



## 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



The 4th of July (Independence Day) is our greatest patriotic holiday. It celebrates the birthday of our nation. On this day let us remember and appreciate the

liberty that we enjoy as Americans. Let us begin our celebration with Mass at 8:30 a.m. and thank God for the great gift he has given us.

*Have a happy and safe 4th!*

**A Family Perspective** - Today's gospel challenges us to resist the individualism of our culture. Everything we are and have is pure gift which we are expected to share especially to the "lowly ones." What has been freely given needs to be shared freely. No strings attached.

**Prayer Gathering** on the first Thursday each month, July 6th, the theme for July "God's Playground." Good news here as in eternity. Join us to pray, reflect and move into July with a personal prayer action. Finley Hall 9:15 a.m. or 1:00 p.m., or 7:00 p.m.

**Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** this Friday, July 7th from 6 - 9 p.m. Come in and spend a few or many minutes, if only to say, "Thank you."

**Columbiettes** are collecting unused personal care items for the Pregnancy Resource Center. Place items in Finley Hall in a bag marked "Columbiettes."

**On Mission for The Church Alive! On Mission: Now What?** The *On Mission for The Church Alive!* initiative is entering a new phase as we continue planning and working for the future of the Church of Pittsburgh. The On Mission Commission, a group of over 80 clergy, religious and lay members from across the diocese are studying the proposed parish groupings and considering the feedback gathered from recent parish surveys and town hall meetings.

The Commission will offer recommendations that will eventually be shared with Bishop Zubik, who will make the ultimate determination. While final decisions have yet to be made, they are being discerned based upon the input you have provided. Visit [onmissionchurchalive.org](http://onmissionchurchalive.org) to learn more about your parish grouping and to stay informed.

**New Altar Servers needed for weekend Masses.** Call if your 4th grader or older, Senior in High School is willing to help. Training this Summer (724-348-7145).

### Parish Picnic

**Sunday, August 20th - 1:00 p.m. - Dark**

**Theme Baskets and Craft Stand** - We are grateful to all who have donated the beautiful handmade articles for the Craft Stand in the past and welcome new ideas for this year's picnic.

**Theme Baskets** will be made up for the picnic to raffle. Please drop off items that can be used to fill the baskets by August 6th so that the baskets can be put together. If you would like to put together a complete basket and put a theme name on it, that would be great. Bring complete baskets by August 13th to the room next to the kitchen. Use your imagination! Please be sure to have the craft items to the Parish Office by Monday, August 14th.

**Country Store** - Featured items at the Country Store will be new or nearly new items, small handmade items, plants, produce, books. (No TV's or Microwaves) Start saving your items now and bring them to Finley Hall Monday - Friday beginning August 14th, 7:00 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**Pop for Parish Picnic** - *Could you add another 12 pack or cube of pop to your shopping cart?* We need the following: Cases (12 Packs/Cubes - 12 oz. cans) of Coke, Diet Coke, Pepsi, Diet Pepsi, Mountain Dew, Sprite, and/ or Root Beer, Cases (16.9 oz. bottles) of Water. Bring them to the room next to the kitchen no later than Sunday, August 6th. Thank you.

**Booth Sponsors for the Parish Picnic** - Each year businesses in the local area donate \$25.00 to sponsor a booth at the Picnic. The name of the Company is clearly posted in one of the booths during the Picnic. To sponsor a booth this year call 724-348-7145 by Monday, August 14th.

**Marriage Moments** - Independence is an important step on the journey to adulthood, but marriage also requires dependence. I depend on you to keep your word, to be there when I'm feeling hurt, to watch the kids so I can have a break. How do you depend on one another?

**Parenting Pointers** - "...although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned, you have revealed them to little ones." (Mt 11:25) What have you recently learned from your child?

**Ministry Schedule July 8/9**

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

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

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

Ministers: Banahasky, Combes, Gallo, Durost, Fox, Schirra, Jaki  
 Lector: M. Wyse  
 Servers: I. & J. Gallo, A. Kolano

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

Ministers: Folz, Greco, Bublak, A. & S. Parker, D. & B. Lewis  
 Lector: K. Lewis  
 Servers: Z. & Z. Bublak, G. Mucci

**No Bingo Tuesday, July 4th** - Bingo will resume Tuesday, July 11th. The Jack-pot will be \$700.00 in 55 numbers. The Magic Number will be \$134.00 plus this week's take. The 'All Nighter' game will be \$1,190.00 until it is won. Early Bird Games begin at 7:15 p.m. Regular Games at 7:30.

