



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 - Because we believe we can control and create our own world, we attempt to juggle multiple agendas and we pay a price of neglecting those closest to us. Too late we reach the point of asking "Was it worth it?" We really can't serve two masters.

Ash Wednesday this week, March 1st, distribution of ashes after the homily at mass 8:30 a.m., 12 noon, and 7:00 p.m. Distribution of ashes only at 4:00 p.m. Service.

Fish Fry from 12 - 6:30 p.m. in Finley Hall. Come have an exquisite lunch/dinner with us. Usual menu, all the goodies you expect. Take some chances on the **Lottery Frame** to be raffled.

Stations of the Cross and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament every Friday during Lent at 7:00 p.m.

Finleyville Interfaith Council Lenten Services begin next Sunday, March 5th here at St. Francis. Pastor Glenn McClelland of Mingo Presbyterian Church will be the speaker. Refreshments to follow in Finley Hall.

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.

Ham Bingo, sponsored by the Ladies of Charity of our Parish will be held Sunday, March 12th at 1:00 p.m. in Finley Hall. Tickets are \$4.00 for one board, extra boards \$1.00. Be sure to bring your bingo chips. Tickets will be available at the door. Children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Proceeds are to provide assistance to the needy of our community.

Blood Drive on Wednesday, March 8th from 12:30 - 6 p.m. in Finley Hall. Call Mary at the Parish Office to schedule an appointment at 724-348-7145, call Kathy at 724-348-5361, 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.

Bingo - Join us Tuesday for Bingo in Finley Hall. The Jack-pot will be \$725.00 in 55 numbers. The Magic Number will be \$185.00 plus this week's take. The 'All Nighter' game will be \$842.00 plus this week's take. Early Bird games begin at 7:15, regular games at 7:30 p.m. This may be your lucky night!

Lenten Regulations

Lent begins Wednesday, March 1st

Ash Wednesday and **Good Friday** are days of fast and abstinence. The **Fridays of Lent** are days of abstinence in the United States. The obligation of abstinence (refraining from eating meat) begins at the age of 14. The law of fasting (limiting oneself to one full meal and two lighter meals) obliges all between the ages of 18-59. No one should consider this obligation lightly.

Those individuals who have a medical condition in which fasting may be considered harmful are not obliged to fast, but should perform some other act of penance or charity.

Pastors and parents are to see to it that minors, though not bound by the law of fast and abstinence, are educated in the authentic sense of penance and encouraged to do acts of penance suitable to their age.

All members of the Christian Faithful are encouraged to do acts of penance and charity during the Lenten season beyond what is prescribed by the law.

As a general rule, a request for a dispensation from the obligation of abstinence on Fridays of Lent will not be considered unless some serious reason is present. The attendance at social events, banquets, wedding rehearsals or receptions, or funeral wakes are not considered sufficient reason to request a dispensation.

Parish Share Program 2017 begins today, February 26th, the Sunday before Ash Wednesday. The spirit of renewal growing throughout our diocese, coupled with the increasing needs of those served by the Church, should inspire us to support PSP even more generously than in the past. Our campaign will begin with Mail-in Pledges or donations. Our goal this year is \$68,349.00. Please return the form that you receive in the mail, with your pledge or donation and return it by way of the collection basket in an envelope marked **PSP 2017**, or mail it to the rectory by Sunday, April 9th. Any amount collected over our assessment stays here at St. Francis and that amount is not taxed/assessed for the next year. Your participation in the Parish Share Program helps to support many diocesan-wide services, including the formation of future priests, as well as the support and care of our retired priests. The Parish Share Program supports the oversight and direction of religious education in our 190 parishes, as well as tuition grants in our Catholic schools.

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 at the Parish Office.

