

September 15, 2019
24th 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 – 248-1776

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 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 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.

PARISH OFFICE will be CLOSED on Monday, September 16.

PLEASE NOTE: Choir practice will now take place on Thursday evenings beginning at 6:45PM. New singers are always welcome!

DEACON BRUCE will conduct a class – “From Abraham to Moses” on consecutive Wednesdays on Wednesday, September 18 and Wednesday, September 25. from 6:30PM – 7:45PM. Classes will be held in the former convent.

TRANSITUS –the passing of St. Francis from Earthly Life to Eternal Life will be commemorated on Thursday, October 3 at 6:15PM beginning with Mass. The Transitus is a Franciscan devotion to ritually remember the passing of Saint Francis from this life into God.

ARISE – Season Three –“In the Footsteps of Christ” will begin the week of October 6. A schedule of classes and signup sheets can be found in the vestibule.

MEN’S CLUB members are reminded to please turn in all tickets and payment as soon as possible.

SANCTUARY CANDLE will burn this week for improved health of John & Dolores Kasper by Sue Ellen & Jim Dadey.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR PARISH LAST WEEKEND: Loose - \$391.00; Adults - \$2,511.77; Children - \$14.00; Monthly - \$406.02; Candles - \$107.90; Missalettes - \$28.02; Donation - \$10.00; Catholic University - \$176.02; Misc. - \$543.00. Total Collection - \$4,187.73. 187 out of 283 families used envelopes last week. Thank you for your continued generosity.

THANK YOU to the Men’s Club for the generous donation to offset the cost of the Parish Picnic. May God Bless you for all you do for the parish.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, September 22, 29, Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27 – Religious Education – 10:45AM – Noon
Sunday, October 6 – Grade 11 Confirmation Candidates – 6:00PM – 8:00PM – Rectory Office
Wednesday, September 18, 25 – “From Abraham to Moses” – 6:30PM – 7:45PM in the former convent.
Friday, September 20 – Fish Fry – 11:00AM – 6:00PM
Thursday, October 3 – Mass & Transitus – 6:15PM – Wake service in honor of the death of Our Holy Father Francis.
Saturday, October 5 – Blessing of Animals – 10:00AM
Sunday, October 6 – Feast Day Dinner?? Due to conflicting events the Feast Day Dinner is canceled this year.

PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRY - Would you like to volunteer from home? The Oremus (Prayer) Chain is in need of volunteers willing to make phone calls asking for prayers. A Prayer Chain provides spiritual support and healing for parishoners and their families and friends. Prayer works wonders and your help can assist others in need. For more information please contact Kathy Legat at 536-1975 or the Parish Office.

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 July 31, 2019: \$6,775.00 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 – UPDATE – THANK YOU to all who attended the Fish Fry meeting and volunteered to continue to make this the “Best Fish Fry” in town. Your dedication and hard work are greatly appreciated. There is still plenty of time for you to volunteer if you have not already done so. Just contact the Parish Office and we will be happy to include you (training is available!). **STUDENTS** needing service hours – this is the perfect way to earn those hours and help our Parish at the same time! **The Fish Fry will take place on Friday, September 20 from 11:00AM – 6:00PM.**

****SPECIAL COLLECTION** – The powerful force of Hurrigan Dorian is still being felt by the people of the Bahamas and other Caribbean Islands, as well as places along the east coast of the United States. I am aware that so many of you have been praying at home and in your parishes for those affected by this tragic storm. And some have already asked how they might help otherwise. In that regard, I am asking that a special

collection be taken at all Masses in parishes throughout the Diocese on the weekend of Septmber 21-22. Checks may be made payable to Catholic Charities. All contributions will be forwarded to Catholic Relief Services and Catholic Charities USA who will see to it that financial assistance will go to those need. Thank you being people of mercy. Pray for the hurricane victims and their families and those who are working hard to relieve their distress. *Most Rev. Mark Bartchak, Bishop of Altoona-Johnstown.*

FAMILY MARIAN CELEBRATION – MASS & ROSARY – Sunday, October 6, 3:00PM at St. Benedict Church, Johnstown. The theme for this year is “Mary as Advocate for Miracles.” Bishop Mark Bartchak will be the celebrant and homilist. The Mass will fulfill the Sunday obligation.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK OR HOMEBOUND

James Edward Adams; Rose Blaschak, Odessa Bobak, Galynn Brady, Sister Carol Jean Czzyrnik, Agnes Filo, LeAnn Golby, Caleb Herdman, 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 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, 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**; **S/SSgt 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; **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.

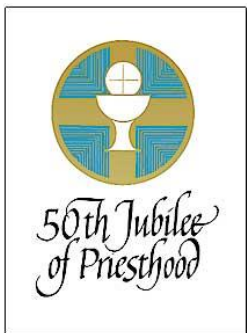
A PRAYER FOR OUR DEPLOYED MILITARY: Heavenly Father, inspire those who are overseas for the cause of peace. Send Your Son, Jesus Christ, as the Prince of Peace. Bless the men and women of our military who respond to the needs of peacekeeping. Keep them safe from harm. Let them be models of discipline 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.

OUTDOOR ROSARY – The Ladies Auxiliary of Resurrection Parish invites parishioners from neighboring parishes to join us as we pray to our Blessed Mother for her intercession for our Parishes, our Diocese, our Nation, and any other intentions of those who attend, in the peace and tranquility of the Prayer Garden at our Picnic Grove in Tanneryville. We will praying the Rosary on Tuesday, September 17 starting at 6:30PM (weather permitting).

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.



**CONGRATULATIONS & GOD'S BLESSINGS
TO
Fr. ANTHONY FRANCIS SPILKA, OFMConv.
AS HE CELEBRATES HIS
50TH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION
TO THE PRIESTHOOD!**