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Masses in Masontown

Monday, Wednesday, Friday ..8:00 am
Saturday6:00 pm
Sunday..... 8:00 am & 11:30 am

Confessions: During Adoration
Adoration: Friday 4:30-6:00 pm

Masses in Footedale

Tuesday & Thursday8:00 am
Saturday:4:00 pm
Sunday.....9:30 am

Confessions: Saturday 3:00-3:30 pm
Adoration: Wednesday 4:30-6:00 pm

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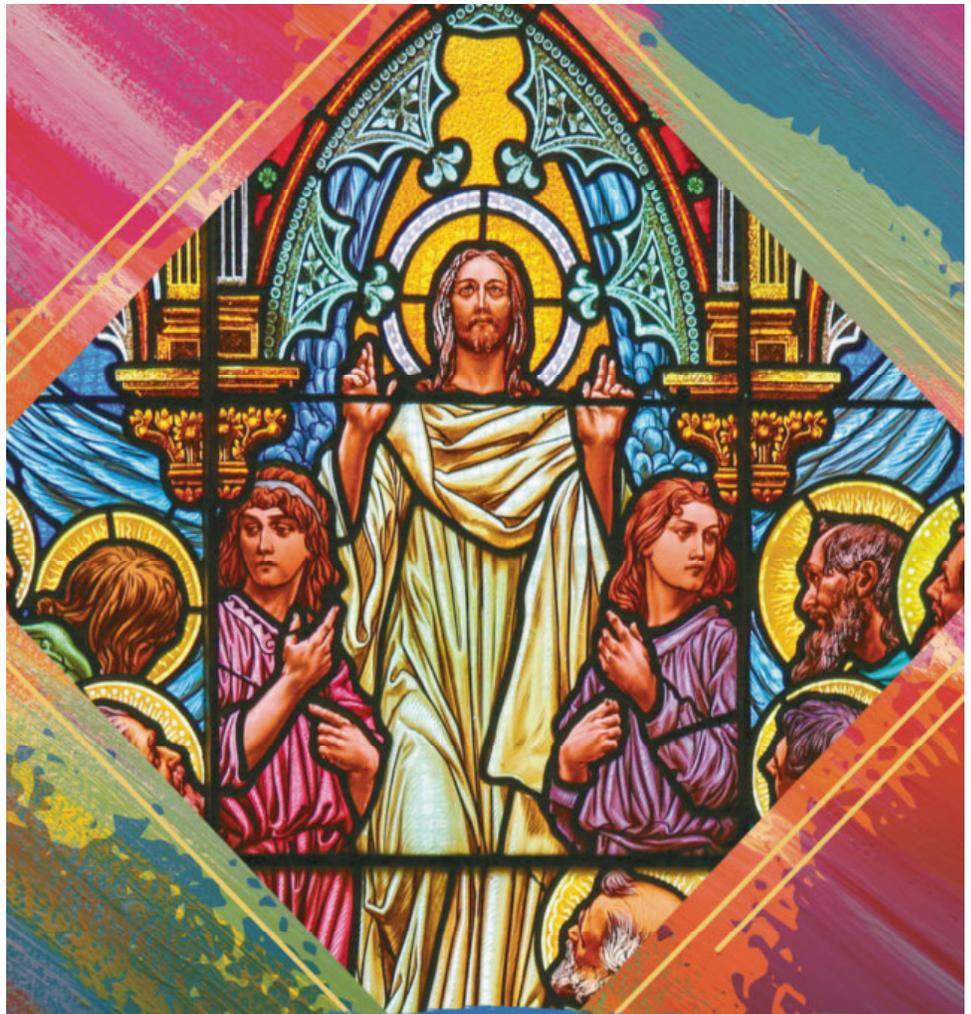
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Sacrament of Baptism: By
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6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**"I say to you, whoever is angry with his brother
will be liable to judgment." - Mt 5:22a**

Fr. Marlon's Reflections - 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Sir. 15:15-20; 1 Cor. 2:6-10; Mt. 5:17-37)



After the liberation of the Chosen People from the slavery of Egypt, God gave the Ten Commandments, the law, through Moses in Mt. Sinai. It not only set them on a higher moral ground than their neighbors, it was also supposed to make them enjoy the freedom of God's people. But over the centuries, their priests constructed a legal system that prescribed rules for everything. These become so oppressive that the people were made slaves again – to the demands of the law.

