



## 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** - In today's gospel Jesus cautions it is not enough to provide food for our children; "one does not live on bread alone." Let Lent 2017 be a time when you are "led by the Spirit" to explore new ways to be a moral guide to your children.

**Finleyville Interfaith Council Lenten Services** begin this day, Sunday March 5th at 7:00 p.m. here in our St. Francis Church. Pastor Glenn McClelland from Mingo Presbyterian Church will be the speaker. Refreshments (Hot Cross Buns) and coffee will be served after the service in Finley Hall. Each Sunday evening in Lent we will be at another church for the Lenten Service. Next Sunday, March 12th at Wright's United Methodist Church in Venetia at 7:00 p.m. with Rev. Brent Furlong preaching. All are invited and welcomed with coffee and cookies, cakes after all the services through Lent.

**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** this 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, Kathy at 724-348-5361, email tkpitzer@verizon.net, or visit [centralbloodbank.org](http://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.

**Taize Prayer Service** - Please accept this personal invitation to rest in the Lord...during sung prayer, silence, scripture, petition, blessing....Set aside Thursday evening, March 23rd, 7:00 p.m. for renewed spirit and personal grace. Gift yourself with a Lenten hour of grace. Questions? Please call Maryanne, 412-417-6434.

**April Prayer Gathering** - Our monthly prayer session will meet on Thursday, April 6th, 2017. You have three choices of times: 9:15 a.m.; 1:00 p.m.; or 7:00 p.m. Each session meets in Finley Hall. We are using Joyce Rupp's book, *May I Have this Dance?* as our guide. April's theme is "Watered Gardens." Haven't been able to join us yet? It's never too late to allow time to nurture your soul and look toward the Divine! Any questions, please call Maryanne, 412-417-6434.

**Stations of the Cross and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament** every Friday during Lent at 7:00 p.m. (Except Good Friday.)

**PSP Pledges** to our Parish Share Program are coming in. THANK YOU! If you haven't made your pledge yet, please do and get it off your "must do" list. Return 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. If you are new in the parish, please pick up a form in the church. Please use separate checks for the PSP payments, do not include with your Sunday collection.

**2017 Guide Book & Directory** - We are in the process of updating our annual Guide Book & Directory for our church. This book will contain everything pertinent to our church: the various ministries, organizations, committees, activities, functions and events plus a complete directory of all members. This book is being provided and directly mailed to each family at no cost to our church, and it is again being subsidized by local businesses that advertise. If you own or manage a business and would like to find out about advertising in our book, please call the Parish Office this week or call Dave 724-998-9836. Recent survey results by Guide Book Publishing show that 92.1% of families would rather patronize a Guide Book & Directory advertiser over a non-advertiser. It "will pay" to advertise in our new Guide Book & Directory.

Here is your chance to update YOUR record for our annual Guide Book & Directory. Any changes, additions, or deletions that may have occurred in YOUR family over the past year. Call the Parish Office this week to let us know of any changes.

If you prefer not to have your phone number or name listed in the directory, please call the Parish Office this week.

**Bingo** - Join us Tuesday for Bingo in Finley Hall. The Jack-pot will be \$750.00 in 55 numbers. The 1st Magic Number will be \$250.00 and a 2nd Magic Number will be started. The 'All Nighter' game will be \$927.00 plus this week's take. Early Bird games begin at 7:15, regular games at 7:30 p.m. Good Luck!

**Free Income Tax Assistance** is available again this year beginning Wednesday, February 1, through Thursday, April 13, 2017, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. except Good Friday. Bible Chapel, 300 Gallery Dr., McMurray, PA 15317. 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.



