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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
is Monday at Noon.

New Parishioners, Welcome!
Please register as soon as possible.

Communion to the Homebound is
provided on a regular basis. Call the
Parish Office to be added to our list.

Sacrament of Baptism: By
appointment. Prior to your baby's
Baptism, you must be a registered,
practicing member of this parish.

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,
please call Patty 724-245-9746
or Valeria 724-583-9460



23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



*"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault
between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have
won over your brother." - Mt 18:15*

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ezekiel 33:7-9; Romans 13:8-10; Matthew 18:15-20



Today, we have reflected on the words of Jesus regarding the manner in which we should correct our brothers and sisters. It is important to remember that correction is different from condemnation. Our goal should always be the good of the other person, seeking to build them up rather than tear them down.

In our interactions with others, let us strive to be gentle and constructive in our criticism, just as rain nourishes a plant without destroying its roots. Instead of resorting to anger and shouting, let us choose prayer and dialogue to build hearts and foster understanding.

Jesus teaches us three attitudes when correcting others. First, we should approach the person privately, speaking to them personally and pointing out their mistakes with the intention of helping them grow and guiding them back to the loving embrace of the Father. Our approach should be rooted in charity and humility.

Secondly, if necessary, we may involve one or two honest and credible witnesses. Their role is not to accuse or condemn, but to help convince the person of the need for contrition and conversion. The goal is reconciliation and clarity, not finger-pointing or blame.

Lastly, if the situation persists, we may involve the church or community. By involving the community, we seek to establish peace and address the impact of sin on the entire community. The guidance and judgment of the community should be in accordance with the teachings of Jesus, centered on love for one another.

Let us always remember the words of St. Paul, who reminds us to owe no one anything except to love one another. Love is patient, kind, and ready to forgive. It endures all things and never comes to an end. As we hear the voice of God speaking to us, may we not harden our hearts but respond with love and forgiveness.

May we strive to correct others with gentleness and compassion, always seeking their good and the unity of our community. In doing so, we reflect the love and mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Father Anthony

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.



September Faithful Challenge: Pray for Vocations



The clergy shortage in the Diocese of Greensburg is widely known. In fact, in the next eight years, we will have fewer than 15 native-born priests to serve the Diocese of Greensburg. Without priests, there is no Eucharist. Without the Eucharist, there can be no Eucharistic Revival. This month, Bishop Kulick's Faithful Challenge is to pray for vocations. He encourages you to join him in prayer to spur the renewal of the Church.

This year, Bishop Kulick accepted three more men into the priestly formation program for the Diocese of Greensburg: Matteo Arcara, Thomas Oldenburg, and Ryan Scavnicky. They are now in what is termed the Propaedeutic Stage, a new stage just recently added to the priestly formation program. During the Propaedeutic Stage, Arcara, Oldenburg and Scavnicky will live in community with other seminarians. While introductory in nature, the Propaedeutic Stage is time for the three to grow in their relationship with Christ, trust in God and knowledge of the Catholic Church and Her teachings. This time helps seminarians to lay a foundation for a new way of life centered in Christ and in communion with his Bishop, presbyterate, and his local Church.

Our seminarians have a heart for the mission of our Church! Supporting the Seminarian Collection on September 23 and 24 helps to spur the renewal of our Church. To learn more about the formation of our future priests or donate visit [DioceseofGreensburg.org/seminarian-clergy-formation-collection](https://www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/seminarian-clergy-formation-collection)



Congratulations to newly baptized Zoe & Elle Dyer and Thomas Joseph & Matilda Karpency ♥

Choir Rehearsal will begin this Thursday, **September 14**, at 6:00 pm at the Footedale Worship Site. Rehearsals will generally alternate between sites on the first and third Wednesdays in Masontown and on the second and fourth Thursdays in Footedale. A complete schedule will be distributed. Members of both groups are invited to participate at either or both sites. New members are welcome!

We are in need of additional **Cantors** at both Worship Sites. A pleasant singing voice and ability to lead sung prayer are needed. Training will be provided. Cantors are welcome to participate at either/both worship sites. We especially encourage our young people, high school age and older, to prayerfully consider this ministry. For more information, please contact Eric Blanda at eblanda@dioceseofgreensburg.org

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 Saint 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 and the Uniontown Mall. For questions/reservations, please contact Rosemary Reagan - 724-245-8333.

Never Miss a Bulletin! Sign up to have our weekly bulletin emailed to you at www.parishesonline.com

The Practice of Stewardship

Am I my brother's keeper? All three readings today suggest that for the Christian steward the answer is "Yes!" See Romans 11:36

Faith Formation Support: Please use the special envelope provided in your packets to support our Faith Formation Program. Your gift helps to provide the books and materials needed for this program which teaches our faith to the young people of our parish at no cost to them.

Stewardship of Treasure

September 3: \$6,052; loose \$732; monthly \$1,030; online \$257 totaling \$8,071

We also collected \$282 for our social ministry fund and \$662 for our Faith Formation Program

Our most grateful thanks for your support!

