



March 16, 2014
Second Sunday of Lent
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; Noon; Tues. – Noon & 6:30 PM

Sat. 8:00AM; First Friday Noon 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-

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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

CONGRATULATIONS to the children of the parish who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on Saturday, March 8: *Piera Britt, Alex Deskevich, Vincent Devico, Charles Glacken, Gabriel Lambert, Vanessa Migut, Charles Smith, and Jonah Weaver*. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare to receive Our Lord for the first time in Holy Communion.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS: *Kody Mulvehill and Anthony DeJesus* as they continue preparations to receive the Easter Sacraments. Kody and Anthony were presented to Bishop Mark on Sunday, March 9 at the Rite of Election at St. John Gualbert Cathedral in Johnstown.

GOB ICING will be made on **MONDAY, March 17** beginning at 8:30AM. The gobs will be filled on Wednesday, March 19 at 6:00PM. Your help is needed and much appreciated.

FISH FRY – Thank you to all who helped with the Fish Fry last week. **DON'T FORGET:** Our next Fish Fry is Friday, March 21. Prep work will begin on Thursday, March 20 at 8:00AM. Fish Fries for the Lenten Season will be on March 21, 28, April 4, 11. In order to continue the success of the Fish Fry **MUCH HELP WILL BE NEEDED DURING LENT**. *There will not be a Fish Fry on Good Friday.*

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will take place scheduled for each Friday of Lent beginning, March 7 at 7:00PM.

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY AND BITTER LAMENTATIONS will take place each Sunday of Lent at 3:00PM. Plan to use this time to prepare for the great Feast of Easter.

Those who volunteered to be new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are asked to meet with fr. Anthony Francis on Sunday, March 16 at 2:00PM before the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Bitter Lamentations.

SEDER MEAL The annual commemoration of the Seder Meal will be held on Holy Thursday, April 17 at 5:00PM in the Activity Center. This will be a covered dish event with the parish providing the meat. Bring your favorite dish to share and join other parishioners in this celebration of the Passover Meal. Sign up sheets are located in the vestibule of the Church.

ROLL MAKING Due to lack of volunteers, nut rolls will not be made for Easter. The hope is that there will be enough volunteers to at least make the Easter Bread. How about you?

ON THE WEEKEND of March 22 & 23 our parish will host *Project Bread for Life*, a grassroots Catholic effort which sells BREAD in order to raise funds to support the work of the Sisters of the Community of the Poor Servants of the Mother of God. The Sisters operate the HIV/AIDS Orphanage and Clinic of St. Clare in Kltui and Meru in Kenya, Africa. The donation requested per loaf is \$5.00; however, any donation of \$3.00 or more will be accepted. The funds raised, after the cost of the bread, are sent directly to educational and clinical treatment programs sponsored by the Poor Servants of the Mother of God Community of Religious Sisters (S.M.G.). Your willingness to assist is invaluable to help us care for the needs of innocent children afflicted with this most terrible disease. Please consider sponsoring this noteworthy ministry by preparing to buy one or more loaves of bread. Your generosity always brings the gift of hope and life to children who are most in need.

SANCTUARY CANDLE will burn this week for the Living & Deceased Members of Rosary Society.

LAST WEEKEND'S CONTRIBUTION TO OUR PARISH - Adults - \$2,699.04; Children - \$32.62; Misc. - \$2,230.16 (includes Mandeville & Black & Indian Mission). Total: \$4,961.82. Adults used 237 of 391 envelopes issued. Children used 24 of 79 envelopes issued. Thank you for your continued generosity to the Parish.

NEWS FROM ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL PARISH

WE REJOICE in the Baptism of *Brian Michael Koch* and congratulate his parents, godparents, and family as they celebrate the beginning of his new life with Christ.

CONGRATULATIONS to *Serenity Swope*, who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on Saturday, March 8. Please keep her in your prayers as she continues to prepare to receive Our Lord for the first time in Holy Communion.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will take place scheduled for each Friday of Lent beginning, March 7 at 3:00PM. Because 3:00PM is the hour of Divine Mercy, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be prayed before Stations of the Cross.

