



*April 6, 2014*  
*Fifth 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** 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

**WE REJOICE** in the baptism of Brandon Lee Fisher, Jaylynn Rihanna Mary Arsenault, Brayen James Gray, Sierra Elizabeth Gray, and congratulate their parents, godparents, and family as they celebrate the beginning of their new life with Christ.

**FISH FRY** – Thank you to all who helped with the Fish Fry last week. **DON'T FORGET:** Our next Fish Fry is Friday, April 11. Prep work will begin on Thursday, April 10 at 8:00AM. *There will not be a Fish Fry on Good Friday.*

**WEST END PENANCE SERVICE** will take place on Wednesday, April 9 at 7:00PM at St. Therese Church.

**ST. FRANCIS MEN'S CLUB** will be selling Mother's Day Tickets in the vestibule of the church. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

**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 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.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the newly commissioned Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion at St. Francis of Assisi: Richard Makdad, Patricia Rován, Samantha Stevanus, Tyler Stevanus, Kevin Weaver, Kristen Weaver, Zachary Yonko, Kimberly Konieczny.

**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.

**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.

**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 +Edward Adamy by Mike & Dorothy Bondy. **CANDLE BY THE SACRED HEART** will burn this week in memory of +John "Jack" Bazyk by Ray & Jeanne Toth. **CANDLE BY THE BLESSED MOTHER** will burn for a Matilda Piskura by Joe & Melanie Seback.

**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 - \$2,166.01; Children - \$37.00; Catholic Relief - \$460.01; St. Vincent - \$564.01; Misc. - \$545.23. Total: \$3,325.95. Adults used 220 of 391 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

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the newly commissioned Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion at St. Michael the Archangel: Paulette Budash, Mary Ann Pentrack, Annette Noll, Allison Koch.

**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS** the family and friends of +Velma Wyar, who was buried last week. Welcoming God, receive from our hands the loved ones we return to You.

**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.

**CHILDREN’S EASTER EGG HUNT** has been scheduled for Palm Sunday, April 13 at St. Francis Activity Center 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 3:00PM. The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be prayed before the Stations of the Cross.

**SEDER MEAL** - The annual commemoration of the Seder Meal will be held on Holy Thursday, April 17 at 5:00PM. 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. (A limit of 35-40 because of the size of the community room).

**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.

**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. Aide 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.

### **SYMBOLS OF THE PASSION OF JESUS**

During the Fifth Week of Lent, DICE, instruments of chance, and a seamless GARMENT are placed at the foot of the Cross. Everything had to be, to fulfill all that the Scriptures said about the Messiah.

*Matthew 27:35* – When they had crucified Him, they divided up His garments, rolling dice for them to see what each should take. *Luke 23:24* – They divided His garments, rolling dice for them. *John 19:23-24* – After the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took His garments and divided them four ways, one for each soldier. There was also His tunic, but this tunic was woven in one piece from top to bottom and had no seam. They said to each other, we should not tear it. Let us throw dice and see who gets it. The purpose of this was to have the Scriptures fulfilled – they divided My garments among them, for my clothing they cast lots. (Psalm 228). And this is what the soldiers did.



**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 Guarro, 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; 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 1<sup>st</sup>. Class Maxwell Schutte, F. E. Warren, Wy; Sgt. Bryan Maxwell Porath, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt Aaron Donahay, 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.

**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.

**SACRED MUSIC CONCERT** The music ministry of OMOS will present a concert of sacred music on Palm Sunday, April 14 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.

**HUGE GARAGE SALE** Saturday, April 12, 8AM-3PM, Cathedral Catholic Academy, 110 Lindberg Ave. No early sales!