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Masses in Masontown

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

Confessions: Saturday 5:00-5:30 pm

Adoration: Check bulletin

Masses in Footedale

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

Confessions: Saturday 3:00-3:30 pm

Adoration: Check bulletin

Office Hours: Monday through
Friday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Bulletin Articles: The deadline
for placing articles in the bulletin
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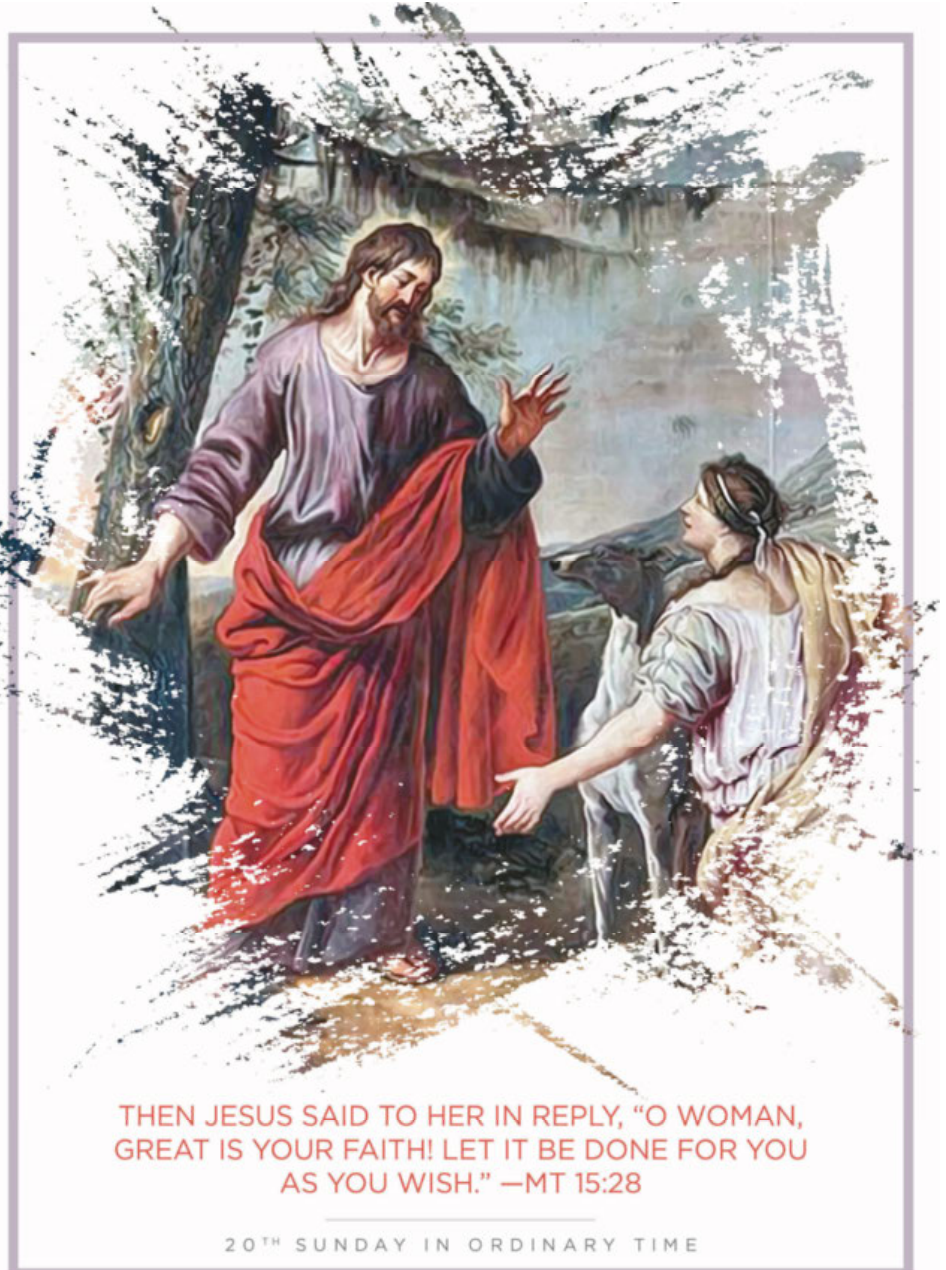
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Sacrament of Baptism: By
appointment. Prior to your baby's
Baptism, you must be a registered,
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Sacrament of Marriage: Requires
parish membership by at least one of
the parties for six months prior to
making arrangements for marriage.

