

June 23, 2019
The Most Body and Blood of Christ
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 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.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – “Who is my neighbor” will be held Monday, July 15 thru Friday July 19 from 9:00AM until Noon at the Activity Center. The next planning meeting will take place on Wednesday, June 26 at 1:00PM in the Parish Office. All those interested in assisting with Vacation Bible School are encouraged to attend. Please contact the Parish Office for more information. *Registration forms are now available in the vestibule. Please note: children do not have to attend each day to benefit from VBS. Parents/guardians are asked to please provide a clean white T-shirt for each child. Shirts should be placed in the basket provided in the vestibule.*

PLEASE NOTE: The Rosary Society will NOT meet on Monday, July 1 nor will there be Adoration of Blessed Sacrament on First Friday, July 5.

SAVE THE DATE – Sunday, August 4 – St. Francis Annual Parish Picnic will take place at Lorain Boro Park. Watch the bulletin for details!

THE ST. FRANCIS GABRIEL PROJECT Pro-life ministry is currently serving more than 50 babies and their families. During the summer, donations often lag behind our needs. Diapers of any size are always needed. Bibs, socks size 0-3 months, and baby wipes are also in short supply. Any help would be greatly appreciated. For information please call Gala Bala, Volunteer Coordinator at 539-0155. ****Please note: we can no longer accept used ink cartridges.**

SANCTUARY CANDLE will burn this week for +Patricia “Pat” Puchko by Sue Ellen & Jim Dadey.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR PARISH LAST WEEKEND: will be published next week. Thank you for your continued generosity to the parish.

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE - Thank you to all parishioners who have responded to the 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 April 30, 2019: \$3,810.00 has been received toward our target amount. Please note again: 100% of your gift goes to these ministries!*

VOCATION CRUCIFIX- A special Crucifix that travels from family to family or household to household 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 or household. 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 are interested in taking part in the Traveling Vocations Crucifix program, please contact the Parish Office at 539-1632.

The case with the Vocation Crucifix is now located in the main vestibule for the taking. Please sign the signup sheet so that we are aware of where the Vocation Crucifix is located.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, July 15 thru Friday, July 19 – Vacation Bible School – 9:00AM – Noon
 Sunday, August 4 – St. Francis Annual Parish Picnic – Lorain Boro Park

Stewardship Reflection... The Faith community in today’s Gospel ended up with a surplus after everyone shared their gifts in Jesus’ name. Let us share our surplus with those in need but also give to others from that which we ourselves need. May we trust that we will always have enough because we have decided to be good stewards expecting nothing in return.

Families and the Gospel... A parent can also say “This is my body. This is my blood.” Like Jesus, we are called to pour out our lives for our children. At Mass the Body and Blood of Jesus nourishes us so our children are nourished by our sacrificial love for them. Parental love is the communion of the home.

FISH FRY - WE ARE STILL IN NEED OF CHAIRPERSON(S) TO OVERSEE THE FISH FRY! Be part of your St. Francis Fish Fries. 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.



Solemnity of Corpus Christi

While they were eating, He took bread, said the blessing, broke it, gave it to them, and said "Take it, this is My Body." Then He took cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and they all drank from it. He said to them, "This is My Blood of the Covenant, which will be shed for many."

Where the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ is not observed as a Holy Day, it is assigned to the Sunday after Trinity Sunday, which is then considered its proper day in the calendar.

Corpus Christi (Body and Blood of Christ) is a Eucharistic Solemnity, or better, the solemn commemoration of the institution of the Sacrament. It is, moreover, the Church's official act of homage and gratitude to Christ, Who by instituting the Holy Eucharist, gave to the Church her greatest treasure. Holy Thursday, assuredly, marks the anniversary of the institution, but the Commemoration of the Lord's Passion that very night suppresses the rejoicing proper to the occasion. Today's observance, therefore, accents the joyous aspect of Holy Thursday. The Mass and the Office for the Feast was edited or composed by St. Thomas Aquinas upon the request of Pope Urban IV in the year 1264. It is unquestionably a classic piece of liturgical work, wholly in accord with the best liturgical traditions. It is a perfect work of art.

Prayer of St. Thomas Aquinas

Lord, Father all-powerful, and ever-living God, I thank Thee, for even though I am a sinner, Thy unprofitable servant, not because of my worth, but in the kindness of Thy mercy, Thou hast fed me with the precious Body and Blood of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. I pray that this Holy Communion may not bring condemnation and punishment but forgiveness and salvation. May it be a helmet of Faith and a shield of good will. May it purify me from evil ways and put an end to my evil passions. May it bring me charity and patience, humility and obedience and growth in power to do good. May it be my strong defense against all my enemies, visible and invisible, and the perfect calming of all my evil impulses, bodily and spiritual. May it unite me more closely to Thee, the one true God and lead me safely through death to everlasting happiness with Thee. And I pray that Thou wilt lead me, a sinner to the banquet where Thou with Thy Son and Holy Spirit, art true and perfect light, total fulfillment, everlasting joy, gladness without end, and perfect happiness to Thy Saints. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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, 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 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, WY; **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; **Kasey Meredith**, O.C.S., USMC, Quantico, VA.

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.

CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION – Sunday, June 23 – Spaghetti Drive-By from 10:30AM until 2:00PM. Orders are also being taken until June 21 for Pierogies for a cost of \$7.00/dozen. Call Irene Cristoff at 814-322-4915 or Andy Solomon at 814-322-3287.

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. **NOTE: There will NOT be Adoration in July.**