



FEBRUARY 2, 2014
THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD
WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE
THE FAITH COMMUNITIES
OF
ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI
AND
ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL



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Daily Mass Schedule at St. Francis of Assisi

Mon / Wed / Thurs/ Fri / Sat - 8:00 AM;
Tues. - 6:30 PM

First Friday 8 AM and 5:30 PM

Confession - Tues., 6:00 PM, Sat. 3:15 - 3:45 PM

First Friday 5 PM

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday – 4:00 PM / Sunday – 7:30 AM / 10:00 AM

Parish Secretary – Carol Pisula

Office Hours - 9 AM to 3 PM - Monday thru Thursday

Parish Council President - Ryan Woodruff

Finance Council President - William Heim

Cemetery Council President - William Heim

Music Minister - Gale Bala

Director of Religion Education - Carol Pisula 254-1961

Daily Mass Schedule at St. Michael the Archangel

Monday and Friday – 9:00 AM

Confession – Saturday – 5:15 PM

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday – 5:30 PM / Sunday 8:45 AM

Parish Council President – Doug Puchko

Finance Council - Rick Rambish / Len Vigna

Marisa

Williams

Baptism - Parents are expected to be registered members of the Parish and to attend a class for new parents in preparation for the Baptism of their child. It is encouraged that this be done prior to the birth of the child. Please call the Rectory to make early arrangements.

Reconciliation The Sacrament of God's merciful love and compassion is celebrated Tues at 6 PM and Sat 3:15 PM at St. Francis of Assisi and at St. Michael's Sat at 5:15 PM. Communal Penance Services - Advent and Lent.

Anointing of the Sick Communal Celebration 2nd Sunday of Advent and 3rd Sunday of Lent.

Marriage In accordance with Diocesan directives, arrangements must be made at least 9 months before the marriage date. All couples are required to attend Diocesan sponsored Pre-Cana sessions and to participate in the FOCCUS inventory. Call the Rectory for information and schedules.

Christian Initiation (RCIA) Those who are interested in becoming Catholic, as well as those who are interested in learning more about their Catholic Faith, may call the Parish office for more information.

Parish Membership We are always happy to welcome new parishioners. You may register at the Parish office. Registration, the practice of stewardship (the regular use of envelopes) and regular participation in the Eucharist

indicates active membership and eligibility to act as a Godparent or Sponsor. Your stewardship of time, treasure and talent is essential for the common good and provides a stable income for the Parish, enabling us to prepare a budget.

Ministry to the Sick If you or someone you know are unable to attend Mass and would like to receive the Sacrament of Penance or Holy Eucharist please contact the Parish Office to schedule a visit.

NEWS FROM ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

THE MEN’S CLUB – will hold their monthly meeting on Thursday, Feb. 6 at 7:00PM in the Activity Center. All Valentine tickets sold or unsold are asked to be turned in at the meeting. Club dues will be collected that are past due for the current club year. A special guest will be in attendance. New members are welcome to attend.

CHILDREN’S BULLETINS are once again available in the vestibule of the Church. Please take one home and share the Good News with your children!

ROSARY SOCIETY meeting will be held on Sunday, February 9 at 2:00PM.

THANK YOU to St. Francis parishioners for their generosity in the Yellow Ribbon Campaign for the March for Life. Over \$309.00 was donated.

OUR NEXT FISH FRY will take place on Friday, February 14 from 11AM until 7PM. Preparations will begin on Thursday, February 13 at 8:00AM. Donations of bottled water and soda are appreciated. Much help is needed and very much appreciated.

MARK YOU CALENDAR: MARDI GRAS – will be held on Saturday, March 1 in the Activity Center from 6:00PM until 11:00PM. Cost: \$25.00/couple, \$15.00/single. Admission includes appetizers, beer, soda (cash bar available), turkey dinner with all the fixings, mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetables, jambalaya rice. Music provided by “Flood City Brass.” Doors open at 5:15PM. Tickets are available in the vestibule of the Church or by calling the Parish Office at 539-1632.

Light by Our Lady, Queen of Heaven will burn this week for Birthday Remembrance for Richard Paul Holtz, Sr., by daughter Jeanne & Ray Toth.

