

September 8, 2019
23rd 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 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.

ROSARY SOCIETY will meet on Monday, September 9 at 6:00PM. Please note the date change due to the Labor Day Holiday. Please join us for Rosary, Reflection and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

GOB icing will be made on Tuesday, September 10 beginning at 7:00AM. Gobs will be packed on Wednesday, September 11 from 8:00AM until ? *Due to a conflict, Gobs will NOT be packed on Wednesday evening. All help is greatly appreciated on Wednesday morning.* We will be making gobs for the September & October Fish Fries. Any questions please call Cindy at 539-3128. We can't disappoint our patrons, they love our gobs!

PARISH OFFICE will be CLOSED on Monday, September 16.

DEACON BRUCE will conduct a class – “From Abraham to Moses” on consecutive Wednesdays beginning on Wednesday, September 11 and continuing on Wednesday, September 18 and Wednesday, September 25. from 6:30PM – 7:45PM. Classes will be held in the former convent. Please use the sign-up sheet in the vestibule if you plan to attend.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION – for Grades K-11 will begin this 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 is planted in the heart of your child at Baptism. But it is up to you the parents – with the help of the Parish – to cultivate an environment so that Faith can grow abundantly.* **Please note: Class will NOT be held on Sunday, September 15.**

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

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: If you have indicated that you will attend the dinner celebrating the 50th Anniversary of fr. Anthony Francis on Sunday, September 15 and are now unable to take part – CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE ASAP, we need to give a count to the caterer. Thank you!

SANCTUARY CANDLE will burn this week for +Chris A. Barnes by Sue Ellen and Jim Dadey.

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. ***SOLD OUT!***

CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR PARISH LAST WEEKEND: Loose - \$433.00; Adults - \$2,486.77; Children - \$16.00; Monthly - \$570.00; Candles - \$89.50; Holy Day - \$22.00; Mission - \$15.00; Mother's Day - \$7.00; Missalettes - \$85.00; Donation - \$120.00; Misc. - \$85.00. Total Collection - \$3,929.27. Thank you for your continued generosity.

UPCOMING EVENTS

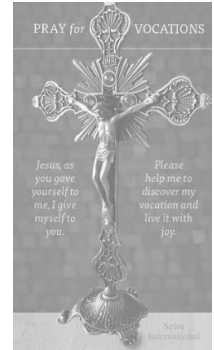
Sunday, September 8 – Religious Education – 10:45AM – Noon
Sunday, September 8 – Grade 11 Confirmation Candidates – 6:00PM – 8:00PM – Rectory Office
Monday, September 9 – Rosary Society – 6:00PM
Wednesday, September 11, 18, 25 – “From Abraham to Moses” – 6:30PM – 7:45PM in the former convent.
Sunday, September 15 – 50th Anniversary of Ordination – fr. Anthony Francis – Mass 12Noon – followed by dinner reception.
Friday, September 20 – Fish Fry – 11:00AM – 6:00PM
Sunday, October 6 – Feast Day Dinner???

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE – There is a link on the Parish website to the interview conducted by Tony DeGol and Fr. Matthew Reese on the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of Priesthood of fr. Anthony Francis!

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.

Stewardship Reflection... Christian Stewards view their possessions as gifts that are meant to build God’s Kingdom here on earth. We are challenged to use our resources to reach out to others and build God’s Kingdom of love, justice and peace. We are urged to be intentional about our Faith and not habitual relationships or ways of living hold us back from being a faithful Christian. Could any one of us renounce all our earthly possessions as a steward and disciple? How can we take steps towards living this vision? Look for ways to become more involved in your parish community.

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 Czyrnik, 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.

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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 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**; **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.

ST. THERESE CHURCH will be holding their Annual Novena in honor of St. Therese of the Little Flower of Jesus starting Mon., Sept. 23 and will continue for nine (9) days. Masses will be held at 9AM and 7PM except on Sat. and Sun., which will be Sat. at 9AM, 4PM and 7PM and Sun. at 7:30AM, 10:30AM and 7PM. Sun., Sept. will be the Anointing of the Sick Mass at 2PM. The closing of the Novena will be Tues., Oct. 1 with refreshments served after the 7:50AM, 9AM and 7PM Mass in the Church Hall.

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.