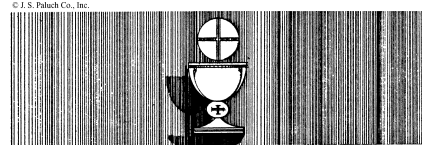
**The Richness of Life in Christ**

Today we have the beautiful story of the woman promised a child, the wonderful exhortation about life in Christ, and a powerful instruction from Jesus. An embarrassment of riches? Not if we take Jesus' words about "welcome" to heart. The many challenges and blessings offered to us today by Elisha, Paul, and Jesus should be cause for rejoicing, and welcomed heartily into our lives. And, like the great treat that they are, they should be enjoyed and shared generously with others.

Today's reading from Romans was chosen very early in the liturgical life of the Church to be the sole apostolic instruction received by candidates for baptism at the Easter Vigil. This illustrates its importance as a core belief, and as a means of comprehending the story of the Resurrection. Christ's resurrection is not merely a story about something that he underwent once upon a time, but it is our story, the story of how we joined the other members of the one Body of Christ, the church. We were not only dead, but we were buried; not ultimately buried, but raised to eternal life with Christ. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

**Financial Overview**

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| Needed/week.....            | \$8,266.74   |
| Last week .....             | \$6,515.42   |
| Deficit/Surplus.....        | (\$1,751.32) |
| Holy Father Collection..... | \$2, 025.60  |



**Today, July 2, Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a; Ps 89:2-3, 16-19; Rom 6:3-4, 8-11; Mt 10:37-42**

6:00 p.m. (Sat.) For the People of the Parish  
 8:00 a.m. Kathy DeMarco - Divine Will Prayer Group  
 11:00 a.m. Judy Kovscek - Husband, Frank

**Monday, July 3, St. Thomas**

**Eph 2:19-22; Ps 117:1bc-2; Jn 20:24-29**

8:30 a.m. Mary Ann Satter - Jeff & Jan Bett

**Tuesday, July 4, Weekday Mass/Independence Day**

**Gn 19:15-29; Ps 26:2-3, 9-12; Mt 8:23-27**

8:30 a.m. Kathleen Owens Levinsky - Husband, Nick & Joan Owens & Family

**Wednesday, July 5, Weekday Mass**

**Gn 21:5, 8-20a; Ps 34:7-8, 10-13; Mt 8:28-34**

8:30 a.m. James Foley - Janet Donovan

**Thursday, July 6, Weekday Mass**

**Gn 22:1b-19; Ps 115:1-6, 8-9; Mt 9:1-8**

8:30 a.m. Rich Kriston - Merle Spencer & Shirley Pinchok

**Friday, July 7, Weekday Mass/First Friday**

**Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67; Ps 106:1b-5; Mt 9:9-13**

8:30 a.m. Mary Schmidt - Helen Bores

6-9 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration

**Saturday, July 8, Weekday Mass**

**Gn 27:1-5, 15-29; Ps 135:1b-6; Mt 9:14-17;**

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

2:00 p.m. Wedding - Kimberly Becker & Michael Macioce

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

**Sunday, July 9, Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary**

**Time Zec 9:9-10; Ps 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14; Rom 8:9, 11-13; Mt 11:25-30**

6:00 p.m. (Sat.) Therese Morris - Carol Cicci

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

11:00 a.m. Gloria Withum - M/M David Black

**The Sanctuary Candle** will burn this week **"In Memory of Don Fox"** requested Wife, Eileen.

**TO THE GLORY OF GOD"**

*The Flowers on our Altar today are presented*

**"In Memory of Judy Kovscek"**  
 requested by Husband, Frank.



**"In Memory of The Deceased Members of the Chergi & Novacek Families"**  
 requested by Rita & John Chergi.



**Freedom** - Those who deny freedom to others deserve it not for themselves and under a just God cannot long retain it. —Abraham Lincoln