

May 19, 2019
Fifth 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.

Pastor – Fr. Anthony Francis Spilka, OFMConv.; **Permanent Deacon Bruce Becker**

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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

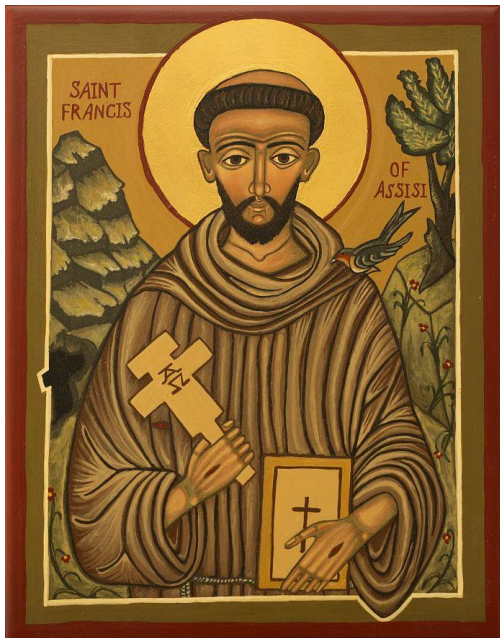
Office Hours – 9:00AM to 3:00PM – Mon. thru Thurs

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 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.

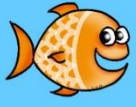
Ministry to the Sick - If you or someone you know are unable to attend Mass and would like to receive the Sacrament of Penance or Holy Eucharist please contact the Parish Office to schedule a visit.

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.

Thank you!



SINCERE GRATITUDE is extended to Sandy Rager for her dedicated service to “The best Fish Fry in Johnstown.” May God continue to Bless You for all your efforts – *fr. Anthony Francis and the Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi Parish!*

PLEASE keep in your prayers the family and friends of +Vincent Petak who was laid to rest last week. Welcoming God receive from our hands the loved ones we return to You.

CONGRATULATIONS to the winners of the Men’s Club Mother’s Day Ticket: Sue Ellen Dadey, Erica Svencer and St. Francis of Assisi Rosary Society. Thank you to all who continue to support the Men’s Club. May God Bless you!

THANK YOU to the Men’s Club for the Mother’s Day treat. May God Bless you for all you do for the Parish.

FROM THE PASTOR – I was very pleased with the turnout for the meeting concerning the future of the Fish Fry. God Bless you for your efforts! *fr. Anthony Francis.*

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will be held Monday, July 15 thru Friday’ July 19 from 9:00AM until Noon at the Activities Center. The next planning meeting will take place on Wednesday, May 22 at 1:00PM in the Parish Office. All those interested in assisting with Vacation Bible School are encouraged to attend.

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).

NEEDED: Altar Servers, Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Please consider taking part in our Liturgies by serving in one (or more) of these ministries. Adults are welcome as Altar Servers, especially to assist at Daily Mass and Funerals. Contact the Parish Office if interested. Training will be provided.



CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR PARISH LAST WEEKEND: Loose - \$411.14; Adults - \$2,320.47; Children - \$15.00; Monthly - \$71.00; Mother’s Day - \$528.00; Catholic Mission - \$13.00; Candles - \$163.00; Pentecost - \$11.00; Missalettes - \$18.00; Holy Day - \$5.00; Misc. - \$15.30. Total Collection - \$3,570.96. 160 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

Monday, May 27 – Mass at St. Francis of Assisi Cemetery – 10:00AM (weather permitting)

Friday, June 7 – First Friday – 9:00AM Mass followed by Adoration until 5:30PM

Monday, July 15 thru Friday, July 19 – Vacation Bible School – 9:00AM - Noon



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.

Stewardship Reflection...”This is how you will know that you are My Disciples, if you have love for one another” (John 13:35). How will you respond to Jesus this week in the giving of your time, talent, and treasure?

ST THERESE 72ND ANNUAL SUMMER FESTIVAL – Friday, June 7 from 7PM – 10:30PM; Saturday, June 8 from 5PM – 10:30PM; Sunday, June 9 from 3PM – 10:30PM. Come enjoy the rides, Bingo, games, prizes, themed basket chances, ethnic foods and music. Music provided by That Oldies Band on Saturday from 7-10PM and Sunday from 3-6PM by the Rhythm Masters. Fireworks display at 10:30PM on Sunday.

OUTDOOR MASS – Fr. John D. Byrnes, Rector, and the Parish Family of St. Michael the Archangel Basilica, Loretto, invite the faithful to join us each Sunday evening at 7:00PM for the outdoor Sunday Mass at the beautiful garden Shrine of Our Lady of the Alleghenies in Loretto. The first Mass of the season will be celebrated on Sunday, May 26, 2019, and will continue through Labor Day Weekend, September 1, 2019. Please bring a lawn chair. In the event of inclement weather, the Mass will be celebrated in the Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel.

FISH FRY - WE ARE STILL IN NEED OF CHAIRPERSON(S) TO OVERSEE THE FISH FRY! Be part of your St. Francis Fish Fries. Current workers and new volunteers are asked to fill out the questionnaire that was included with the bulletin last week, please drop it in the collection basket ASAP. Additional forms can be found in the vestibule. You are welcome to contact the Parish Office with any questions or concerns. **PLEASE NOTE: the time schedule for completing tasks associated with the Fish Fry is flexible and can be adjusted to suit the volunteer’s availability. Afternoon and evening hours will be considered and determined by the response received.** We need YOUR commitment to be a part of our team so that a schedule can be put together.



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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, Fort Stewart, GA; 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..

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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.

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.

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