**Daylight Saving Time** begins next Sunday, March 12th. Be sure to change your clocks.

**Ministry Schedule - March 11/12**

**6:00 p.m. Saturday**

Ministers: Brucker, Foster, Kovscek, Checque,  
Deluliis, Lewis, Wietrzykowski  
Lector: E. Garry  
Servers: T., T., & T. Smida

**8:00 a.m. Sunday**

Ministers: Gallo, R. Funtal, Durost, Schirra, Jaki,  
Lang, B. Jurofcik  
Lector: M. Wyse  
Servers: I. & J. Gallo, R. Funtal

**11:00 a.m. Sunday**

Ministers: Greco, J. & C. Patterson, Trovato, Kims,  
Folz, Hamilton  
Lector: V. Lombardi  
Servers: V. Lombardi, K. & K. Gindele

**Christian Mothers & Ladies Guild Meeting**

Thursday, March 9th at 7:00 p.m. in Finley Hall. Speakers are Andrea and Kathy from PNC. Topic: "Empowering Women Financially." All women of the Parish are welcome. Refreshment Committee: Chairperson - Joanne Christopher, Mary Carleo, Nancy Wietrzykowski, Ellen Deluliis, Linda Fraioli. Service Project - Washington City Mission.

**Next Ministry Schedule** will include Holy Week and Easter. Let us know what Masses you would prefer to minister. Holy Thursday (4/13, 7:00 p.m.), Good Friday (4/14, 2:00 p.m.), Easter Vigil (4/15, 8:30 p.m.), Easter Sunday (4/16, 8:00 & 11:00 a.m.). Please call by **Monday, March 27th** (724-348-7145).

**Marriage Moments** - Lent has just begun but too easily it can go the way of New Year's resolutions - Good idea but soon forgotten. Help each other. If you choose the same practice you can reinforce each other. If you choose different ones support each other's growth - but don't nag. It's not a contest.

**Parenting Pointers** - Lent has just begun. Can your family do a "tech fast" of a day without TV or the internet? If not today, choose another day soon. What kind of homemade fun can you substitute?

**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 weekend will be March 17-19, 2017 at Gilmory Retreat Center in Moon Twp., PA. Payment arrangement and possible financial assistance are available. Call Mary at 412-523-2405, Steve at 412-720-8694.

<b>Financial Overview</b>	
Needed/week.....	\$8,266.74
Last week .....	\$5,648.45
Deficit/Surplus.....	(\$2,618.29)



**Today, 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

**Monday, March 6, Lenten Weekday**

*Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46*  
8:30 a.m. James J. Dixon, Sr. - Cora Dixon Family

**Tuesday, March 7, Lenten Weekday**

*Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15*  
8:30 a.m. Diane DiPiazza - Chuck DiPiazza & Family

**Wednesday, March 8, Lenten Weekday**

*Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32*  
8:30 a.m. Leonard Checque - Ed & Joanne Stanchak

**Thursday, March 9, Lenten Weekday**

*Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12*  
8:30 a.m. Ruth Sarsfield - Joanne Funtal

**Friday, March 10, Lenten Weekday**

*Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26*  
8:30 a.m. Mary Ann Satter - St. Francis CCD Students & Faculty  
7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

**Saturday, March 11, Lenten Weekday**

*Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48*  
8:30 a.m. Mary Koskoski - Steve & Mary Parish & Family

**Confessions after 8:30 a.m. Mass daily**

**Sunday, March 12, Second Sunday of Lent**

*Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9*  
6:00 p.m. (Sat.) Adam Checque - Mom & Dad  
8:00 a.m. For the People of the Parish  
11:00 a.m. Larry & Gloria Withum - Family

**Home With Christ** - Please pray for the souls of **Lucy Depp**, mother of David (Terri) Depp, for **Robert Chilson**, father of Kathy Combes, for **Elizabeth Brucker**, mother of Sandy Brucker and James (Pat) Brucker. *May they rest in peace.*

**The Sanctuary Candle** will burn this week "**In Memory of Alex McCume**" requested by Pat, Alexis & Patrick Weldon.

**Easter Flowers** - There are Flower Offering envelopes in the church to order flowers for the Altar for Easter. Donation: \$7.00. The flowers may be placed on the Altar "**In Memory of a Loved one**", "**In Thanksgiving**" or "**For a Special Intention.**" Orders must be in by **Monday, April 3rd.**