

FEBRUARY 17, 2019
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
THE FAITH COMMUNITY OF
ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Mission Statement: St. Francis of Assisi is a Roman Catholic worshipping community, dedicated to ministering to our members and to the greater community in the image given to us by Jesus. This ministry is centered on the Sacraments and our Acts of Faith, Hope and Charity.

Pastor – Fr. Anthony Francis Spilka, OFMConv



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Daily Mass Schedule at St. Francis of Assisi

Mon., Wed., Thurs., Fri. – 9:00AM; Tues. 6:15PM;

Sat - 9:00AM

First Friday 9:00AM and 5:30 PM

Confession – Tues., 5:45PM, Sat. 3:15 – 3:45PM

First Friday 5:30PM

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday – 4:00PM / Sunday – 7:30AM / 9:30AM

Parish Secretary – Carol Pisula

Office Hours – 9:00AM to 3:00PM – Mon. thru Thurs

Parish Council President – Ryan Woodruff – 659-9781

Finance Council President – Brian Mayko

Cemetery Council President - William Heim – 254- 2942

Director of Religious Education – Carol Pisula 539-1632

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. Communal Penance Services - Advent and Lent.

Anointing of the Sick Communal – Celebration 2nd Sunday of Advent and 3rd 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.

First Friday – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 8:30AM – 5:30PM.

Rosary Society – First Monday of the month at 6:00PM. Recitation of the Rosary, Reflection, Benediction.



MARDI GRAS will take place on Saturday, February 23, 2019! Tickets are available in the vestibule before and after Masses. Tickets are \$20.00 and include Turkey Dinner, music by Flood City Brass. You may also reserve a table for \$10.00. Anyone who would like to donate any of the following alcoholic beverages: Amaretto, Rum, Whiskey, Vodka, Wine, or Peach Schnapps please drop off to ticket seller before or after Masses in January. Also, if you would like to donate a basket (\$25 value) you may give it to the ticket seller or call Alice at 536-0948. Thank you, Mardi Gras Committee.



FRIDAY, MARCH 1 is the First Friday of the month. Adoration will begin after the 9:00AM Mass and continue until 5:30PM. New Signup sheets are in the vestibule of the Church. There should be at least two adorers present for each time slot. (This is also a matter of safety for the Blessed Sacrament - adorers adore and protect).

GOBS – Icing will be made beginning at 7:00AM on Tuesday, February 26 and will be filled on Wednesday, February 27 from 8:00AM until 10:00AM and at 6:00PM. Once again, your help is greatly appreciated.

THANK YOU to all who helped in any way with the Fish Fry on February 8. Keep up the good work! Our next Fish Fry will take place on Ash Wednesday, March 6 and continue on Friday March 15, 22, 29, April 5 and April 12.

CANDLE BY OUR LADY QUEEN OF HEAVEN will burn for Birthday Remembrance for Richard Paul Holtz, Sr. by Jeanne & Ray Toth and Ray Jr. and Michelle. **SANCTUARY CANDLE** for Deceased Members of the Men’s Club by Men’s Club.

GABRIEL PROJECT UPDATE: A heartfelt thank you to all who generously provided toys and other Christmas gifts to the babies in our program. Every child received at least one educational toy, warm clothes and other essential items. Currently we are serving 62 babies and their families. We have four sets of twins and even a set of triplets! Several babies are due to be born in the next five months and a few of our babies will celebrate their first birthday and will be leaving our program. Because of your kindness and generosity, we can continue to provide much needed support to these families. Congratulations to Theresa Scholsser who won the \$30 of lottery tickets at the February fish fry. During Lent we will be selling chances on more lottery tickets and we still have a handful of Tony's Sub tickets to sell for \$9. Again, thank you for your support!! *Gale Bala, Volunteer Coordinator*

CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR PARISH LAST WEEKEND: Loose - \$624.47; Adults - \$2,844.84; Children - \$25.00; Candles - \$119.20; First Offering - \$5.00; Monthly - \$303.00; Catholic Register - \$55.00; Donation - \$110.00; Misc. - \$14.88. Total Collection - \$4,101.39. 175 out of 286 families used envelopes. Thank you for your continued generosity to the parish (especially because of the severe winter weather which made driving and walking difficult).