Weddings should be scheduled
one year in advance.

Prayer Chain: To request prayer,
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20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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THANK YOU ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISHIONERS, FROM FR. MARLON

One of the most common quotes we have listened to while growing up is that **“Every beginning has an end and every end is a new beginning.”** A journey is not a journey until you reach its final destination.

My ministry as your pastor of this wonderful parish of St. Francis of Assisi began last June 24, 2021. After 26 months, my ministry in St. Francis of Assisi and in the Diocese of Greensburg comes to an end. As I write you this message, I wanted to let you know that I am not asking for anything but to thank each one of you, my good and wonderful parishioners, for everything that you have done for me and to the parish. I thank you for the love, care and practical support you have shown me as your pastor and especially the prayerful support you offer each and every day. I appreciate your consistent presence and participation in our parish community. It has been an eventful two years, and we wouldn't have risen to the occasion the way we have without all of you stepping up your game, and your degree of engagement in the parish life.

My special thanks to Linda and Cheryl in the office for their love and commitment in helping me in running the parish. Their dedication is very much inspiring that they are one of the many reasons why serving the Catholic Church is a beautiful ministry. I wanted to recognize also the diligence and selfless service of our Finance and Pastoral Council members. You are there always when I needed you most. You lead our parish community with care, enthusiasm, and with complete loyalty. You commit significant time and effort over many years to make our parish community vibrant.

I would like to extend a special word of thanks to Eric Blanda, our organist, to the choir, cantors, instrumentalists, and all those involved for sharing their talents and enhancing our Eucharistic celebrations and other liturgical celebrations. So many parishioners have commented on how beautiful and inspirational the music and hymns were. Our parish is truly blessed to have you, our wonderfully dedicated group of singers and musicians. Thank you also to all the lectors (readers) for your proclamation of the Word in every Mass. Through you the Good News is heard by our community. Thank you also to our sacristans and Eucharistic ministers for helping us, priests, in administering the Body of Jesus to those who come forward to receive the Lord. Thank you also to all the greeters and ushers for welcoming our members and visitors who are coming to our church for liturgical celebrations. My gratitude also to our homebound ministers. You represent Christ and manifest faith and charity on behalf of the whole community toward those who cannot be present at the Eucharist due to illness. Thank you for bringing Jesus to them. To all altar servers, thank you for your service. What an inspiring sight you are and what hope you give to our parish and to the whole Church! The Church is ever young because of your youthful faith and love.

My gratitude also goes to our Faith Formation teachers and Youth Ministry leaders. Thank you for spending untold hours in preparation and teaching time each weekend in order to pass on the Catholic faith to a new generation of believers - the children of our parish. The future is bright for St. Francis because of your love and dedication. Thanks to Kim Stavish and Rita Masi for taking the lead for these ministries. To the Hospitality Committee in Masontown and the Decorating and Cleaning Team in Footedale, thank you for making our church buildings beautiful places of worship.

I wanted to recognize also the significant contributions of our Christian Mothers. Thank you for your service and support to our parish community in a variety of ways. You share your gifts and enjoy assisting and providing a variety of spiritual, service and fund raising events for our parish. A profound debt of gratitude is owed to all of you. Thank you for all that you do for our parish especially for all the fundraising events that you spearheaded which helped us greatly in our financial needs. Special thanks to Carletta Fronzcek for always putting together all our fundraising events. Without those fundraisings, I don't know where we are now. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

My gratitude also to the officers and members of the Knights of Columbus who have been such a great support to me and to the Church. Thank you for your generosity and hard work! Thank you for your faithful witness to Christ!