Ministry Schedule
Ash Wednesday, March 1st

**8:30 a.m. Mass**

Ministers: Hamilton, Trovato, Schirra
Lector: L. Obringer

12:00 Noon

Ministers: Jaki, Kovscek, Fox
Lector: E. Garry

4:00 p.m. Liturgical Service

Ministers: K. Pitzer, Deacon Vic

7:00 p.m. Mass

Ministers: A. & S. Parker, D. Lewis
Lector: K. Lewis
Servers: K. & K. Gindele, D. Drahnak

March 4/5**6:00 p.m. Saturday**

Ministers: Wardle, Weisdack, Wietrzykowski,
B. Lewis, E. DeLullis, Checque, Kovscek
Lector: K. Jasko
Servers: K. Brant, N. Wardle

8:00 a.m. Sunday

Ministers: Sherred, M. Jurofcik, Fox, Yesionek,
Parish, H. & M. A. Lassige
Lector: L. Obringer

Servers: C. & E. Rega, A. Kolano

11:00 a.m. Sunday

Ministers: Haid, Battaglia, Pitzer, Hamilton, Folz,
S. & A. Parker,
Lector: J. Valecko
Servers: G. Mucci, J. Scherer

Be renewed in your Baptism this Lent. Each year, Lent offers us a time to reflect on our Baptism. At Baptism we are welcomed into the community of faith, the Church. In the waters of Baptism we are made like Christ and become beloved sons and daughters of the Father. Through Baptism the Holy Spirit sends us forth as disciples to use our gifts to help others learn, love and live Jesus. This is the call of ALL the baptized, not just a few. Renew your potential for discipleship at **“Back to the Font”**, a Morning of Reflection. The presentations, prayer and discussion will be held on Saturday March 4 from 9 a.m. to noon. Choose the location nearest you: Immaculate Conception, Washington; St. Katharine Drexel (Ave Maria Church), Bentleyville; St. Paul Seminary, Crafton.

Visit OnMissionChurchAlive.org or call 412-456-3180 for more information on locations or to register.

Marriage Moments - “Do not worry about your life.” (Mt. 6:26) Worries come naturally into most couple’s lives. It may seem unrealistic not to worry. Try watching some birds today. It’s winter, but somehow they are surviving. Do they look sad? Learn from the birds.

Parenting Pointers - Children whine and complain. (OK, adults do this too.) Join with your child to make a “Gratitude List.” See how many things you can each think of for which you are grateful.

Today, 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

Monday, February 27, Weekday Mass

Sir 17:20-24; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 10:17-27

8:30 a.m. Pat & Ron Cholewisnki - Donna & Ruth

Tuesday, February 28, Weekday Mass

Sir 35:1-12; Ps 50:5-8, 14, 23; Mk 10:28-31

8:30 a.m. Holy Face of Jesus

Wednesday, March 1, Ash Wednesday

Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

8:30 a.m. Lola Jurofcik - John & Loretta Antanovich

12:00 noon Chuck Jaki - Margie Cordero

4:00 p.m. Liturgical Service & Distribution of Ashes

7:00 p.m. Rich Kriston - St. Francis Bingo Workers

Thursday, March 2, Thursday after Ash Wednesday

Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25

8:30 a.m. Charles Bove, Sr. - Todd, Denise & Maddox Miller

Friday, March 3, Friday after Ash Wednesday

Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15

8:30 a.m. Mary Schmidt - Family

7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 4, Saturday after Ash Wednesday

Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32

8:30 a.m. Martin, Mary, Thomas, & Sr. Peggy Flaherty - Dorothy Flaherty Weldon

Confessions after 8:30 a.m. Mass daily**Sunday, March 5, First Sunday of Lent**

Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17; Rom 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]; Mt 4:1-11

6:00 p.m. (Sat.) William & Helen Fefolt - Family

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

11:00 a.m. Mark Cummings - Mon Valley Catholic Class of 1975

The Sanctuary Candle will burn this week **“In Memory of George & Irene Parish”** requested by Steve & Mary Parish & Family.

“TO THE GLORY OF GOD”

*The Flowers on our Altar today are presented
“In Loving Memory of Mary C. Parish
on her 100th Birthday”*

requested by Steve, Mary, Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren.



“For A Special Intention”
requested by the Butler Family.