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WE ARE IN NEED of additional Lectors, particularly for the Sunday Masses. We are also in need of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. 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.

SANCTUARY CANDLE will burn this week in memory of +Andrew Puniak by wife.

CANDLE BY THE BLESSED MOTHER will burn this week in memory of +Tillie Sabo by M/M Denny Sabo.

LAST WEEKEND'S CONTRIBUTION TO OUR PARISH - Total Collection: \$1,483.50. Adult envelopes: 70, children: 9. Thank you for your continued generosity to the parish

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THE 2014 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL will begin in a few weeks. All contributions received over our parish goal will return to the parish. Please return your gift card on March 23.

SYMBOLS OF THE PASSION OF JESUS

During the Second Week of Lent, a WHIP is placed at the Cross to remind us that before Jesus was crucified, He underwent a brutal scourging. Whips were used which tore into His flesh causing wounds to bleed. He allowed this to happen for you and me. With Our Sorrowful Mother we pray: BRUISED, DERIDED, CURSED, DEFILED, SHE BEHELD HER TENDER CHILD, ALL WITH BLOODY SCOURGES RENT.

Matthew 27:26 – At that, he (Pilate) released Barrabas to them. Jesus, however, he first had SCOURGED, then he handed Him over to be crucified. **Mark 15:15** – So Pilate, who wished to satisfy the crowds, released Barrabas to them and after he had Jesus scourged, he handed Him over to be crucified. **Luke 23:22** – He said to them a third time, “What wrong is this man guilty of? I have not discovered anything about Him that calls for the death penalty. I will therefore chastise Him and release Him.” **John 19** – Pilate’s next move was to take Jesus and have Him scourged.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK OR HOMEBOUND

Helen Beck, Rose Blaschak, Pauline Boldin, Betty Boxler, Vincent Bremer, Mary Chamiok, Jean Chase, Sister Carol Jean Czyrnik, Mary Davis, Baby Grayson Esposito, Stephen Fabina, LeAnn Golby, Alicia Junghans, Susan Keselyak, Donald Kohan, Anne, Kathryn Legat, Mary Liptak, Helen Malysko, Rosalie Marcinko, Jeri Miltenberger, Marci Nickels, Bernard Picklo, Karen Pinkas, Jim Popchak, Betty Rerko, Carly Rice, Doug Rice, Frances Sakmar, Robert Schiffhauer, Aurora Schrum, Thaddeus Schrum, James Schuster, Carol Sobecky, 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 Guarro, 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 Rován, 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; Pvt Daniel Maslo, Camp Geiger, NC

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.

BROWNSTOWN RESIDENTS – Fish Fry – Support your local Fire Company every Friday of Lent, including Good Friday from Noon to 8:00PM. If you can't get there we will deliver. Please call 536-7445. Cost of dinners - \$9.50.

INVITATION TO GOD'S LOVE AND MERCY – A catechesis for adults is continuing at St. Therese Church, 536 Decker Avenue, to help you rediscover the treasures of your Baptism. God created us to be happy and listening to the catechesis you can clearly see His loving plan for you. Courage! This would be an excellent way to help you into this Lenten season. The sessions are held Monday & Thursday at 7:00PM in the Church chapel.

ST. BENEDICT PARISH presents Why Be Catholic, A Lenten Mission Journey of Faith, on Sunday, March 16 through Tuesday, March 18 at 7:00PM. Admission is free; good will offering will be taken.

ST. ANDREW CHURCH Annual Novena to the Infant of Prague will begin on Sunday, March 23 at 7:00PM and will continue until Monday, March 31 at 7:00PM. We will have additional priests to hear confessions after Mass every night.

ST. THERESE LENTEN PIROGHI SALE –Call in orders every Monday until April 7 from 9AM – 11AM at 535-8805. Cost is \$6.50/dz. Pick up order on Fridays from 9AM – 2PM.