The Lord Jesus wants to return to the original purpose of the law as we see in the gospel this Sunday. Thus, we hear Jesus say, "I have come not to abolish but to fulfill the law." "To fulfill" the law is to place no limits on the ways it is to be carried out. And "to fulfill" the law, it must be grounded on the righteousness which surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees. "Righteousness" here means the radical gift to self to God and neighbor in both inner thought and outward action. It is on this "righteousness" that Jesus wants us to build on the foremost law: law for God and neighbor.

To make clear what Jesus wants to accomplish, He proceeds to show the foundation on which some of the commandments are based. On killing another person, he says, "You have heard that it was said to your ancestors, You shall not kill; and whoever kills will be liable to judgment. But I say to you, whoever is angry with his brother will be liable to judgement." In effect, Jesus is saying that it is not only a knife or a gun that kills but also anger and hatred in a person's heart.

Getting angry is a natural human reaction but remaining angry is unchristian. If we allow anger to grow in our heart by reconstructing all the hurts and insults that a person has inflicted on us – real or alleged – before we know it, we desperately want to have our revenge. When we finally take the life of a person we vehemently hate, we feel satisfied but only for a moment as the deed will haunt us for life. Why? Because we have done violence to God's most wonderful gift: human life. This is also true in the case of abortion. Whatever reasons a person can use to justify his/her act and participation of abortion, the deed will haunt his/her for life.

For Jesus, respect for life is paramount. Thus, if anger and hatred is removed from our hearts and we instead let love and respect for others dominate, then violence against others will be diminished if not eliminated.

Jesus gives us these examples to show the importance of going back to the roots underlying God's commandments. If we only emphasize the letter of the law, then we often find ourselves asking, "What is the minimum requirement of the law?" Worse, we look for exemptions or find ways to go around it. But if we emphasize the foundation underlying the law – love for God and neighbors – then the question we ask is, "What more can and will I do?"

Going back to the roots of God's law gives life to our love relationship with God and neighbors which in turn makes us enjoy the freedom of God's children.

OUR PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Saint Francis of Assisi Parish is a Eucharistically-centered faith community whose life is formed by our baptismal commitment to Christ; is nourished by Scripture, Church teachings and the Sacraments; and is supported by membership in the worldwide church around us. It is a community made up of the former faith communities of All Saints, Holy Rosary, Madonna, Saint Mary, Saint Procopius and Saint Thomas. There is a long and rich history here where all are welcome, trust is present, risks for the kingdom of God are taken and the gifts of everyone are called forth. Under the patronage of Saint Francis of Assisi, we strive to be an instrument of peace and all that God calls us to be.

THE GLORY OF THE DIVINE WAY

Today's readings draw us into ageless, vibrant depths. Followers of God's law, we belong to ancient traditions; children of God, we marvel at the freshness of creation. The Old Testament readings, from Sirach and the Psalms, celebrate the rich blessings we receive when we observe God's commands - not because we are slaves to the law but because the law gives life in abundance. Saint Paul's *Letter to the Corinthians* confirms the glory of divine law but warns that God's ways tend to be unpopular and misunderstood in this world.

Saint Paul speaks of the ancient wisdom of God, which is mysteriously both "hidden" and "revealed." God does not have secret codes that we earthly mortals cannot understand; in love, God reveals the glory of the divine way in Jesus. Saint Matthew's Gospel emphasizes the importance of living in God's law, enlivened by a deep and personal relationship with Jesus.

