

**May 26, 2019**  
**Sixth 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 5:00PM

**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 FOCUS 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.

**THURSDAY, MAY 30** is the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord and a Holyday of Obligation for all Catholics. Vigil Mass will be celebrated at 5:30PM on Wednesday, May 29. Mass on Thursday will take place at 9:00AM and 5:30PM.

**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.

**THANK YOU** from Sandy Rager for the tribute at the Fish Fry upon my retirement as Fish Fry Chairperson. I enjoyed working with each one of you and am grateful for all your support. May God Bless you!

**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 29 at 1:00PM in the Parish Office. All those interested in assisting with Vacation Bible School are encouraged to attend. *Registration forms are now available in the vestibule. Please note: children do not have to attend each day to benefit from VBS.*

**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 - \$437.00; Adults - \$2,950.67; Children - \$13.00; Monthly - \$13.00; Mother's Day - \$15.00; Catholic Mission - \$5.00; Candles - \$117.50; Missalettes - \$10.00. Total Collection - \$3,561.17. 137 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)  
Wednesday, May 29 – Vigil of the Ascension of the Lord– 5:30PM Mass  
Thursday, May 30 – Feast of Ascension of the Lord – 9:00AM and 5:30PM Mass  
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.

**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.



*Stewardship Reflection...* "When we accept our lives as sheer gifts, the Spirit can use us as apt instruments for spreading the Gospel and true peace of Christ." [*Stewardship" A Disciple's Response – 10<sup>th</sup> Anniv. Ed.; USCCB 2002*]

**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.

### 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 Sobczyk, 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 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, Fort Stewart, GA; 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.

**RESURRECTION SUMMERFEST** – Sunday, June 9 at the Picnic Grove in Tanneryville beginning with outdoor Mass at 11:00AM thru 9:00PM. All your favorite Ethnic and American foods, plenty of cold beverages, entertainment, bake sale, tip seals, games for kids of all ages. Entertainment schedule: “3 of Hearts” – 1:00pm – 4:30PM and “Flood City Brass from 5:30PM - 8:30PM.

**ST. BENEDICT CHURCH** – Community Breakfast to benefit the Gabriel Project – Sunday, June 2 from 8:00AM – 11:00AM (last seating is at 11:00AM). Adults - \$8, Children 6-12 - \$4, under 5 free. Eggs, bacon, sausage, ham, hashed browns, French toast, juice, milk, coffee and tea. Baked goods for sale separately.

**ST THERESE 72<sup>ND</sup> 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.

**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.