Faith Formation begins next Sunday

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.

Classes take place each Sunday from 10:30 to 11:45 am at the Footedale Worship Site

Questions? kstavish@dioceseofgreensburg.org

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.

MASS SCHEDULE ©LPI

Saturday, September 9 -- Vigil: 23rd Ordinary Sunday

4:00 pm-F *Mary Matis (Mary Kay & Rusty Mumaw)*
6:00 pm-M Pro Populo

Sunday, September 10 -- 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am-M Irene O'Brien (AGHSA Board of Directors)
9:30 am-F *Anna & Edward Shimshock (Trout/Mikel)*
11:30 am-M David Fabbri (Dennis & Maureen Fabbri)

Monday, September 11 -- Weekday

8:00 am-M Mazurik/Radzilowski Families (Zatlokovicz)

Tuesday, September 12 -- Most Holy Name of Mary

8:00 pm-F *Cindy Cech (Joan & Kevin Cech)*

Wednesday, September 13 -- Saint John Chrysostom

8:00 am-M Michael Shine (Cathy Carter)

Thursday, September 14 -- Exaltation of the Holy Cross

8:00 am-F *Judith A. Scola (JoAnne/Mary Jo Bashour)*

Friday, September 15 -- Our Lady of Sorrows

8:00 am-M Donna Stoffa (Taeseok Stoffa)
4:30-6:00 pm-M Adoration & Confessions

Saturday, September 16 -- Vigil: 24th Ordinary Sunday

1:00 pm-F *Wedding: Emilee Harvilla & Jonathan Stiner*
3-3:30 pm-F *Confessions*
4:00 pm-F *Martha & Steven Tretinik (Elaine Boyd)*
5:00-5:30 pm-M Confessions
6:00 pm-M Pro Populo

Sunday, September 17 -- 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am-M Nick Capo Sr. (Rick/Nancy Zatlokovicz)
9:30 am-F *Wally Frost (Wally & Terri Frost)*
11:30 am-M Joe & Brian Coll (Dolores/Lisa Santella)

Mass Readings for the Week Ahead

Monday: Col 1:24-2:3; Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday: Col 2:6-15; Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday: Col 3:1-11; Lk 6:20-26
Thursday: Nm 21:4b-9; Jn 3:13-17
Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-14; Jn 19:25-27
Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17; Lk 6:43-49
Next Sunday: Sir 27:30-28:7; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35



Eucharistic Adoration

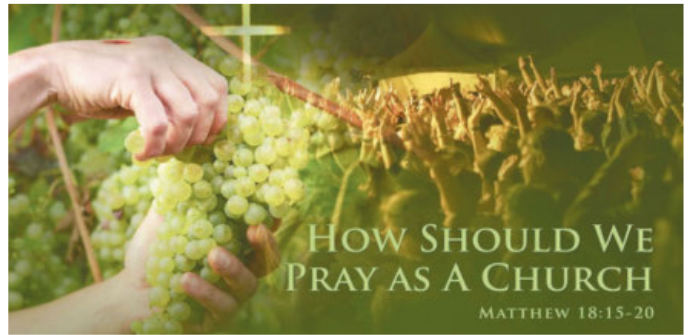
Friday, September 15, in Masontown

4:30-5:30 pm: Exposition / Confession

5:30-5:45 pm: Chaplet of Divine Mercy

5:45-6:00 pm: Benediction

Happy Grandparents' Day!



Today we hear Jesus assure His disciples that wherever two or three are gathered in His Name, He is there with them. Our confidence in His promise assures us that Jesus is here with us now as we celebrate the Eucharist together. Aware that God is with us in our midst, let us raise our voices and lift our hearts unto the Lord.

The Practice of Charity

Week after week, we read the story of the Church's belief and activity through time. The book is never closed - as the living Church, as a community of believers, we are always in the process of writing a new chapter and we must constantly renew our understanding of the Gospel message as it pertains to our time.

Today we learn, with the early disciples, that we are indeed our brother's keeper, our neighbor's watchman. Even in the smallest of gatherings - as few as two or three together - we are bound by and accountable to the greatest of loves. The point of the Gospel is not to gauge when we may cast our brother out; rather, it is to learn how zealous we must be to preserve our unity. This week, check on someone you may have lost touch with

Today is World Suicide Prevention Day;

ask a friend to join you in praying for those who may be cut off from hope or help by despair.

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

† **Sanctuary** - *Betty Berish*

Birthday Remembrance

requested by Dave & Vicki Berish

† **Blessed Mother** - *Josie Filiaggi*

requested by Michael

Monica Markusic

requested by Dolores Solomon

† **Saint Joseph** - *Ronald McCann*

requested by sister, Rosalie

† **Saint Anthony** - *Rosemarie Guerrini*

requested by Dolores Solomon

Michael Reposky

requested by Jeff Baron

† **Sacred Heart** - *Louise B. DelSignore*

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