

April 7, 2019
Fifth Sunday of Lent
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.

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Daily Mass Schedule at St. Francis of Assisi

Lent Schedule – Mon thru Fri. -12Noon; 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

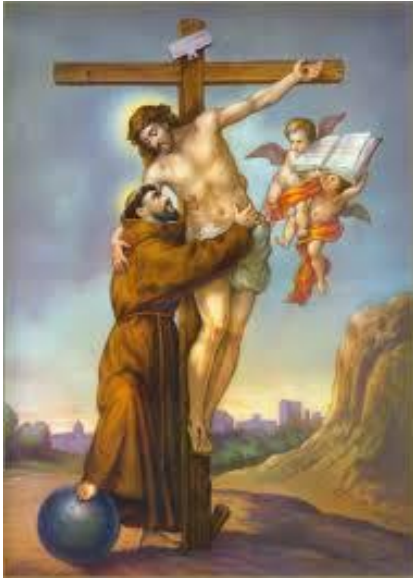
Office Hours – 9:00AM to 3:00PM – Mon. thru Thurs

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.

Men’s Club – First Thursday of the month at 7:00PM.

OUR LAST LENTEN FISH FRY will take place on Friday, April 12 (no Fish Fry Good Friday). Help is always needed and the more the merrier! *The Fish Fries are an excellent opportunity for students needing service hours!* Thank you for your consideration. **Donations of baked goods for a bake sale in conjunction with the Fish Fries are welcome as well as donations of soda and water!** A full report from the Fish Fries will be published after Lent. Many thanks to all who have helped in any way with the Fish Fries!



SCHEDULE FOR HOLY WEEK:

Sunday, April 14 – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Lenten Lamentations, Benediction – 3:00PM; Easter Egg Hunt – 1:00PM; Showing of the Passion of the Christ – 6:30PM;

Monday, April 15 – Mass – **8:00AM**, there will NOT be Noon Mass

Monday, April 15 – Chrism Mass – 11:00AM – Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, Altoona

Thursday, April 18 – Seder Meal – 5:00PM

Thursday, April 18 – Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper – 7:00PM, adoration until 10:00PM

Friday, April 19 – Tenebrae – 9:00AM; Commemoration of the Lord’s Passion – 3:00PM; Stations of the Cross – **6:00PM**

Saturday, April 20 – Tenebrae – 9:00AM; Blessing of Baskets (activity center) 1:00PM & 2:00PM

Saturday, April 20 – The Great Vigil of Easter – 8:30PM

Sunday, April 21 – The Resurrection of the Lord – 7:30AM & 9:30AM

CHILDREN’S EASTER EGG HUNT will be held on Sunday, April 14 from 1:00PM – 3:00PM at the Activity Center. If you would like to help or donate cookies please contact Heather Kmetz at 814-243-0715. Signup sheets are located in the main vestibule. Deadline: Sunday, April 7.

SEDER MEAL – Annual Commemoration of the Seder Meal will take place on Holy Thursday, April 18 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. Signup sheets are in the vestibule. Deadline for signup: Sunday, April 14.

DECORATING of the Church for the Easter Season will begin immediately following Stations of Cross on Good Friday, April 19 (**Stations will begin at 6:00PM**). Please consider joining us!

ALL EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION AND ALTAR SERVERS are asked to please attend the Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper on Thursday, April 18 at 7:00PM. It was at the Last Supper that we were given the gift of Jesus Himself in the Eucharist.

SANCTUARY CANDLE will burn this week for Health of Larry Haggerty by Children: Jeff, Kim & Tim.

NEEDED: With the Lenten Fish Fries coming to an end and the next one scheduled for May, a new chairperson(s) will be needed to take over this endeavor in September. The ideal situation would be for someone to volunteer to oversee the Fish Fry as soon as possible to shadow our current chairperson and “learn the ropes!” For more information please contact the Parish Office SOON! Our Fish Fries are in jeopardy of ceasing! This is huge fundraiser for the Parish!

CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR PARISH LAST WEEKEND: Loose - \$453.35; Adults - \$2,278.25; Children - \$21.00; Candles - \$231.25; Monthly - \$117.00; Ash Wednesday - \$17.00; Mandeville - \$7.00; Flowers - \$72.00; St. Vincent de Paul - \$473.00; Donation - \$10.00; Catholic Relief - \$239.00; Black & Indiana Mission - \$7.00; Misc. - \$204.30. Total Collection - \$4,130.15. 155 out of 286 families used envelopes. Thank you for your continued generosity to the parish.

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE (CMD) –Thank you to all parishioners who have responded to the 2019 Catholic Ministries Drive. Please join them in supporting our parish and a select group of ministries that provide outreach to the poor, family life, youth and seminarians. On behalf of these vital ministries thank you for your sacrificial gifts of prayer and treasure. All gifts received beyond our parish target amount of \$19,977.00 will be returned to the parish. *Please note again: 100% of your gift goes to these ministries!*

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, April 7, 14, 28 – Religious Education – 10:45AM – 12Noon

Friday, April 12 – Stations of the Cross – 7:00PM

Friday, April 19 – Stations of the Cross – **6:00PM**

Sunday, April 7, 14 – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Lenten Lamentations, Benediction – 3:00PM

Friday, April 12 – Fish Fry – 11:00AM – 6:00PM

Sunday, April 14 – Children’s Easter Egg Hunt – 1:00PM – 3:00PM

Sunday, April 14 – Confirmation Class – **begins at 5:30PM**

Sunday, April 14 – Showing of “The Passion of Christ” – 6:30PM

COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICES:

Monday, April 8 – Our Mother of Sorrows – 6:00PM
Wednesday, April 10 – Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary – 5:30PM
Thursday, April 11 – St. Elizabeth Ann Seton – 6:00PM
Thursday, April 11 – St. John Gualbert Cathedral – 6:30PM
Monday, April 15 – St. Benedict – 5:00PM
Wednesday, April 17 – St. Andrew – 7:00PM

DID YOU MISS seeing the movie “The Passion of Christ”? Or would you like to see it again even though it is not in theaters? Come join us at the Activity Center on Sunday, April 14 (Palm Sunday) at 6:30PM for a showing of the movie. There is no charge to see this movie. Hesitant? Pray about whether you should commit to seeing this powerful film. *Signup sheet can be found in the vestibule. Light refreshments will be provided.* The movie is 2hrs , 7 minutes in length.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION – Pope Francis has asked parishes to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic Schools and offer Religious education. The collection also helps to preserve the Sacred Shrines. The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees.

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 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

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, Rose Rice, James Schuster, Mary Slezak, Betty Spisak, Joanna Stone, Carol Sobacky, Leona Sutt, Agnes Swarney, Jeanne Toth, Raymond Toth, Jr.; Elizabeth Virus, Irene Virus, and Sheila Weppner.

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 Guarno, 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 Rovam 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, WY; 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.; Senior Airman Jeremy Williams, Kandahar Air Base, Afghanistan; 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.

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.

DIOCESAN PRAYER DAY/LUNCHEON for those who have lost a spouse through death. Remember your loved ones on Wednesday, May 8 with Mass at 11:00AM. Theme of the day: "Where there is darkness, let there be light." All spouses will be mentioned and remembered at Mass. Luncheon to follow. All persons who have lost a spouse through death are invited to attend. Sponsored by the Diocesan Family Life Office and hosted by Immaculate Conception Church, 1640 New Germany Road, Summerhill, PA. Reservations required by May 1. A \$5 donation is suggested. Contact the Family Life Office at 814-886-5551.

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 and many are hot issues, controversial and immoral. Bring them to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.