



*April 13, 2014*  
*Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion*  
**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 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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:** Mass on Monday, April 14 will be celebrated at 8:00AM. There will NOT be a Noon Mass.

**Mass WILL BE celebrated at 7:30AM on Easter Sunday.**

**DIVINE MERCY NOVENA** will be prayed 15 minutes prior to all services beginning on Good Friday, April 18.

**FISH FRY** – Thank you to all who helped with the success of the Lenten Fish Fries. DON'T FORGET: Our next Fish Fry is Friday, May 10. Prep work will begin on Thursday, May 9 at 8:00AM.

**ATTENTION ALL ALTAR SERVERS:** ALL altar servers are asked to be present at the Mass of the Lord's Supper, Holy Thursday, April 17 at 7:00PM. Please take your robes home in the near future and have them laundered (leave your name tag in the robe) for the Easter season.

**A BASKET** has been placed in the vestibule of the Church for you to place your old palms.

**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. **Last day to sign up is Sunday, April 13.**

**CCD STUDENTS:** Please take note: Classes **WILL NOT** be held on Easter Sunday, April 20 or April 27, Divine Mercy Sunday. Classes will resume on Sunday, May 4 at the usual time.

**PARISH OFFICE** will be closed on Holy Thursday, April 17 and Good Friday, April 18. The office will also be closed Wednesday, April 23 through Wednesday, April 30.

**THANK YOU** to Frank Bazyk for the generous donation of a new Paschal Candle stand in memory of +Kathryn Bazyk.

**CASH BASH** has been scheduled for Saturday, June 7, 2014 from 6:00PM – 9:00PM in the Activity Center. Doors open at 5:15PM. Cost: \$12.00 includes roast beef sandwiches, hamburgers, hot dogs, pasta salad, beer, coffee and soda. \$100.00 cash prizes awarded every 15 minutes. Qualifiers, paddle tickets, pull tabs, basket chances.

**SAVE THE DATE** A bus trip is being planned for Friday, June 20, 2014 to Sight & Sound Theatre in Lancaster, PA to see "Moses." Cost of the trip which includes ticket to the afternoon show, dinner at Shady Maple Smorgasbord and bus is \$95.00. Please contact the Parish office if interested in attending. A deposit of \$50.00 is required when booking.

**SANCTUARY CANDLE** will burn this week for +Matilda Piskura by Joe & Melanie Seback. **CANDLE BY THE SACRED HEART** will burn this week for the Health of Martha Majoris by Ed & Margie Saloka. **CANDLE BY THE BLESSED MOTHER** will burn for +Pavlosky Family by Marie Shander.

**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 - \$2,982.01; Monthly - \$521.00; Children - \$38.00; Loose - \$440.88; St. Vincent - \$152.00; Diocesan Collections - \$24.00; Missalettes - \$280.00; Candles - \$467.41; Misc. -\$690.75; Total: \$5,596.05. Adults used 220 of 387 envelopes issued. Children used 28 of 79 envelopes issued. Thank you for your continued generosity to the Parish.

## NEWS FROM ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL PARISH

**PLEASE NOTE:** There will NOT be a 9:00AM Mass on Monday, April 14.

**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.

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**SANCTUARY CANDLE** will burn this week for the Health of +Helen Oleksa by Family.

**LAST WEEKEND'S CONTRIBUTION TO OUR PARISH** - Total Collection: \$1,023.00. Adult envelopes: 82, children: 5. Thank you for your continued generosity to the parish.

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**Attention:** Anyone interested in helping to plan a **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** at St. Francis of Assisi/St. Michael. If you enjoy working with children and are a practicing Catholic, we can use your skills as: Staff teacher/s to prepare religious educational lessons, prayers, and Bible stories. Aides are also needed to assist with activities, songs, and snack prep. The program would be held July 14 – 18 from 9:00AM until Noon in the Activity Center for ages 4 through grade 3. Call Cel Neiderer at 534-0602 or Carol Pisula at 539-1632 ASAP if you are interested.

*Families and the Gospel...*Mt 26:14-27 – The cruel death of Jesus tells us bad things can and do happen to very good people. It also tells us God is present during the suffering. Bad things happen but God does not abandon us.

*Palm Sunday Prayer:* Lord Jesus, we remember how the people greeted You as their King, with palms, cloaks and Hosannas! In a few days they forgot their promises to be faithful to You. Our family too needs the unity and faithfulness of one to the other in both good times and bad. Help each of us to be loyal to our promise of faithfulness so our family will always know the peace and love You showed us. Amen.



**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, Jeanne Toth, 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> Class Zack Taylor**, US Army; **Spec. 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 1<sup>st</sup>. Class Maxwell Schutte**, F. E. Warren, Wy; **Sgt. Bryan Maxwell Porath**, **1<sup>st</sup> Lt Aaron Donahey**, US Army, Fort Bliss, El Paso, Texas; **Spec Jacob T. Stone**, Army National Guard, Austin, Texas; **2<sup>nd</sup> Class Petty Officer Heather L. Dovala**, USS William P. Lawrence, DDG 110, San Diego, Ca., **Pvt. 1<sup>st</sup>. 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.

**SACRED MUSIC CONCERT** The music ministry of OMOS will present a concert of sacred music on Palm Sunday, April 13 at 3:00PM in the church. The concert will feature the 8:30 & 11:00 choirs, the handbell choir, organists and vocalists. Admission is free, but a goodwill offering will be accepted. A light reception will follow.

**GNOCCHI DINNER** will be held at St. Anthony of Padua Church, Windber, Sunday, April 27 form 11AM-2PM. Adults - \$9.00, children - \$4.50. Take outs are available.

**BASKET PARTY** will be held at St. Anthony of Padua Church, Windber, Sunday, May 4. Doors open at 11:30AM, drawing begins at 1:30PM. Tickets are \$8.00 and include an Italian lunch and 25 chances. For tickets call Theresa at 467-4756 or the parish office at 467-7292