BRICK PROJECT UPDATE: The majority of the bricks are now in place. If you have purchased a brick and it is not yet installed or if there is a spelling error that needs corrected, please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible. Thank you for your patience.

FLU SEASON – Because of the seriousness of this flu season, Bishop Bartchak has asked that the Precious Blood of the Lord not be offered at Mass temporarily. It is the belief of the Catholic Church that the whole Body of Christ is present under either form of consecrated bread and wine. Also, the exchange of the Sign of Peace should avoid bodily contact. A reverent nod with eye contact and a smile will be the temporary practice. Reception of Holy Communion on the hand is encouraged; however, reception on the tongue may not be denied. These norms are in effect throughout the winter months or until the flu season is over.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, February 17, 24 – Religious Education – 10:45AM – 12Noon
 Wednesday, February 20– Book study – 6:00PM
 Thursday, February 21 – Book Study – 9:30AM
 Saturday, February 23 – Mardi Gras

DONATIONS of snack items (potato chips, pretzels, etc.) along with cookies are being requested for a Teen Dance, sponsored by Bishop McCort Catholic High School that will take place at St. Francis of Assisi Activity Center on Saturday, March 2, 2019. Snack donations may be brought to the Parish Office Monday thru Thursday from 9:00AM until 3:00PM no later than Sunday, February 24. Thanks in advance for your generosity. Any questions – please see Deacon Bruce Becker.

ARISE – is returning to St. Francis of Assisi. Our second session is Change Our Hearts and will begin the week of March 3. We invite you to join us on a Lenten Journey with Christ to Change Our Hearts. Please use the signup sheets that are located in the main vestibule of the Church. *If you have any questions or want to be involved please call Barb Bimeal at 322-2810.*

Session Schedule

Tuesday, March 5, 12, 19, 26, April 2- 7:00PM–8:30PM -
 Wednesday, March 6, 13, 20, 27, April 9 - 6:00PM - 7:30PM
 Thursday, March 7, 14, 21, 28, April 10 - 9:30 AM - 11:00AM





WE ARE CONSIDERING A TRIP TO OBERAMMERGAU (GERMANY) TO THE PASSION PLAY 2020, HELD EVERY TEN YEARS. A centuries old promise – drawing crowds from all over the world, the Passion Play of Oberammergau is a musical drama of epic dimensions and regarded as the longest running play in history. It’s staged every ten years from May to October in the small, picturesque village of Oberammergau nestled in a valley amidst Germany’s Bavarian Alps. According to the story passed down through generations, as the Black Plague swept through Europe in 1633 a villager inadvertently exposed Oberammergau to the dreaded disease. After 84 people died, the survivors gathered and made a solemn oath: if God spared them, every ten years they would present a day-long play depicting the last week in the life of Christ. The villagers’ prayers were answered; there were no more deaths. In 1634, the townspeople performed their Passion Play for the first time on a stage erected over the graves of plague victims. Eventually their children and their descendants took up the vow, holding themselves responsible for the promise made by their forefathers. To this day, the villagers of Oberammergau have kept their promise virtually unbroken. The first public performance of the Passion Play 2020 will be on May 17. The modern play takes place on an open-air stage with a covered auditorium seating 4,700, against a beautiful backdrop of towering Alpine mountains. With a total cast of 1,000, the play boasts 130 speaking parts and hundreds of smaller parts. To be eligible for a role, the person must have either been born in Oberammergau or lived there 20 years. Watching the last days of Jesus unfold before you will leave you with renewed Faith and an affirmation of the importance of His Life and Resurrection! *If you are interested in taking part in a trip – please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible. Details will be available soon!*

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK OR HOMEBOUND

James Edward Adams; Rose Blaschak, Galynn Brady, Sister Carol Jean Czynnik, Joan Delusa, LeAnn Golby, Alicia Junghans, Kathryn Legat, Dennis Mochan, Tyler McKinley, Rick McKinley, Ron Petak, Rowen Ream, Alexandra Rice, Carly Rice, Doug Rice, James Schuster, Mary Slezak, Betty Spisak, Joanna Stone, Carol Sobacky, Leona Sutt, Agnes Swarney, Jeanne Toth, Elizabeth Virus, Irene Virus, and Sheila Weppner.