The heart with which we offer our good deeds matters as much as the deeds themselves. For Christ, the law is more than a code of conduct. It's a mindset. ♥



Tuesday is the Feast of Saints Cyril & Methodius, Brothers known as Apostles to the Slavs. They served as the spiritual bridge between Eastern and Western traditions and are the patrons of all of Europe.

Tuesday is also Saint Valentine's Day, a day intended to celebrate the Christian values of thoughtfulness and tender care. Valentine is represented with birds and roses and is patron of engaged couples, greetings, happy marriages, love and young people.

Friday is the Feast of the Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order, seven Florentine cloth merchants who popularized devotion to Our Lady of Sorrows.

Saints of God, pray for us!

The Practice of Stewardship

Stewardship involves more than just the gift we bring to the altar. Today's readings say clearly that it is fidelity to God's law that makes our offering acceptable.

Stewardship of Treasure

February 5: \$6,661; loose \$455; monthly \$1,165; children \$5; online \$867 totaling \$9,153

Our parish is grateful for your continued support!



LENT begins on **February 22** (Ash Wednesday) and continues until the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday which then begins the Sacred Paschal Triduum. Please pray this week about what you will do to make this Lent extraordinary in your life.

Daily Mass, Stations of the Cross, prayer, fasting, almsgiving, reading or study, works of charity are all ways by which Lent can become a special time of grace.

The Lenten issue of THE WORD AMONG US is available at the church entrances this weekend.

The theme is *Praying With Jesus This Lent*. Please take a copy and allow it to guide you to a closer relationship with God this Lenten season.

Creating A Lenten Prayer Corner

With Lent quickly approaching, take some time now to create a space in your home to focus on prayer. Your *Prayer Corner* might include: **A Crucifix** to draw your eye to Jesus and remember His sacrifice for our sakes. **A Rosary** to gain the great graces promised by the Blessed Mother. **Holy Water** to use to bless yourself before beginning to pray. **A Candle** to light and center your focus on Christ, the Light of the World. **Spiritual Reading** to guide your devotions. The Bible, The Word Among Us, the Little Black Book for Lent are some good choices. Finally, consider making a **Sacrifice Crown of Thorns**, a visual reminder to increase prayer and sacrifice during this penitential season. Instructions to create a Crown of Thorns can be found online at: [How To Make A Sacrifice Crown of Thorns For Lent \(And Tint The Toothpicks\)](#)

RECONCILIATION

During the penitential season of Lent, we are encouraged to turn from sin and darkness and have a change of heart as we embrace and are embraced by Christ's love. We are encouraged to be reconciled to the Lord early and often in this season. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered each Saturday 3:00 to 3:30 pm in Footedale and 5:00 to 5:30 pm in Masontown.

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LENTEN FISH DINNERS

The Christian Mothers will host Lenten Fish Dinners the Fridays of Lent - February 24 through March 31.

The meals will take place at the social hall in Footedale from 11:00 am to 6:00 pm; eat in or take out. The first week side dish is homemade haluski.

To place an order, please call 724-245-2932.

The Knights of Columbus will host a Lenten Fish Fry on Ash Wednesday and each Friday during Lent at the cafeteria in Masontown - 10:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Dine in or take out. To order, call 724-583-8210.

Volunteers are welcome. Call 724-583-7719 or 724-583-9460 if you wish to help.

Youth Ministry will host a **Gift Basket Raffle** during the Lenten Fish Dinners **at both sites**. Proceeds will benefit various Youth Ministry activities such as attending the National Catholic Youth Conference, hosting Faith Formation events and homebound projects at Christmas and Easter to name a few. If you wish to donate a basket, it can be delivered to the Parish Office in Masontown or the Social Hall in Footedale.

For questions or information, contact Youth Ministry Coordinator, Rita Masi, at rmasi00@yahoo.com
Thank you, in advance, for your continued support.

CASH BASH - Sunday, **March 5**, at the social hall in Footedale. Doors open at 2:00 pm; drawings begin at 2:30 and continue every ten minutes through 7:00 pm. Tickets are \$20, include food and refreshments and are available at the Parish Office. Please join us!

