

**August 18, 2019**  
**20<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 Madison Anna Stibich and congratulate her parents and Godparents as she begins her new life in Christ.

**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS** the family and friends of +Mary LaBuda who was laid to rest last week. Welcoming God receive from our hands the loved one we return to You.

**THANK YOU** to Brian Mayko, Ayden Mayko, and Alex Deskevich who worked hard to make our Parish Picnic a success. Their names were omitted from the announcement last weekend.

**MEN'S CLUB** is selling Autumn Special tickets in the vestibule. Cost: \$2.00. Thank you for your continued support of the Men's Club.

**GOB SALE** will take place on Saturday, August 24 from 9:00AM until 12Noon at the Activity Center. Get dessert for your Labor Day picnic!



**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. *Forms may be dropped in the collection basket.* **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.*

**FRANCISCAN MISSION APPEAL** will take place this weekend – August 17 & 18. Please welcome fr. Adam Klag from Poland, a missionary in Uganda and fr. Christian Seogo from West Africa. Collection will be taken next weekend – August 24 & 25. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

**SANCTUARY CANDLE** will burn this week for the Good Health of Ray and Jeanne Toth and their children's families and their children.

**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 signup sheet located in the main vestibule if you plan to attend this joyous event. ***Deadline for sign up: Sunday, September 1.***

**ARISE – Season Three –“In the Footsteps of Christ”** will begin in October. Watch the bulletin for more details.

**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 - \$287.78; Adults - \$2,650.25; Children - \$19.00; Monthly - \$67.00; Candles - \$100.00; Holy Day - \$15.00; Donation - \$145.00; Misc. - \$150.00. Total Collection - \$3,434.03. Thank you for your continued generosity.

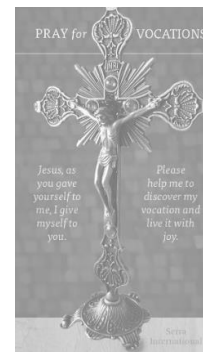
### UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, August 21 – Fish Fry Meeting – 6:00PM  
Saturday, August 24 – Gob Sale – 9:00AM – 12Noon  
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.

**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!*

**ARE YOU WORRIED ABOUT THE LACK OF VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD? THEN READ ON! 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 signup 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. **THERE WILL BE VERY IMPORTANT PLANNING MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21 AT 6:00PM IN THE ACTIVITY CENTER.** The next Fish Fry as of now is scheduled for Friday, September 20, 2019 hopefully!

**BISHOP MARK BARTCHAK** and the Family Life Office cordially invite all couples celebrating 1, 5, 10, 25, 40, 50, 55, and 60+ Wedding Anniversary in 2019 (and their families) to attend the Annual Wedding Anniversary Liturgy. Couples may attend Sunday, Sept. 15 in Altoona at Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament or Sunday, Sept. 22 in Johnstown at St. John Gualbert Cathedral. Both locations are handicap accessible. Liturgies in each location begin at 2:00PM. Bishop Mark will be the celebrant and homilist at each celebration. Refreshments/snacks will available after the Mass for anniversary couples and their families. Reservations must be made through your parish for either celebration by Thursday, August. 22.

**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, Rowen Ream, Alexandra Rice, Carly Rice, Doug Rice, Rose Rice, James Schuster, Mary Slezak, Betty Spisak, Joanna Stone, Carol Sobecky, Leona Sutt, Agnes Swarney, Jeanne Toth, Irene Virus, and Sheila Weppner.

**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 Rován 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.; **Cpl. Aunna Yingling**, US Army Medic.

*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.

**A BLUE MASS** honoring first responders for their service at 11:00AM, Sunday, September 8 at St John Gualbert Cathedral. This event is open to all police, law enforcement, public safety, firefighters, and EMTs and their families. The Blue Mass celebration will be open to the general public and honors those who serve our community in a most outstanding way as first responders. Anyone wishing to attend, plus those seeking further information, can contact 814-659-6240 or [evyanz@hotmail.com](mailto:evyanz@hotmail.com)

**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.