

FEBRUARY 23, 2014 7th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME THE FAITH COMMUNITIES OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI



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

<u>REST IN PEACE</u> – please keep in your prayers the family and friends of +Robert Kovac who was laid to rest last week. Welcoming God, receive from our hands the loved ones we return to you. *Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord.*

<u>THERE IS A NEED</u> of additional Lectors. 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.

<u>GOB MAKING</u>: icing will be prepared on Tuesday, February 25 beginning at 8:30AM. Gobs will be filled on Wednesday, February 26 at 6:00PM. Any time you can spare will make this project easier on everyone. The more hands, the faster the job gets done!

FISH FRY – THANK YOU to all who helped in any way with the Fish Fry last week. Your dedication and hard work are greatly appreciated. A profit of \$2,614.99 was realized. DON'T FORGET: Our next Fish Fry is ASH WEDNESDAY, March 5. Fish Fries will then begin for the Lenten Season on Friday, March 14 and continue 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 Friday, March 7 or Good Friday.

MARK YOUR 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. THANK YOU to all who have already purchased tickets for this event.

<u>DECORATING</u> for the Mardi Gras is scheduled for Thursday, February 27 at 5:30PM. The remaining prep work will begin at 9:00AM on Saturday, March 1. Once again, all help is greatly appreciated.

<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!

Light by our Lady Queen of Heaven will burn this week for the health of all cancer patients and survivors. Light by the Sacred Heart will burn in memory of +Joseph Mirilovich by Marge & Ed Saloka. Sanctuary Light will burn for Living & Deceased Members of St. Francis Rosary Society by Rosary Society.

<u>LAST WEEKEND'S CONTRIBUTION TO OUR PARISH</u> - Adults - \$2,149.01; Children - \$29.00; Misc. - \$446.25. Total: \$2,915.32. Adults used 202 of 391 envelopes issued. Children used 22 of 79 envelopes issued. Thank you for your continued generosity to the Parish.

Stewardship Reflection...When we truly see Christ in others – even those who have hurt us – it becomes possible to forgive them without expecting forgiveness in return. "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive others."

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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. THIS IS THE LAST REQUEST!

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>A 7-DAY CANDLE</u> 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.

Light by the Blessed Mother will burn this week for Special Intention for Thad Schrum Family.

<u>LAST WEEKEND'S CONTRIBUTION TO OUR PARISH</u> - Total Collection: \$1,154.00. Adult envelopes: 62, children: 7. Thank you for your continued generosity to the parish

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI & ST. MICHAEL

Please take notice of the Lenten Schedule that is printed on the reverse of the March Calendar. There you will find times for Mass, Stations, and Devotion for the Lenten Season.

Liturgical Reflection...This Saturday, March 1, is a Day of Prayer in the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown. It is a day of penance and renewal. March 1st is the anniversary of Servant of God Demetrius Gallitzin's appointment as pastor to St. Michael Basilica in 1799. We reflect on the call to evangelize in the Name of Jesus Christ as did our spiritual father, Demetrius Gallitzin. Please join members of the Diocese in praying the following:

O God, You have willed that Your Church be the sacrament of salvation for all nations, so that Christ's saving work may continue to the end of the ages. Stir up, we pray, the hearts of Your faithful and grant that we may feel a more urgent call to work for the salvation of every creature, so that from all the peoples of the earth, one family and one people of Your own may arise and increase. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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, 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, 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 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 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; 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 – beginning Ash Wednesday, March 5, and 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.

<u>INVITATION TO GOD'S LOVE AND MERCY</u> – 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.

<u>COMPLETE MULTIPHASIC BLOOD SCREEN</u> with lipid profile and TSH, Saturday, April 5 from 7AM – 9AM, Resurrection Parish Hall. Call 814-421-2962 or 814-255-5792 Mon-Fri. Donation: \$32.00