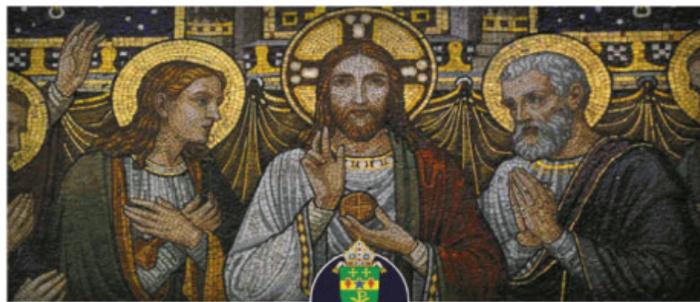
SARRIS CANDY ONLINE

Our Faith Formation Program is sponsoring an online fundraiser **now through April 2**. To participate, visit SarrisCandiesFundraising.com - order online using our organization name **St. Francis of Assisi Faith Formation** and our group number **10-3965**. Sarris will ship your order directly to your door for free; however, a \$5 packaging/handling fee will be applied. Our group will earn a 25% profit with every purchase. Thank you for your support of our young people♥

Last Saturday, February 4, an accident occurred in the parking lot at the 4:00 pm Mass in Footedale. A witness reported seeing a white SUV hit a parked red Jeep then leave the scene. A police report has been filed. The Jeep owner does **not** wish to press charges, they only want to exchange insurance information with the person who hit their vehicle. **Please do the right thing and call them at 724-245-2483.**

The only cure for fear is faith.

- Lena K. Sadler



The Melchizedek Project

Middle School Priesthood Discernment Group

Jeremiah Days is an opportunity for middle school-aged boys and their parents or guardians to gather to learn, discuss and pray to God for guidance in knowing their vocation. To learn more about this program, please visit greensburgpriest.org

High School & Young Adult Priesthood Discernment

The Melchizedek Project is designed for high school and young adult-aged men who would like to grow in their understanding of how to discern a vocation and learn more about the priesthood. Each gathering involves prayer, discussion on a specific topic related to priesthood and dinner. Please visit greensburgpriest.org for registration information, dates and locations.

Lenten Afternoon of Reflection

The Ladies of Charity of the Roman Catholic Churches of Uniontown will hold a Sunday of Lenten Reflection on **March 19**, at 2:00 pm at Saint Mary Nativity Church.

Deacon Andrew Hamilton will speak on *The Story of Queen Esther of the Old Testament - A Model of Feminine Virtue*. There is no charge for the afternoon. A social and refreshments in St. Mary Parish Center will follow the presentation. For more information, please contact Bobbi at 724-366-1626. All are invited to attend this spirit-filled Lenten Sunday.

Mount Saint Macrina House of Prayer

Personal Morning of Prayer: February 24, March 31 and April 28; 9:30 am to 12:00 Noon. Are you ready to let go of some of the busy-ness and pressures of your life to come apart and rest a while? Spend time in silence, meditation and prayer. Free Will offering.

Evening of Reflection for Women: Wednesday, **March 1**, 6:30 to 8pm, presented by Father James Tringhese. Offering \$35; Registration due February 24.

Evening of Reflection for Men: Tuesday, **March 7**, 6:30 to 8 pm, presented by Fr. James Tringhese. Offering \$35. Registration due March 1.

Register for any of these events by email at hpmsm@verizon.net; or by phone at 724-438-7149

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 11 -- Vigil: 6th Ordinary Sunday

4:00 pm-F (M) Mary Matis (Emilia Bertugli)
6:00 pm-M (M) Mary E. Michalik (Janet)

Sunday, February 12 -- 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am-M (M) Lawrence & Margaret Gashie (B/P Post)
9:30 am-F (M) Pro Populo
11:30 am-M (M) Anna Marella (Daughter, Caroline)

Monday, February 13 -- Weekday

8:00 am-M Peggy Dulik (Kevin/Roxane Connors)

Tuesday, February 14 -- Saints Cyril & Methodius

8:00 pm-F Richard Hanula (SFOA Office Staff)

