



Third Sunday of Lent
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; 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 - <u>Monday thru Thursday</u> Parish Council President - Ryan Woodruff Finance Council President – 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</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

PLEASE NOTE: To those who attend the daily noon Mass: on **Tuesday, March 25**, Mass will begin at **11:45AM**.

FISH FRY – Thank you to all who helped with the Fish Fry last week. **DON'T FORGET:** Our next Fish Fry is Friday, March 28. Prep work will begin on Thursday, March 27 at 8:00AM. Fish Fries for the Lenten Season will be on March 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.*

CHILDREN'S EASTER EGG HUNT has been scheduled for Palm Sunday, April 13 from 1:00PM until 3:00PM. Sign up sheets are in the vestibule of the Church.

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.

CEMETERY CLEAN UP – Please remove all items from the cemetery by Sunday, March 30. Any items left after March 30 will be removed. New memorials may be placed after April 2, 2014.

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?

THIS WEEKEND - 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 in 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.

SAVE THE DATE A bus trip is being planned for Friday, June 20, 2014 to Sight & Sound Theatre in Lancaster, PA to see "Moses." More information will be provided in the near future.

SANCTUARY CANDLE will burn this week for Improved Health of Martha Majoris by Ed & Margaret Saloka. **CANDLE BY THE SACRED HEART** will burn this week in memory of +Matilda Piskura by Joe & Melanie Seback.

LAST WEEKEND'S CONTRIBUTION TO OUR PARISH - Adults - \$2,637.01; Children - \$36.00; Misc. - \$383.34 (includes Mandeville & Black & Indian Mission). Total: \$3,056.35. Adults used 236 of 391 envelopes issued. Children used 29 of 79 envelopes issued. Thank you for your continued generosity to the Parish.

NEWS FROM ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL PARISH

HAPPY 60TH ANNIVERSARY to Sister Dolores! May God continue to Bless you for your service to the Church as a Sister of St. Joseph.

THANK YOU to Chris Bunnell for her sacristy assistance.

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.

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: \$1,493.00. Adult envelopes: 78, children: 8. Thank you for your continued generosity to the parish

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI & ST. MICHAEL

THE 2014 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL Catholics throughout our diocese are participating this weekend in the Annual Catholic Appeal. Please return your ACA pledge card in next week's collection.

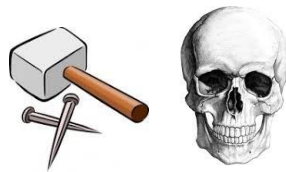
SYMBOLS OF THE PASSION OF JESUS

During the Third Week of Lent, NAILS are fastened to "that Old Rugged Cross" on which Our Lord and Savior was nailed to remind us that it was for our sins that He was nailed to the cross. Can you imagine what a crucifixion is? Jesus' thoughts: "My executioners stretch My arms; they hold My hand and wrist against the wood and press the nail until it stabs My flesh. Then with one heavy hammer smash, they drive it through and pains bursts like a bomb of fire in My brain. They seize the other arm and agony again explodes. Then raising My knees so that My feet are flat against the wood, they hammer them fast too."

My God, I look at you and think—Is My soul worth this much? What can I give You in return? I here and now accept for all my life whatever comes my way. To every Cross, I touch my lips and kiss Your nailed hands and feet. To CRUCIFY, according to Webster' Seventh Collegiate Dictionary, means, "To put to death by NAILING or binding the hands and feet to a cross." The four Gospels do not specifically say that Jesus was nailed to a cross, but each Gospel says that they led Him out to crucify Him.

Gospel references: Matthew 27:33-36; Mark 15:22-26; Luke 23:33-34 and John 19:16-18.

WHY A SKULL AT THE BASE OF THE CROSS? Matthew 27:33-34; Mark 15:22; Luke 23:33 and John 19:17-18.



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 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^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 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. The sessions are held Monday & Thursday at 7:00PM in the Church chapel.

WEST END IMPROVEMENT GROUP – 3rd Annual West End Pickers Rummage Sale – Sat., Mar. 29 at the Lower Yoder Fire Hall from 8AM – 1PM. Please consider items to us – call 535-2499 or 539-0181.

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.

SPAGHETTI DINNER & BASKET RAFFLE – Sun., Mar. 30, St. Clement Church Hall from 11:30AM – 3PM. Tickets: adults/\$7, children 5-10/\$4, under 5/free.

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.