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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 Guarino, USCG; Master at Arms 2nd Class Izeke W. Pinkas, Fallon, NV; Lt. Col. Joshua P. Higgins, US Army; Petty Officer 1st Class Paul Rambish, US Navy, Coronado Naval Base, San Diego; Major Melinda Rovon Corallo, Nellis Air Force Base, Las Vegas, NV; HMC David Bakos, US Navy; PFC; Lance Corporal Jacob Taylor, USMC; Private 1st Class Zack Taylor, US Army; 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 1st. Class Maxwell Schutte, F. E. Warren, Wv; Sgt. Bryan Maxwell Porath, Captain Aaron Donahey, US Army, deployed to Dongducheon, Korea; Petty Officer 1st Class Heather L. Dovala, Great Lakes, IL.; Sgt. Jarod Pisarchik, Army National Guard; Ens. Kara Yingling, Pentagon; Lt. JG Shannon Yingling; Senior Airman Devon Gilbert, Tinker AFB, OK; Senior Airman Daniel Christner, USAF, 193rd Special Operations Wing; Lt. Col Steven Thomas, USAF, deploying to the Middle East; 2nd Lt. Colin Harrington, US Army, Bethesda, MD; 2nd Lt. Ryan Powers, USMC, Camp Lejeune, NC; Senior Airman Anthony Rosage, USAF; Fort Gordon, GA; Tech Sgt. Daniel Bracken, USAF, deployed to Kobal Afghanistan; Adken Torchia, US Army, Afghanistan; Sgt. Lucas Tomak, US Army, Fort Hood, TX; Lt. Kenneth Yacynych, US Army, Fort Lewis, WA; Cpl Elliott Mulvehill, USMC, New River, NC.; A1C Jeremy Williams, Sheppard AFB, Texas; Casey Meredith, VMI, Virginia..

To add a name to our Salute to those in the Military, please call 539-1632. If a person is no longer serving on active or reserve duty, please call the Parish Office to remove his/her name.

A PRAYER FOR OUR DEPLOYED MILITARY: Heavenly Father, inspire those who are overseas for the cause of peace. Send Your Son, Jesus Christ, as the Prince of Peace. Bless the men and women of our military who respond to the needs of peacekeeping. Keep them safe from harm. Let them be models of discipline and courage, and bring them home safely to their loved ones. We ask this in Your Name. Amen.

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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.

RESURRECTION PARISH - PANCAKE BREAKFAST: Sunday February 17, 8:30 AM to Noon. Sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council 1066. Traditional Pancake Breakfast - 2 sausage links, scrambled eggs, unlimited pancakes, Adults \$6, children 12 and under \$3, kids 2 and under free.

DAY TRIP TO THE HOLOCAUST MUSEUM in Washington, DC. – Monday, April 8. Charter bus will leave at 6:00AM from the parking lot of St. Patrick’s Church (corner of Park Avenue and Village Street, Moxham) and return around 8:30PM. Cost - \$70.00. To reserve a seat call 814-255-9797 or 814-241-3736.

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI: Connect with your Creator, Redeemer, and Spiritual Guide in a stress free environment at the Eucharistic Adoration every First Friday of the month from 9:30AM until 5:30PM at St. Francis of Assisi Church. It is important that each ½ hour or hour have two adorers to adore and protect the Blessed Sacrament. PLEASE SIGN UP on the schedule of times provided in the Main

Vestibule. The needs of our World, our Nation, our City, our Parish and the Dioceses of the Commonwealth of PA are many. Bring them to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

