

**May 12, 2019**  
**Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
**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**

**Schedule – 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 HIGH SCHOOL** students will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Tuesday, May 14 at 7:00PM at St. John Gualbert Cathedral. Please remember them in your prayers: *Christian (St. Anthony of Padua) Grandinetti, David (St. Patrick) Johns, Alyssa (St. Anne)Lee, and Emily (St. Elizabeth Ann Seton)Sauro.*

**FISH FRY MEETING** – Be part of your St. Francis Fish Fries. Current workers and new volunteers who would like to learn about opportunities to serve are invited to attend a meeting on **Monday, May 13** at **6:30PM** at the Activities Center. *As a team* we can preserve this cherished tradition of our parish. If you are not able to attend but want to be part of the Fish Fries please contact the Parish Office no later than May 20. There is also a questionnaire included with this bulletin. Please fill it out and bring it to the meeting with you. If you are not able to attend, please drop it in the collection basket ASAP.

**Note well: the profit from the Lenten Fish Fries was \$21,448.25. THANK YOU, THANK YOU to all who helped in any way with the success of the Fish Fry!**

**THANK YOU** to all those who helped in any way with the First Communion Breakfast. May God Bless you for making their day extra-special.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** planning meeting will take place on Wednesday, May 15 at 1:00PM in the Parish Office. All those interested in assisting with Vacation Bible School are encouraged to attend.

**DEACON BRUCE** will conduct a class entitled “The Angels” on Thursday, May 16 at 6:30PM to 8:00PM. The class will take place in the former convent.

**PLEASE TAKE NOTE:** The date of the next Fish Fry has been changed to **Friday**, any help you may give is greatly appreciated!



**May 17.** Once again,

**CEMETERY MASS** – Memorial Day, Monday, May 27 Mass will be celebrated at St. Francis Cemetery at 10:00AM (weather permitting). Please bring a lawn chair.

**FRIDAY, JUNE 7** 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).

**SANCTUARY CANDLE** will burn this week for +Elizabeth Dadey and + Delores Prebhalla by Sue Ellen and Jim Dadey.



**ATTENTION: LITURGICAL MINISTERS (Altar Servers, Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion)** – Please inform the Parish Office of any travel plans or dates when you are NOT able to take part in your ministry during the upcoming summer months. Thanks for your cooperation.

**CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR PARISH LAST WEEKEND:** Loose - \$673.25; Adults - \$2,410.52; Children - \$17.00; Monthly - \$716.02; Easter - \$70.00; Mother’s Day - \$55.00; Candles - \$73.50; Pentecost - \$5.00; Missalettes - \$119.02; Holy Day - \$21.00; Donations - \$10.00.00. Total Collection - \$4,175.31. 149 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. *As of March 31, 2019: \$1,470.00 has been received toward our target amount. Please note again: 100% of your gift goes to these ministries!*

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Tuesday, May 14 – Confirmation – St. John Gualbert Cathedral – 7:00PM
- Wednesday, May 15 – Vacation Bible School meeting – 1:00PM – Rectory Office
- Thursday, May 16 – “The Angels” – 6:30PM – 8:00PM in the former convent
- Friday, May 17 – Fish Fry – 11:00AM – 6:00PM
- Monday, May 27 – Mass at St. Francis of Assisi Cemetery – 10:00AM (weather permitting)



**TODAY** is the 56<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, which was instituted by Pope Paul VI during the Second Vatican Council. The entire Church, including lay people, are charged with the work of fostering priestly and religious vocations. Please pray that young people, especially those from our parish, will be open to God's call in their lives! In that light please consider the following:

**VOCATION CRUCIFIX**- A special Crucifix that travels from family to family ordinarily for 1 week to inspire prayer for vocations is available here at St. Francis of Assisi. The purpose of the Traveling Vocations Crucifix is to intercede for vocations and encourage children to consider a Priestly or Religious vocation themselves. The Crucifix represents the sacrifice Jesus made for us by dying on the Cross. Enthroned in a highly visible place in your home and pray together once each day for vocations. You may use the prayers included with the Crucifix, or substitute them with the Rosary or another simple prayer (such as the Our Father, Hail Mary, or the Glory Be). Each week the Crucifix travels to a new family.

The Traveling Vocations Crucifix is a wonderful way to unite Parishes in perpetual prayer for more Priestly and Religious vocations. If you or your family is interested in taking part in the Traveling Vocations Crucifix program, please contact the Parish Office at 539-1632.

#### *Prayer for Mothers*

All-loving God, we give You thanks and praise for mothers young and old. We pray for young mothers, who give life and count toes and tend to our every need; may they be blessed with patience and tenderness to care for their families and themselves with great joy. We pray for our own mothers who have nurtured and cared for us; may they continue to guide us in strong and gentle ways. We remember mothers who are separated from their children because of war, poverty, or conflict; may they feel the loving embrace of our God Who wipes every tear away. We lovingly remember our mothers called into the Eternal embrace of our God – may they rest in peace!



*Stewardship Reflection*...Placing our trust in Jesus put us in direct opposition to many of the values that our society finds acceptable. However, we can take comfort in the assurance of today's readings that the reward of Eternal Life is our when we commit ourselves to be wise and generous stewards and disciples of the Risen Lord.

#### **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, 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, 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 Guarno**, USCG; **Master at Arms 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> Class Maxwell Schutte**, F. E. Warren, WY; **Sgt. Bryan Maxwell Porath**, **Captain Aaron Donahey**, US Army, deployed to Dongducheon, Korea; **Petty Officer 1<sup>st</sup> 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, 193<sup>rd</sup> Special Operations Wing; **Lt. Col Steven Thomas**, USAF, deploying to the Middle East; **2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Colin Harrington**, US Army, Bethesda, MD; **2<sup>nd</sup> 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.*

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**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.

**CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION** – Swiss Steak Dinner on Sunday, May 19 from 10:30AM – 2:00PM. The cost is \$10.00 for the meal and take outs are available by calling the School Hall at 535-2698.

**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.