



March 30, 2014
Fourth 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 –

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

FISH FRY – Thank you to all who helped with the Fish Fry last week. DON'T FORGET: Our next Fish Fry is Friday, April 4. Prep work will begin on Thursday, April 3 at 8:00AM. Fish Fries for the Lenten Season will be on, April 4, 11. *There will not be a Fish Fry on Good Friday.*

GOBS will be filled on Wednesday, April 2 beginning at 6:00PM. Thank you for your continued support of this project.

ST. FRANCIS MEN'S CLUB will hold their monthly meeting on Thursday, April 3 at 7:00PM in the Activity Center. Mother's Day tickets for the club will be distributed at this meeting and upcoming projects will be discussed. All members are requested to attend this important meeting and new members are welcome.

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 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.

<p><u>CEMETERY CLEAN UP</u> – 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.</p>

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.

THANK YOU for your generosity last weekend for *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. All monies should be turned in as soon as possible.

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. **CANDLE BY THE BLESSED MOTHER** will burn for a Special Intention by Ray & Jeanne Toth.

MANY THANKS to Richard & Roberta Janciga for the donation of the special side candles that will be used during the Easter Season by the Tabernacle, the main Altar and the ambo.

THANK YOU to all who have participated in the Annual Catholic Appeal to date. Please join those who have already sent in their pledge cards by placing your gift in the collection basket. Thank you for your generous response!

LAST WEEKEND'S CONTRIBUTION TO OUR PARISH - Adults - \$2,424.58; Children - \$36.00; Misc. - \$865.37. Total: \$3,325.95. Adults used 229 of 391 envelopes issued. Children used 22 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 Grayson James Esposito and congratulate his parents, godparents and family as they celebrate the beginning of his new life with Christ.

EASTER VIGIL CHOIR – Dan Gresh has agreed to play for Easter Vigil Mass this year. Anyone who would like to join in singing with the choir at Easter Vigil Mass on Saturday, April 19 at 8:30PM, please be at the church at 7:30PM for practice/warm up prior to Mass on Saturday, April 19.

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

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EASTER FLOWERS – Order forms for Easter Flowers are included with the bulletin this week. Please return your order and payment in envelope marked Easter Flowers by April 5, 2014.

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: \$1,768.00. Adult envelopes: 82, children: 5. Thank you for your continued generosity to the parish

SYMBOLS OF THE PASSION OF JESUS

During the Fourth Week of Lent, our focus is on the SIGN that was placed above the head of Jesus. First thought to be a SIGN OF CONDEMNATION, but now thought to be a SIGN OF VICTORY. The SIGN stands as a continued testimony of God's love for us. I.N.R.I. – Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews. The first letters of the Latin inscription which, by Pilate's order was placed on the Cross of Christ's Crucifixion (John 19:19). The words JESUS NAZARENUS REX IUDAEORUM were taken from Pilate's sentence. It was written in Latin, the language of the administration in Judea and also in Hebrew/Aramaic, the common language of the Jews of the days and Greek, the language of the intellectual community. Because of the irrevocability of a Roman sentence, this inscription stood as written against the protest of the Jews who wished to disclaim Christ's Kingship (John 19:21). Thus, the inscription has become a lasting testimony of the Kingship of Jesus (Matthew 27:37). Above His Head they had put the charge against Him in writing:

THIS IS JESUS, KING OF THE JEWS (Mark 15:26). The inscription proclaiming His offense read: THE KING OF THE JEWS (Luke 23:28).

There was an inscription over His Head: THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS (John 19:19-22). Pilate has an inscription placed on the Cross which read: JESUS THE NAZAREAN, THE KING OF THE JEWS. This inscription in Hebrew, Latin and Greek was read by many of the Jews, since the place was near the city. The chief Priests of the Jews tried to tell Pilate, "You should not have written the King of the Jews." Write instead, "This Man claimed to be King of the Jews." Pilate answered, "What I have written, I have written."



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ΟΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ ΤΩΝ ΙΟΥΔΑΙΩΝ
ישוע הנצרי מלך היהודים

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 .

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; **Sp. 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, Wyo; **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.

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.

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.

DR. SCOTT HAHN Biblical theologian, Catholic convert, author, national speaker, and professor will present at St. Francis University on Thursday, April 10. His talk, entitled “Consuming the Word: The Bible, the Eucharist and the New Evangelization” will take place from 7-8PM at the John F. Kennedy auditorium. The event is free and open to the public. His talk about the New Evangelization will call on Catholics to deepen their faith, believe in the Gospel, and proclaim the Gospel. He will also speak about how the New Evangelization in an invite for Catholics to renew their relationship with Jesus and His Church.