LAST WEEKEND’S CONTRIBUTION TO OUR PARISH - Adults - \$2,118.91; Children - \$32.00; Misc. - \$283.75. Total: \$2,598.47. Adults used 228 of 391 envelopes issued. Children used 28 of 79 envelopes issued. Thank you for your continued generosity to the Parish.

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WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE – This Sunday we celebrate *World Day for Consecrated Life*. We recognize and give thanks for those who have consecrated their lives to God and the Church through the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience. Some join a religious congregation or a secular institute. Others remain single and make profession to God through the local bishop and are known as consecrated virgins. The consecrated life is one way that men and women live out their baptismal commitment as followers of Jesus.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2014 – Bishop Gregory of Nyssa of the American Carpatho-Russian Orthodox tradition will host and ecumenical service at Christ the Saviour Cathedral, 300 Garfield Street, Johnstown, PA. The service begins at 3:00PM. Bishop Mark Bartchak will be in attendance. All are invited to participate in this prayer.

FAMILIES AND THE GOSPEL – Lk 2:22-40 – The Infant Jesus was “holy to the Lord.” Like Mary and Joseph, parents are entrusted with children who are “holy to the Lord.” Parents are expected to teach the favor of the Lord to each child.

NEWS FROM ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL PARISH

WE ARE IN NEED of additional Lectors, particularly for the Sunday Masses. We are also in need of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. This is a very beautiful ministry and certainly it demands a deep love for the Holy Eucharist. What a special way to assist in the distribution of Holy Communion to your brothers and sisters. If you are interested in assisting with these very important ministries, please drop your name in the collection basket or contact the Parish office for more information.

SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL PARISH is looking for several “ANGELS” to assist in the beautifying of the Sanctuary area (changing Altar Cloths, extra cleaning of candles, the extra added touch that gives Glory and Honor to God), and the general upkeep of the Sacristy. Please submit your name via the collection basket or call the Rectory at 539-1632 if you would like any further information.

HELP NEEDED - We are in need of a money counter one Sunday a month after 9:30AM Mass. If you can spare a little time we would greatly appreciate it. If interested please call Rick Rambish at 535-3490.

A 7-DAY CANDLE may burn below the image of Blessed Mother for a special intention(s). Please contact Carol at the office for your request. Please place a donation in an envelope with your name and intention and place it in the sacristy so that it may appear in the bulletin.

LAST WEEKEND’S CONTRIBUTION TO OUR PARISH - Total Collection: \$1,268.00. Adult envelopes: 70, children: 9. Thank you for your continued generosity to the parish

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI & ST. MICHAEL

FROM FR. STEVE: It has been a privilege to serve you for the last year and a half. I have mixed feelings about leaving, I am sad to leave but excited about my new adventure. I wish to thank everyone for their prayers, kind words, the gifts and cards. My new address will be:

Fr. Steven G. Frenier
Our Lady of Hope
863 W. Chestnut Street
Coal Township, PA 17866
870-648-4432

I will send my new email address as soon as I have it set up. Please remember me in your prayers and I promise to keep you in mine. *In the love of Christ, Fr. Steve.*

FLU EPIDEMIC: There is concern over the flu virus this year. The Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown has consulted doctors from Altoona, Johnstown, and State College. It is the consensus among these professionals that the Chalice of the Precious Blood continue to be offered at Mass. The Flu Season is beginning to decline, having reached its peak several weeks ago. The faithful are reminded to be prudent when receiving the Precious Blood of the Lord. If one has a sore throat, fever, or cough, please refrain from drinking from the Chalice.

FRANCISCAN SEMINARY COLLECTION – there will be a second collection next weekend to benefit the Franciscan Seminaries. Envelopes are included with the bulletin this week. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK OR HOMEBOUND

Leo Barczak, Helen Beck, Rose Blaschak, Pauline Boldin, Betty Boxler, Vincent Bremer, Mary Chamiok, Jean Chase, Sister Carol Jean Czyrnik, Mary Davis, Stephen Fabina, LeAnn Golby, Alicia Junghans, Rick Keenan, Susan Keselyak, Donald Kohan, Robert Kovac, Anne, Kathryn Legat, Mary Liptak, Helen Malysko, Rosalie Marcinko, Jeri Miltenberger, Joseph Mirilovich, Marci Nickels, Karen Pinkas, Jim Popchak, Betty Rerko, Carly Rice, Doug Rice, Frances Sakmar, Robert Schiffhauer, Aurora Schrum, Thaddeus Schrum, James Schuster, Carol Sobacky, Anthony Sokolowski, Veronica Smith, Agnes Swarney, Rose Trapanotto, Emily Turkovich, Katherine Twardziak, Irene Virus, and Agnes Warhul .

