarkable opportunity to deepen your love for Christ...as the Family of St. Francis.

Monthly Prayer Gathering - How do you "lean on God?" Do you even know He's waiting for you to lean on? Join us March 2nd first Thursday in Finley Hall. 9:15 a.m.; 1:00 p.m.; or 7:00 p.m. Any questions, call Maryanne at 412-417-6434.

Blood Drive on Wednesday, March 8th from 12:30 - 6 p.m. in Finley Hall. Call Mary Parish at the Parish Office to schedule an appointment at 724-348-7145, email tkpitzer@verizon.net, or visit centralbloodbank.org, click Make an Appointment and search with group code G0040239, or just walk in. Eat well, stay hydrated, bring ID. All participating donors will receive a T-shirt.

Special Thanks for your generous donations for the High School Ministry Souper Bowl collection to benefit Finleyville Food Pantry. We broke a record with a grand total of \$1,342.45. Doubled last years. Also, the total of the Baby Bottle Campaign was \$1,878.88. Thank you for your support of the youth in our Parish.

Bingo - Join us Tuesday for Bingo in Finley Hall. The Jack-pot will be \$700.00 in 55 numbers. The Magic Number will be \$132.00 plus this week's take. The 'All Nighter' game will be \$769.50 plus this week's take. Early Bird games begin at 7:15, regular games at 7:30 p.m.

Marriage Moments - A good marriage is not recognized by the absence of conflict, but the presence of peacemaking. One sign of a healthy marital relationship is the desire of a husband and wife to seek unity when there are disagreements and differences.

Parenting Pointers - "Love your neighbor as yourself" (Leviticus 19:18). Generally, preachers generalize neighbor to mean beyond the person next door. But today, why not take it literally. With your child, choose a neighbor. Make them a treat or do a favor for them together.

Catholic Women's College Club is sponsoring a scholarship for \$1,000 for a deserving Catholic senior girl who is a current resident of Belle Vernon, Charleroi, Donora, Finleyville, Monessen, Monongahela or Union Twp., and has a GPA of 3.50 or higher. Applications for the award are available at the guidance offices at Belle Vernon, Charleroi, Monessen, Geible, Ringgold, Serra, Seton LaSalle of Greensburg Central Catholic High Schools. Deadline for the application is **Tuesday, March 7, 2017.**

Applications available at the Parish Office.

Divorced, Widowed, or Separated? The loss of a spouse through separation, divorce, or death is a traumatic experience. The *Beginning Experience* weekend is intended to help widowed, divorced, or separated people who would like to pass through the grief and begin to move forward with their lives. The next weekend will be March 17-19, 2017 at Gilmary Retreat Center in Moon Twp., PA. Payment arrangement and possible financial assistance are available. Make a confidential call to Mary at 412-523-2405 or Steve at 412-720-8694.

Ministry Schedule – February 25/26

6:00 p.m. Saturday

Ministers: Foster, Brucker, Kovscek, Checque, DeLuliis, B. Lewis, Wietrzykoski
Lector: S. McCormick
Servers: T., T., & T. Smida

8:00 a.m. Sunday

Ministers: Barner, Hirsch, Yesioneck, Dishong, Banahasky, Drahnak, Combes
Lector: M. Wyse
Servers: J. Pisarcik, M. Miller, D. Drahnak

11:00 a.m. Sunday

Ministers: Kims, Trovato, J. & C. Patterson, Bublak, Mansmann, Greco
Lector: L. Kenavey
Servers: Z. & Z. Bublak

Ash Wednesday Fish Fry, March 1st, 12 noon to 6:30 p.m. in Finley Hall.

Divine Wisdom

The Lord’s message, through Moses, was to “take no revenge and cherish no grudge...love your neighbor as yourself” (Leviticus 19:18). We might think, “Great in theory, but not always realistic!”

Then Jesus in today’s Gospel goes even further. Take a slap in the face and then turn the other cheek? Treat enemies the same as friends? Again, we’re tempted to think that those are nice ideals, but not very practical in the “real world.”

Paul echoes Jesus when he tells the Corinthians that what passes for human wisdom is absurdity to God. Divine wisdom casts sunshine on the good and the bad, showers rain on the honest and the dishonest—without distinction. We must examine our wisdom and common sense to see how they compare to the wisdom of God, and make adjustments accordingly. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

The Heaviest Load

A chip on the shoulder is the heaviest load anyone can carry. —Anonymous

Food for Thought

- To be almost saved is to be totally lost.
He, who angers you, controls you.
Give Satan an inch and he’ll be a ruler.
If God is your co-pilot, swap seats.
Courage is fear that as said its prayers.
A clean conscience make a soft pillow.
Man’s way leads to a hopeless end; God’s way leads to an endless hope.



Today, February 19, Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48

6:00 p.m. (Sat.) John Oliverio - Christian Mothers & Ladies Guild

8:00 a.m. For the People of the Parish
11:00 a.m. Tere Castro - Vamos Family

Monday, February 20, Weekday Mass

Sir 1:1-10; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Mk 9:14-29

8:30 a.m. Don Fox - Wife, Eileen

Tuesday, February 21, Weekday Mass

Sir 2:1-11; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mk 9:30-37

8:30 a.m. Jack Peart - Carol Cicci

Wednesday, February 22, The Chair of St. Peter

1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19

8:30 a.m. Maye Kelly - Betty & Jerry Kelly

Thursday, February 23, St. Polycarp

Sir 5:1-8; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mk 9:41-50

8:30 a.m. Angelica Dukes - Ladies of Charity

Friday, February 24, Weekday Mass

Sir 6:5-17; Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35; Mk 10:1-12

8:30 a.m. Frank Ali - Ed Towers

Saturday, February 25, Weekday Mass

Sir 17:1-15; Ps 103:13-18; Mk 10:13-16

8:30 a.m. Mary Parish - Ed & Joanne Stanchak

Confessions after 8:30 a.m. Mass daily

Sunday, February 26, Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 49:14-15; Ps 62:2-3, 6-9; 1 Cor 4:1-5; Mt 6:24-34

6:00 p.m. (Sat.) For the People of the Parish

8:00 a.m. Thomas Blaskovich - Dorothy Ghilani & Family

11:00 a.m. Caitlyn Papson - Great Grandmother, Margaret Kuskie

The Sanctuary Candle will burn this week “In Memory of Don Fox” requested by Wife, Eileen.

“TO THE GLORY OF GOD”

The Flowers on our Altar today are presented



“In Memory of Tere Castro” requested by Vamos Family.



“In Memory of Don Fox” requested by Wife, Eileen.

Financial Overview

Table with 2 columns: Category and Amount. Rows include Needed/week (\$8,266.74), Last week (\$5,937.25), and Deficit/Surplus (\$2,329.49).