Wednesday, February 15 -- Weekday

8:00 am-M Zatlukovicz & McNansky Families

Thursday, February 16 -- Weekday

8:00 am-F Bridget M. Berisko (Sons, Philip/Raymond)

Friday, February 17 -- Seven Holy Founders

8:00 am-M Betty Berish (Caroline Marella)

Saturday, February 18 -- Vigil: 7th Ordinary Sunday

3-3:30 pm-F Confessions
4:00 pm-F (A) Cecelia Kaparic (Godchild, Marietta)
5:30-6:00 pm-M Confessions
6:00 pm-M (M) Victor Salek (Sisters & Families)

Sunday, February 19 -- 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am-M (M) Pro Populo
9:30 am-F (M) Joan Holloman (Stavish Family)
11:30 am-M (A) George & Elizabeth Parish (Dtr, Mary Anne)

(M) Fr. Marlon / (A) Fr. Arnel

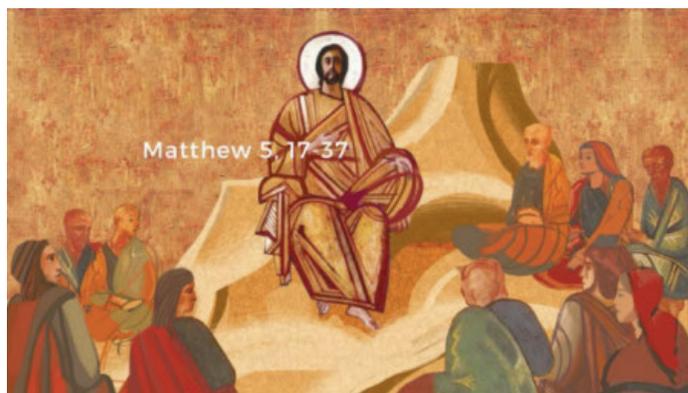
Mass Readings for the Week Ahead

Monday: Gn 4:1-25; Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-10; Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday: Gn 8:6-22; Mk 8:22-26
Thursday: Gn 9:1-13; Mk 8:27-33
Friday: Gn 11:1-9; Mk 8:34-9:1
Saturday: Heb 11:1-7; Mk 9:2-13
Next Sunday: Lv 19:1-18; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48



There will be **NO Eucharistic Adoration** this week.

♥ **Today is World Marriage Day**, a day that honors husband and wife as head of the family, the basic unit of society and salutes the beauty of their faithfulness, sacrifice and joy in daily married life. The theme for WMD is **"Love One Another"** - the commandment given to us by Jesus in John:14. It speaks to us in a simple but challenging way of how our Father wishes us to live. Loving one another is a daily decision - simple, but challenging.



During this brief period between the seasons of Christmas and Lent, we are invited to learn from Jesus the Teacher.

This is the third of four consecutive Sundays when we hear passages from His Sermon on the Mount.

Picture the scene: Jesus has gone up the mountain, sat down and His disciples have gathered around Him.

We, too, are disciples of the Lord and we have gathered here today to be with Him. Let us take this opportunity to be enlightened by His teachings.

Please pray for those in southern Turkey and Syria who are suffering as a result of the massive earthquake. May the Lord bring them comfort in their time of sorrow; may the support of relief agencies, neighbors and loved ones, who come to their aid, provide them the care and support they need; and may those who have died know peace and rest with God for all eternity. Amen.

Memorial Candles burn this week in loving memory of or for the special intention of:

† **Sanctuary** - Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Plisko
requested by daughter, Marlene Guappone

† **Blessed Mother** - Betty Stoffa
requested by daughter, Cheryl & Family

Dolores Franczyk
requested by daughter, Carol & Debbie

† **Saint Joseph** - Louise B. DelSignore
requested by Mark Ratesic

Wayne Edenfield
requested by wife, Elaine

† **Saint Anthony** - Donna Parish
requested by husband, George

† **Sacred Heart** - Birthday Remembrance
of Richard Hanula
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