



March 2, 2014
8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**THE FAITH COMMUNITIES
OF
ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI
AND
ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL**



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<p>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 - <u>Monday thru Thursday</u> 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</p>	<p>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 Special Lenten Mass Schedule will appear next week!</p>
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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

REST IN PEACE – please keep in your prayers the family and friends of +Edward Adamy and +Jack Brazil who were laid to rest last week. Welcoming God, receive from our hands the loved ones we return to you. *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.*

ROSARY SOCIETY will meet on Sunday, March 2 at 2:00PM, weather permitting.

THANK YOU once again to all who helped in any way with the roll & bread making for Christmas and the on-going gob sales. Profit for the nut roll and bread sale: \$8,612.23. Profit for Gobs for December 2013 & January 2014: \$1,461.33. May God Bless you for all you efforts! *fr. Anthony Francis*

ASH WEDNESDAY and the start of the holy season of Lent is this Wednesday, March 5. Mass and distribution of ashes will take place at 8:00AM, 12Noon and 6:30PM.

FISH FRY – DON'T FORGET: Our next Fish Fry is ASH WEDNESDAY, March 5. Prep work will begin on Tuesday, March 4 at 8:00AM. 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.*

ST. FRANCIS MEN'S CLUB will hold their monthly meeting on Thursday, March 6 at 7:00PM in the Activity Center. Upcoming projects will be discussed. All members are requested to attend. New members are welcome to attend. Winners of the Valentine's Day Ticket: \$300.00 – Dorothy Youchak, \$100.00 – Ian Miller, \$100.00 – Mary Tacik. Thank you to all who took part in this fund raiser!

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.

THERE IS A NEED 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. *Thank you to those who have stepped forward so far to participate in this ministry.*

PARISH WEBSITE – didn't make it to Mass because of the weather or misplaced your bulletin? All information can be found on the parish website: <http://www.stfrancisofassisijohnstown.com>. Check it out!

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!

SANCTUARY LIGHT will burn for in memory of +Joseph Mirilovich by Fred & Peggy Beppler.

LAST WEEKEND'S CONTRIBUTION TO OUR PARISH - Adults - \$2,414.40; Children - \$41.60; Misc. - \$748.55. Total: \$3,204.55. Adults used 230 of 391 envelopes issued. Children used 26 of 79 envelopes issued. Thank you for your continued generosity to the Parish.

NEWS FROM ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL PARISH

ASH WEDNESDAY and the start of the holy season of Lent is this Wednesday, March 5. Mass and distribution of ashes will take place at **9:15AM** and 5:15PM. **Please note the time change for the morning Mass.**

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will take place scheduled for each Friday of Lent beginning, March 7 at 3:00PM.

ATTENTION: There will NOT be Mass on Monday, March 10 at St. Michael the Archangel.

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.

HELP NEEDED - We are in need of a money counter one Sunday a month after 8:45AM 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: \$1,633.00. Adult envelopes: 68, children: 8. Thank you for your continued generosity to the parish



ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI & ST. MICHAEL

ASH WEDNESDAY COLLECTION - We will take up a special collection for those living in the Diocese of Mandeville, Jamaica, one of the poorest regions in the Americas. With your sacrificial gift, you become a partner with those who struggle every day to meet basic needs. As we begin this season of Lent may your generosity be a reflection of God's own generosity to us. There is an envelope for this collection in your offering box.

OPERATION RICE BOWL - Catholic Relief Services is the official international humanitarian agency of the Catholic Community in the United States. CRS is motivated by the example of Jesus Christ to assist the poor and suffering in nearly 100 countries on the basis of need, without regard to race, religion or nationality. Ninety-five percent of CRS's expenditures go directly to programs that benefit the poor overseas. Your contributions through "Operation Rice Bowl" support CRS' projects around the world as well as projects in your own Diocese. Seventy-five percent of your contributions support CRS' development programs that help families and communities overcome the challenges of hunger and poverty. Twenty-five percent remains in our Diocese to support local hunger and poverty alleviation efforts. **RICE BOWLS are included with the bulletin.** Just throw in your spare change and when your box is full, please return to the Church.

LITTLE BLACK BOOKS for the season of Lent are located in the vestibule of the Churches.

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 Sobocky, 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 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 – 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.

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.

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