Lastly, my gratitude to Dave Madison, Rick Bobincheck, and Tom Herbst, and other volunteers for helping me in looking at the maintenance, repairs, and other important services to our parish properties. You're the best!

Thank you! But your work is not done yet, there is still plenty of adapting and creativity awaiting you under the leadership of Fr. Anthony Cortado, your new Administrator, in the weeks and months ahead of you. As we continue to walk by faith, persevere in hope and share generously of God's love, please know that you are always in my prayers, and you have a special place in my heart. **- Fr. Marlon**

THANK YOU ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISHIONERS, FROM FR. ARNEL

In my stay here in Saint Francis of Assisi Parish Community both in Footedale and Masontown, I have experienced your kindness, care and love to me. I am so grateful for all those things. I pray that God will continually bless each one of you and the whole Parish Community.

Please continue to pray for me as I move on to a new responsibility. Once again, from the bottom of my heart - THANK YOU VERY MUCH to all of you. Let us always "Praise the Lord. Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love (for all us) endures forever." (Psalm 106:1) **- Fr. Arnel**



LABOR DAY FESTIVAL
 on the parish grounds in Masontown
Saturday, September 2
 4:00 pm: Outdoor **POLKA MASS**
 with **The Vibrations Band**
 5:00 pm: Festival begins
 6:00 to 9:00 pm: Live entertainment
 featuring the **Shelly McCombie Duo**
Sunday, September 3
 4:00 pm: Festival begins
 5:00 to 9:00 pm: Live entertainment
 featuring **The Vibrations Band**

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!

If you can't help out during the events, please consider helping us to prepare beforehand and/or to help us clean up afterwards. Call the Parish Office with questions and for more information. Any help you can give will be very much appreciated! Young people seeking service hours are welcome!

October Calendar Ticket

Winning numbers determined by the PA Daily Lottery Evening Number; prize total for the month is \$7,000; donation is \$20; available throughout the week at the Parish Office. Stop by to choose your lucky number.

EVERYONE'S help is needed to make the Summer Celebration a success! There is something that everyone can do to help. If you are not physically able, then please pray for us!

Items Needed Include:

- ✓ **Cases of water** (16 oz) and **Coke & Pepsi products** (12 oz cans - regular and diet)
- ✓ **Theme Baskets - All Types**
Sports, movies, lottery tickets, gift cards, etc.
- ✓ **Baked Goods** - We need your help in supplying home baked goods for this popular stand.

If you have these items to donate, please bring them to Church (both sites) on weekends or drop them off at the Parish Office in Masontown Monday through Friday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Thank you!!!

✓ **Summer Celebration Sponsors**

We are asking for donations to help cover celebration expenses and entertainment costs. Donor levels are:
 Diamond \$500; Platinum \$250; Gold \$100/\$249;
 Silver Level \$50/\$99; Bronze \$30/\$49.

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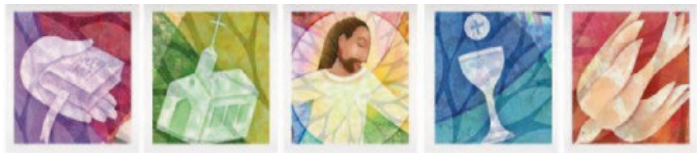
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Faith Formation

FAITH FORMATION 2023 / 2024

Faith Formation begins Sunday, September 17.

Next weekend we will begin the process of enrolling students for the 2023 / 2024 Faith Formation year.

Faith Formation begins with four-year olds (Pre-K) and continues through the eighth grade Confirmation Class. The Sacrament of First Eucharist is received in the second grade; however, students must have completed one year of preparation (Faith Formation or Catholic School) prior to being admitted to the First Eucharist Class.

The Sacrament of Confirmation is received in the eighth grade; however, students must have completed the Seventh Grade Confirmation Preparation Class (Faith Formation or Catholic School) prior to being admitted to the Confirmation Class.

