

JANUARY 12, 2014 THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD THE EARTH COMMUNITIES

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 / 9:30 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 - 3:15 - 3:45 PM

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday - 4:00 PM / Sunday 9:30 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 3:15 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.



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, Josh Pavlosky, Karen Pinkas, Matilda Piskura, 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.

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.

HT2 Brandon Lamoureux, USN; 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; Sgt. 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 Rovan, 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^d 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.

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.

<u>BISHOP McCORT BOYS BASKETBALL</u> – Annual L-C-R Fundraiser, Sat., Jan. 18 at Bishop McCort Cafeteria. Doors opens at 7:00PM, games begin at 7:30PM. Free food and beverages. Donation: \$20.00.

<u>KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS</u> – Council 11066 at Resurrection Roman Catholic Parish will hold a PANCAKE BREAKFAST on Sun., Jan. 19 from 8:30AM until 12Noon in the Church Hall on 4th Ave. Adults: \$5.00, children: \$2.00. Takeouts available.

SS. GREOGORY & 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).

Stewardship Reflection...Through Baptism we entered a covenant with God to place "our resources – our very selves – at God's service in and through the Church."

NEWS FROM ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

PLEASE REMEMBER in your prayers the family and friends of +Margaret Calka, who was buried last week. Welcoming God, receive from our hands the loved ones we return to You. *Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord.*

<u>THE MEN'S CLUB</u> – will be selling Valentine Day Tickets in the vestibule of the Church. Tickets are \$2.00 each and there are 3 ways to win. Please support this project for the Men's Club.

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

<u>GOB FEST</u> – We will once again be participating in **Johnstown Gob Fest** to be held at the Galleria Mall on Sat., Jan. 25. Our famous gobs will be for sale, so come and help us win the award for the best gob in Johnstown. Watch the bulletin for details on when gobs will be made for this event.

MARK YOU CALENDAR: MARDI GRAS – will be held on Saturday, March 1 in the Activity Center from 6:00PM until 11:00PM. Tickets will be available soon. 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." Come and enjoy good food and good fun before the Lenten season begins! Doors open at 5:15PM.

PARISH COUNCIL - meeting will take place on Thurs, Jan. 16, 2014 at 6:00PM in the Parish Office.

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH COUNCIL - Is asking for help from its Parishioners. In the hope of getting some feedback as to where we are as a Faith Community, as well as, set some goals for the future, we've prepared a survey. The survey identifies four areas of Parish Life: Worship, Education, Finance, and Evangelization. From the questions that are listed, we hope to learn what we do well as a Parish and learn what we need to do better. The data gathered will help us fully use our time, talent and treasure for our Parish's future needs and growth. When completing the survey, you may either add your name or remain anonymous. We hope to receive responses from Parishioners in all age groups, as well as those who have been lifelong Parish members and people who joined since the closing of the Cambria City Churches.. Completed surveys can be dropped in a box that will be placed in the vestibule. You can find the surveys on the counter in the vestibule. The deadline is January 31, 2014. If you have any questions about the survey, see any Parish Council Member (Ryan Woodruff, Dolores Fatula, Joseph Fatula, Mike Grandinetti, Mary Frances King, Jeff Konieczny, Olivia Murphy, Cel Neiderer, Bill Oleksak, Jack Rovan, Cindy Shorto).

<u>THANK YOU</u> – to St. Francis of Assisi Parish from St. Vincent de Paul Family Kitchen for the generous donation of \$461.00. The continued support of St. Francis of Assisi for the less fortunate is greatly needed and sincerely appreciated.

<u>LAST WEEKEND'S CONTRIBUTION TO OUR PARISH</u> - Adults - \$2,409.21; Children - \$37.00; Christmas - \$621.00; Misc. - \$2,066.62. Total: \$5,133.83. Adults used 287 of 391 envelopes issued. Children used 23 of 79 envelopes issued. Thank you for your continued generosity to the Parish.

<u>THE SANCTUARY LIGHT</u> will burn this week for *Living & Deceased Members of the St. Francis Rosary Society.*

NEWS FROM ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL PARISH

<u>WE ARE IN NEED</u> 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.

<u>LAST WEEKEND'S CONTRIBUTION TO OUR PARISH</u> - Total deposit - \$1,371.00. Adult envelopes - 98, children's envelopes - 10. Thank you for continued generosity to the Parish.

THE SANCTUARY LIGHT will burn this week in memory of +*Hilary Schrum* by Family.

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A SPECIAL HOLY HOUR - will be scheduled from 3PM - 4PM on Sunday, January 12, 2014 before the special VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER. Come to worship and adore the Babe of Bethlehem for the full hour, a half hour, 15 minutes or a few minutes before we gather to celebrate all of you for your ministry assistance.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER - To recognize those parishioners who tirelessly give of their free time and talent in the varied Parish Ministries, we will host a dinner on Sunday, January 12, 2014 in the Activity Center. The catered dinner will begin at **4:00PM.** We hope you can join us for an afternoon of good food, fun and camaraderie. Finance and Pastoral Councils, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, Altar Servers, Cemetery Committee, Ushers, Prayer Shawl, Oremus, Rosary Society, Religious Education Teachers and Aides, Liturgy Committee, Men's Club, Choir, Bakers, Gobs, Fish Fry Workers, Bingo Workers, Event Kitchen Crew, Fundraising, Money Counters, Generations for Life/Gabriel Project. COME ONE, COME ALL!

MARCH FOR LIFE - The 2014 Bus to the March For Life in Washington D.C. will be departing after a 6:30AM Mass at St. Francis of Assisi Parish on Wednesday, January 22nd. Seats will be reserved and cost \$15.00 for adults and \$10.00 for students. Will return around 10:00PM after dinner in Fredrick, Maryland at you own cost. Please contact Karl at 814-418-9378 or e-mail komara441@yahoo.com for more info. This is the preeminent Pro-life event of the year.

<u>INTENTION OF POPE FRANCIS</u> – That all may promote authentic economic development that respects the dignity of all peoples