



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

Palm Sunday distribution of palms after masses today. We celebrate Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem to die and be raised. Procession before 11:00 mass. We will gather at the Blessed Mother Grotto at 10:50.

Journey to Jerusalem today April 9th in Finley Hall. The first group goes at 1:00 and every 20 minutes thereafter. Excellent enactment of Jesus' last days.

Finleyville Interfaith Lenten Service tonight April 9th (Palm Sunday). Pastor Kevin Young will be presiding at Mingo Presbyterian Church at 7:00 p.m. Coffee and dessert will follow in the hall.

Confessions in Holy Week

Monday 9:00 a.m. & 4:00 & 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 & 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 & 7:00 p.m. You may call for a more convenient time 724-348-7145.

Holy Thursday - Chrism Mass at St. Paul Cathedral at 10:00 a.m. Bishop Zubik blesses the three oils used in the Sacraments: Baptism, Confirmation and Anointing of the Sick for each parish in the Diocese.

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 p.m. Adoration until midnight after the Liturgy.

Good Friday

2:00 p.m. The Liturgy begins at 2:00 p.m. Reading of the Passion, Veneration of the Cross, Holy Communion.

7:00 p.m. Tenebrae Service

Collection for Holy Land taken at all Services.

Holy Saturday

No morning mass.

1:00 p.m. Blessing Easter Food Baskets

8:30 p.m. Easter Vigil

Blessing of Fire, (outside) Procession into Church, Prayers, followed by Mass of Easter. You may receive Holy Communion at this Mass and on Easter Sunday if you attend Mass again.

Easter Sunday Masses are at 8:00 and 11:00 a.m.

No Bingo during Holy Week!

A Family Perspective - The cruel death of Jesus tells us bad things can and do happen to very good people. It also tells us God is present during the suffering. Bad things happen but God does not abandon us.

Late for Mass? Please wait in the back of the church until the end of the scripture reading. Proceed to a pew during the Responsorial Psalm or after the Second Reading, enter during the Alleluia before the Gospel. Entering during the readings or homily distracts the people. Thanks for your consideration.

PSP Pledges are still coming in. Payments received prior to March 24th will be billed on April 24th, pledges received after March 24th will be billed in May.

Men's Emmaus Retreat sponsored by St. Benedict Parish scheduled for May 5-7 at the Spiritan Center in Bethel Park. Good food, private room. Contact Ed Corbett 412-302-1659, or ecorbett@verizon.net.

Jefferson Hospital needs volunteers. Whether you would enjoy working directly with patients in the surgery center, in the Gift Shop, or behind the scenes in an office. To learn more, contact Janet O'Brien at 412-469-5885.

Free Tax Assistance till Thursday, April 13th at the Bible Center, 300 Gallery Dr., McMurray, PA 15317. Assistance with Federal, PA State, Local wage tax returns, real estate rebated and PACE. Weekdays 8:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Help Connellsville recover from the damage due to the flood they suffered. A trip will take place somewhere between April 21 - 30. Exact dates will be determined by number of volunteers. It could turn into a 5 day trip. Accommodations in a local church. Feel free to bring a cot, air mattress. Meals will be provided for \$20 a day. (St. Francis will pay for you.) Contact Gary Roney 412-456-3140 or groney@diopitt.org to serve.

Offertory Procession - If a Mass is for your intention or at your request, please inform the ushers **before** Mass begins that you will take up the Offertory Gifts (Bread & Wine) during Mass. Many times the ushers do not know who you are, especially if the intention is for a person by a different name.

Holy Thursday - Mass at 7:00 p.m.

Ministers: Jaki, A. & S. Parker, Drahnak,
Bublak, Trovato, Schirra
Lector: S. McCormick
Servers: Mucci, Drahnak, Z. & Z. Bublak

Good Friday - 2:00 p.m.

Ministers: Foster, A. & S. Parker, D. Lewis
Lector: K. Lewis & L. Obringer
Servers: K. & K. Gindele, V. Lombardi,
Scherer

8:30 p.m. Holy Saturday Vigil

Ministers: Weisdack, D., K. & B. Lewis,
Thropp, R. & F. Funtal
Lector: J. Mansmann, M. Wyse
Servers: R. Funtal, Z. & Z. Bublak, K. Brant,
A. Kolano, J. Pisarcik
Easter Sunday

8:00 a.m. Sunday

Ministers: Wietrzykowski, M. A. & H. Lassige,
Hirsch, Checque, Jaki, Dishong
Lector: K. Jasko
Servers: E. & C. Rega

11:00 a.m. Sunday

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

Seeing Christ Clearly

We start today looking through the portals of Jerusalem, seeing crowds of people, cheering and waving palm branches in the air. The whole atmosphere is one of joy, triumph, and celebration. We can get distracted or enthralled by the scene, and not see clearly the features of Jesus as he enters. But our readings from Isaiah and Paul's letter to the Philippians clarify his features for us. He is the Suffering Servant, meek and mute before his captors and persecutors; he is the very image of the unseen God, yet will not clutch at equality with God before he endures his final confrontation in humility. Isaiah and Paul help us "behold the Lamb of God" before we hear the story of his final and greatest confrontation. It is important that we see Christ clearly before we hear the account of his passion, for we—his Body through baptism, the church—now bear his face. We must, with him, enter into this time of trial so we can, also with him, enter into his final triumph.

The Cross - We should glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection; through whom we are saved and delivered.

—Entrance Antiphon, Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper,

Resurrection To Come - But from this earth, this grave, this dust, My God shall raise me up, I

**Today, April 9, Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

Mt 21:1-11, Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14 — 27:66 [27:11-54]

6:00 p.m. (Sat.) Leonard Checque - Karen & Fred Habel

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

11:00 a.m. Kenny Laughlin - Family

Monday, April 10, Monday of Holy Week

Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11

8:30 a.m. Frank Ali - Ladies of Charity

Tuesday, April 11, Tuesday of Holy Week

Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

8:30 a.m. Charles Bayer - Robert & Denise Clark

Wednesday, April 12, Wednesday of Holy Week

50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34; Mt 26:14-25

8:30 a.m. Fred Cicci & Deceased Members of the Cicci Family - Carol Cicci

**Holy Thursday, April 13**

Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

7:00 p.m. For the People of the Parish

Good Friday, April 14

Is 52:13 — 53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 — 19:42

2:00 p.m. Liturgical Service

7:00 p.m. Tenebrae Service

Holy Saturday, April 15

1:00 p.m. Blessing of Easter Food Baskets

Easter Sunday, April 16

8:30 p.m. Sat. Vigil Mass For the People of the Parish

8:00 a.m. Special Intention

11:00 a.m. Special Intention

The Sanctuary Candle will burn this week **"In Memory of Leonard Checque"** requested by Karen & Fred Habel.

The Sanctuary Candle burns before the Blessed Sacrament 24 hours a day. It is a symbol of the presence of Christ in the Eucharist. If you wish to have the Sanctuary Candle burn for a special intention, please pick up the special envelope in the vestibule of the Church. Mark the envelope with the name(s) you would like to be remembered, or a special intention and return it with a \$10.00 donation. Each week we will publish in the bulletin the intention.