



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 - Transfiguration is a common occurrence in families. When we commit to another, such as a spouse in marriage or a child in parenting, we are not committing to them only as they are today, but to the person they are becoming.

Ham Bingo today, sponsored by the Ladies of Charity of our Parish will be held today, 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. Come and enjoy an afternoon of fun.

Stations of the Cross & Benediction every Friday in Lent (except Good Friday) at 7:00 p.m. Great Lenten spiritual exercise.

Finleyville Interfaith Council Lenten Services today, 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.

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).

Parish Share 2017 - Your donations and pledges are coming in! Our total is growing! 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. Please use separate checks for the PSP payments, do not include with your Sunday collection.

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**.

The Light is On for You - This Lent on the evening of **March 15, 2017, from 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.**, rediscover the healing power of the Sacrament of Reconciliation here in our Parish. If you've been away for a long time, don't worry. We'll leave the light on for you...

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.

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.

Ministry Schedule - March 18/19

6:00 p.m. Saturday

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

8:00 a.m. Sunday

Ministers: Combes, Drahnak, Banahasky, Dishong,
Yesionek, R. & F. Funtal
Lector: K. Jasko
Servers: D. Drahnak, M. Miller, J. Pisarcik

11:00 a.m. Sunday

Ministers: Bublak, A. & S. Parker, Trovato, Kims,
Hamilton, Folz
Lector: C. McAninich
Servers: Z. & Z. Bublak



Bingo - Congratulations to the winner of the Jack-pot. Join us Tuesday for Bingo in Finley Hall. A new Jack-pot will be started. The 1st Magic Number will be \$250.00 and the Magic Number will be \$58.00 plus this week's take. The 'All Nighter' game will be \$1,005.00 plus this week's take. Early Bird games begin at 7:15, regular games at 7:30 p.m.

Collections still being taken - Columbiettes are continuing to collect unused personal care items for the Pregnancy Center. Boxes will be available in April.

Please also collect eye glasses and hearing aids for Bethel Park Lions Club. Box currently in Finley Hall. Thank you for your support!

Marriage Moments - "Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk" (Gn. 12: 1). Moving to a new home can be exciting, exhausting, and scary - all at the same time. Share the best and worst part of a move you've made together.

Parenting Pointers - If your child is old enough to choose a Lenten sacrifice, help them to see beyond just giving up candy. Consider how the devil tempted Jesus with food, power, and money. Let the tangible sacrifice be a reminder to love someone who is hard to love.

True Friendship

A true friend can hear a tear drop.

—Anonymous

Financial Overview	
Needed/week.....	\$8,266.74
Last week	\$7,319.16
Deficit/Surplus.....	(\$ 947.58)
Ash Wednesday	\$1,074.00

Today, 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

Monday, March 13, Lenten Weekday

Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38

8:30 a.m. Ron & Pat Cholewinski - Charlotte & Bob Keener

Tuesday, March 14, Lenten Weekday

Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12

8:30 a.m. Larry Vaccaro - Mike & Maryanne

Wednesday, March 15, Lenten Weekday

Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28

8:30 a.m. Ron Datz - Mom & Family
6:00 - 9:00 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation

Thursday, March 16, Lenten Weekday

Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31

8:30 a.m. Kay Steinmetz - Dottie & Ron Bewick & Family

Friday, March 17, Lenten Weekday/St. Patrick

Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

8:30 a.m. Jim Kaza - Glenn & Jeanne
7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 18, Lenten Weekday

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

8:30 a.m. Judy Kovscek - Linda J. Marano

Confessions after 8:30 a.m. Mass daily

Sunday, March 19, Third Sunday of Lent

Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

6:00 p.m. (Sat.) Lori Corbin - Joe & Alice Hakos
8:00 a.m. For the People of the Parish
11:00 a.m. Joe Polacek - Linda Polochak Davenport

Home With Christ - Please pray for the souls of **Charles "Bud" Bayer**, and for **Sharyn Black**, both of our Parish. *May they rest in peace.*

The Sanctuary Candle will burn this week **"In Memory of Adam Checque"** requested by Mom & Dad.

Happy St. Patrick's Day!



March 17, 2017