If this requirement is not met, the student will be placed in the first grade or seventh grade preparatory class before being admitted to the corresponding Sacramental Class.

More information will be shared next weekend.
 Questions? kstavish@dioceseofgreensburg.org

Interested in Joining the Catholic Church?

We offer an opportunity to meet and learn more about our faith. Focusing on the teachings and experience of the Church, we prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist during the Easter season. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, insights and faith story in a warm, accepting setting. For more information, please contact the Parish Office - 724-583-7866.

The Practice of Stewardship

In today's second reading, St. Paul tells the Romans, "God's gifts and His call are irrevocable." To what is God calling me today? What gifts are mine to share?

Stewardship of Treasure

August 13: \$4,770; loose \$569; monthly \$1,616; children \$8; online \$257; totaling \$7,220
Boiler Fund - \$100

Our parish is grateful for your support!

Thank you for the following Boiler fund donations

In memory of *Bruno W. Smith*
by his brother, Walter

In memory of *our fathers, Walter M. Suba, Jr.*
and *Joseph G. Novotny* by Nadia & Joe Novotny

Catholic University Appeal next weekend

Annually, a second collection is taken in the Diocese of Greensburg to support Catholic education, both locally and nationally. This year fifty percent of this collection will go to support The Catholic University of America and fifty percent will be used to aid the Catholic schools here in our own Diocese.

Your financial support is critical to the success of our Catholic schools. I ask you to support this collection prayerfully and generously. Thank you! - *Fr. Marlon*

rest in peace

Parish Sympathy is expressed to the families of

† **James Maher**, buried Saturday, August 12;

† **Mary Magdalene Rifenburg** and

† **Joan Cecelia (Mullen) Cech**

who were buried Friday, August 18;

† **Irene O'Brien** buried Saturday, August 19.

May God grant them eternal life and comfort their families. May they rest in peace.

Sincere sympathy is expressed to **Mark Kopec** on the recent death of his wife, **Debra**. May God grant her eternal life and comfort her family.

Congratulations to **James and Barbara (Aello) Rhoades** who celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on August 4. May God bless them with many more happy and healthy years together.

The Miracle of Christmas

Budget Charters has a bus going to the Sight and Sound Theatre in Lancaster to see *The Miracle of Christmas* live on stage on Thursday, **November 9**. Cost of \$185 includes transportation, ticket for the 4pm show and dinner. This is not a dedicated bus for St. Francis but we have reserved 35 tickets at this time. You are encouraged to make your reservation as early as possible. Payment must be made by October 1. The bus will pick us up at the Footedale parking lot & the Uniontown Mall. Please contact Rosemary Reagan - 724-245-8333.

Annual Otpust Festival - Sunday, August 27

Holy Trinity Orthodox Church in New Salem extends an invitation to join them for this annual event. Divine Liturgy takes place at 10am with Archbishop Melchisedek. The Festival follows from Noon to 6pm. There will be food, baskets, hourly prizes, bake sale, games of chance.

Heritage Festival - Saturday, September 9, at Saint Hubert Church, Point Marion. The Festival begins with a Polka Mass at 4:00 pm with music by The Vibrations and continues until 9:00 pm. Please join us!

3 Day Mission - September 10, 11 & 12

St. Therese de Lisieux Church, Uniontown National acclaimed actor Frank Runyeon will perform the Gospel of Luke, explore the Sermon on the Mount and speak about Hollywood Vs. Faith. Each performance is an hour long and will be held at 7:00 pm in St. Therese Church. Performances are free and family friendly but we ask that you please make a reservation at www.faysouth.org so that we can assure seats for all.



Please join us!