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SALUTE TO THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY AND A REMEMBRANCE IN OUR PRAYERS

May God bless these brave men and women who serve God and Country.

Ensign Adam Guaro, USCG; **Brandon Burdett**, USMC; **Capt. Glenn Joseph Lintz**, US Navy, Carlisle PA; **Master at Arms 2nd Class Izeke W. Pinkas**, El Centro CA; **SSgt. Joshua Petak**, Army, National Guard; **Lt. Col. Joshua P. Higgins**, US Army ; **Petty Officer 1st Class Paul Rambish**, US Navy, Coronado Naval Base, San Diego; **PFC Ethan Serball**, USMC, Cherry Point, NC; **PFC Joseph Rivera**, USMC; **Ret. SMSgt. Michael A. Caddy**, **Captain Melinda Rovon**, Kyrgystan Transfer Base; **Lt. Gen. Raymond Palumbo**, US Army; **HMC David Bakos**, US Navy; **PFC Lance Corporal Jacob Taylor**, USMC; **Private 1st Class Zack Taylor**, US Army; **Spc. Cody Holloway**, US Army, Afghanistan; **Trista L. Urban**, PFC, Army National Guard; **Jared N. Dull**, HM3, US Navy, Quantico, Va.; **Stefanie Kollar**, TSgt. Air Force, Hurlburt Field, Fort Walton Beach, Fla., **Fr. Don Fullerton**, USS Enterprise, **Airman 1st Class Maxwell Schutte**, F. E. Warren, WY; **Sgt. Bryan Maxwell Porath**, **1st Lt Aaron Donahey**, US Army, Fort Bliss, El Paso, Texas; **Spec Jacob T. Stone**, Army National Guard, Austin, Texas; **2nd Class Petty Officer Heather L. Dovala**, USS William P. Lawrence, DDG 110, San Diego, Ca., **Pvt. 1st Class Kegan Solomon**, Camp Lejeune, NC; **Spec Jarod Pisarchik**, Army National Guard; **Ens. Kara Yingling**, USS Higgins; **Lt. JG Shannon Yingling**; **Recruit Daniel Maslo**, Parris Island

To add a name to our Salute to those in the Military, please call 539-1632.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

PRO LIFE VIGIL - Every Thursday from 4:00PM - 5:00PM we hold a prayer vigil across from the Franklin Street Planned Parenthood facility here in Johnstown. For more information call Gale at 539-0155.

SS. GREGORY & BARNABAS – Altar & Rosary Society BINGO, Sunday, Jan. 26. Doors open at Noon. Bingo starts at 1:00PM. Cost: \$10.00 admission (9 cards for 20 games).

CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION – Sportsmen Raffle, Sat., Feb. 8. Doors open at 6:00PM, drawing begins at 6:30PM. Cost: \$10.00/ticket.

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA, WINDBER – will hold a Rigatoni Dinner on Sunday, February 9 from 11:00AM – 2:00PM. Adults: \$8.00, children \$4.00. Takeouts are available.

CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION – Pierogi Sale – Orders due by Monday, Feb. 10. Cost: \$6.00/dozen. Call Pat Unger at 539-7351 or Irene Cristoff at 322-4915 to place an order. You will be called when your order is ready.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Councils 11308 & 10409 will host “Knights Pot O’Guns” Gun Bash, Sunday, March 16 at St. Andrew’s Social Hall. Doors open at noon – drawing begins at 1:00PM. Donation of \$30.00 includes admission, food and beverage(s). There are 15 guns listed on the ticket to be chanced off. Please contact a Knight of Columbus to purchase a ticket.

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