

**August 4, 2019**  
**18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**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 – Gary Woodruff – 536-3687**

**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 5:45 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 9:30AM – 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.

**WE REJOICE** in the Baptism of Blake Nicholas Cieslo and congratulate his parents and Godparents as he begins his new life in Christ.

**ROSARY SOCIETY** will meet on Monday, August 5 at 6:00PM. Please join us for Rosary, Reflection and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 15** is the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and a Holy Day of Obligation. Vigil Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, August 14 at 5:30PM. Mass on Thursday, August 15 will be celebrated at 9:00AM and 5:30PM.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION** – for Grades K-11 will begin Sunday, September 8. Classes are held Sunday morning from 10:45AM until Noon at Resurrection Parish Center, Chestnut Street and Eighth Ave. in Cambria City. Students who are preparing for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist and Confirmation (including those who attend Catholic School) must attend classes. Registration forms can be found in the main vestibule. **Confirmation candidates (Grade 11) will meet Sunday, September 8 from 6-8PM in the Rectory office.** *The seed of Faith was planted in the heart of your child at Baptism. But it is up to you the parent – with the help of the Parish – to cultivate an environment so that Faith can grow abundantly.*

**UPCOMING EVENT!** On Sunday, September 15 we will join fr. Anthony Francis in celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood. Mass of Thanksgiving will take place at 12:00 Noon followed by a dinner reception at the Activity Center. Please use the sign up sheet located in the main vestibule if you plan to attend this joyous event. **Deadline for sign up: Sunday, September 1.**

**TRIP TO SIGHT AND SOUND THEATRE** to see “The Miracle of Christmas” – Tuesday, November 19, 2019. Cost: \$127.00/person includes ticket to show, bus transportation and dinner. For more information or to make a reservation please call Fran King at 536-3667.

**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.\*\***

**CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR PARISH LAST WEEKEND:** Loose - \$351.00; Adults - \$2,226.29; Children - \$20.00; Monthly - \$15.02; Candles - \$125.85; Mission - \$20.00; Holy Day - \$6.00; Donation - \$95.00; Missalettes - \$10.00. Total Collection - \$2,869.16. Thank you for your continued generosity.

**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 June 30, 2019: \$6,030.00 has been received toward our target amount.** *Please note again: 100% of your gift goes to these ministries!*

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, August 5 – Rosary Society – 6:00PM – Rosary, Adoration and Benediction

Sunday, September 8 – Religious Education – 10:45AM – Noon

Sunday, September 8 – Grade 11 Confirmation Candidates – 6:00PM – 8:00PM – Rectory Office

Sunday, September 15 – 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination – fr. Anthony Francis – Mass 12Noon – followed by dinner reception.



**VOCATION CRUCIFIX-** A special Crucifix that travels from family to family or household to household ordinarily for 1 week or longer 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 or longer 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 sign up sheet so that we are aware of where the Vocation Crucifix is located.*



**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.

*Stewardship Reflection...* Jesus uses the parable in today's Gospel to help us realign our values. Society defines "success" as an accumulation of material possessions. Jesus calls us to serve others through the faithful management of all our God-given gifts. What path will we take to accumulate God's gifts? What will be "our inheritance" to leave to those who in need? As Christians, we are called to express our gratitude and love for God fulfilling our obligation to return to God the fruits of the gifts we have received. Do you serve others in a spirit of love and gratitude?

*For a Better Way to Live - ...*Count your blessings. Once you realize how valuable you are and how much you have going for you, the smiles will return, the sun will break out, the music will play, and you will finally be able to move forward toward the life that God intended for you...with grace, strength, courage and confidence.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK OR HOMEBOUND**

James Edward Adams; Rose Blaschak, Odessa Bobak, Galynn Brady, Sister Carol Jean Czzyrnik, LeAnn Golby, Alicia Junghans, Kathryn Legat, Tyler McKinley, Rick McKinley, James Murray, Margaret Murray, 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 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**; **S/SSgt 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; **Spc. Adken Torchia**, US Army, Fort Drum, NY; **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.; **Pvt. Harrison Barham**, US Army, Fort Leonard Wood, MO.

*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.

**THE SVDP FAMILY KITCHEN** will be holding a Rubber Duck Race – Family Fun Day on Sunday, August 4 from Noon – 6:00PM at Sandvale Memorial Park. Tickets are \$5 per duck and the race will start with a celebrity race at 2:30PM and the duck race at 4:30PM. We will have music, food for purchase and other activities. For tickets please contact Greg at the Family Kitchen at 539-7811 or Georgia at 242-2083.

**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.