Eucharistic Celebration

Sunday 9:30 AM
August 27, 2023
@ Footedale Worship Site

Refreshment will follow at the Footedale Social Hall

With: Bishop Medil Aseo
Fr. Marlon & Fr. Anthony's Bishop in the Philippines

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, August 19 -- Vigil: 20th Ordinary Sunday
 4:00 pm-F (A) Robert & Dorothy Brown (*Adhrena/Robert*)
 6:00 pm-M (M) Pro Populo

Sunday, August 20 -- 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00 am-M (M) Toby Maykuth (*Stoffa Family*)
 9:30 am-F (M) Ann Valusek (*Lud & Terrie Kopec*)
 11:30 am-M (A) Geno Coll (*Family*)

Monday, August 21 -- Saint Pius X
 8:00 am-M Joseph Sabatelli (*Wife, Rosalie*)

Tuesday, August 22 -- Queenship of Mary
 8:00 pm-F Louise B. DelSignore (*Nadia/Joe Novotry*)

Wednesday, August 23 -- Saint Rose of Lima
 8:00 am-M Joseph Matyus (*Bill & Elaine Hruska*)
 12:30-2:00 pm-F Adoration / Confessions

Thursday, August 24 -- Saint Bartholomew
 8:00 am-F Frank Palo (*Michael/Constance Bernot*)

Friday, August 25 -- Saints Louis & Joseph Calasanz
 8:00 am-M Arleen Spirnak, 80th birthday (*Family*)

Saturday, August 26 -- Vigil: 21st Ordinary Sunday
 3-3:30 pm-F Confessions
 4:00 pm-F (M) Bernadette Livingston (*Sister, Joan Cech*)
 5:00-5:30 pm-M Confessions
 6:00 pm-M (A) Clement Ryan (*Family*)

Sunday, August 27 -- 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00 am-M (M) Joseph P. Matyus Jr. (*John/Annette Kormanik*)
 9:30 am-F (A) Renne Kremposky (*The Golden Group*)
 11:30 am-M (M) Pro Populo

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



In today's first reading, we hear God tell Isaiah, "my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples." We are gathered here today in a house of prayer and so we welcome all people who have come here today to join together to pray to God in praise, petition, and thanksgiving. Let us lift up our voices in prayer to our God.

Mary, Queen of Apostles

In times past, most of the important church festivals were celebrated for eight days. This period of eight days is called an octave. In church tradition, an octave represents eternity and in the early church, it was a symbol of perfection and of heaven.

This Tuesday is the eighth day after the solemnity of the Assumption. We honor Mary as the Regina Caeli, the Queen of Heaven. Psalm 45, sung on Assumption Day, is sung again today. It speaks of a queen in a golden robe. Wherever she goes, she brings justice and splendor and great rejoicing. Jewish songs refer to the Sabbath in that way. When it arrives, it is like a queen whose beauty chases away all sorrow.

An image of Mary, Queen of Apostles, is located on our parish grounds in Masontown at the candle room exit.

Mass Readings for the Week Ahead

Monday: Jgs 2:11-19; Mt 19:16-22
 Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24; Mt 19:23-30
 Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15; Mt 20:1-16
 Thursday: Rv 21:9-14; Jn 1:45-51
 Friday: Ru 1:1-22; Mt 22:34-40
 Saturday: Ru 2:1-11; 4:13-17; Mt 23:1-12
 Next Sunday: Is 22:19-23; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20



Sunday, August 20, 2-3:30 pm - Farewell reception for Fr. Marlon at the Footedale social hall

Saturday, August 26, 5:00 to 6:00 pm - Farewell reception for Fr. Arnel at the Footedale social hall

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday, August 23, in Footedale

12:30-1:30 pm: Exposition/Confession

1:30-1:45 pm: Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena

1:45-2:00 pm: Benediction

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

† **Sanctuary** - Fr. Marlon

requested by the SFOA Parish Family

† **Blessed Mother** - Louise Drzazgowski
 requested by daughters, LuAnn & Mary Lou
Mary Fabrycki

requested by Carolyn Magerko

† **Saint Joseph** - Geno Coll
 requested by his family

Louis Kopec
 requested by his family

† **Saint Anthony** - Elaine Rosnack
 requested by George Parish

† **Sacred Heart** - Irene O'Brien
 requested by Pete Rohol

Anthony Pikulski
 requested by his sisters





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