

October 13, 2019
28th 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.

*****CONFIRMATION CLASS** will meet on Sunday, October 13 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the Rectory Office. Candidates will officially enter the Confirmation Program at the 9:30 AM Mass, Sunday, October 13, 2019 at the Rite of Enrollment.

PARISH OFFICE will be closed on Monday, October 14th in honor of Columbus Day.

THANK YOU to all who helped in any way with the Fish Fry last week! Your dedication will help to ensure the continuation of this event. The next Fish Fry will take place on Friday, November 8, 2019.

MEN'S CLUB TURKEY & MEAT RAFFLE will be held on Sunday, November 10 at the Activity Center. Doors open at 1:00 and raffle will take place from 2:00PM – 4:00PM. There are envelopes in the vestibule containing raffle tickets for each family. Please pick up your tickets and return via the collection basket. Thank you for your continued support of the Men's Club. Members are asking for donations of door prizes. Prizes may be dropped off at the Parish Office or in the basket located in the main vestibule.

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

ALL SOULS – If you would like to have a picture of a deceased loved one placed at the Altar for All Soul's Day, please bring the picture to the Parish Office or the Church. All photos must be received no later than Sunday, October 27.



ANNUAL MEMORIAL CELEBRATION of Parishioners who were laid to rest this year (November 1, 2018 – October 31, 2019) will be celebrated on **9:00AM** on Saturday, November 2. Members of the families of the deceased are invited to take part in this Mass by lighting a candle in their memory. Please contact the Parish Office if you or a member of the family or friend of our departed loved ones and are able to participate in this Liturgy. All are welcome to join us in this celebration of Christ's victory over sin and death, and the hope of Eternal Life.

TRIP TO SIGHT AND SOUND THEATRE (second bus) 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 in need of diapers, baby wipes, grooming products, and baby clothing. Questions or to refer families please call Gale at 539-0155.

MEMORIAL PLAQUES – if anyone would like one of the Memorial Plaques (located in the Chapel wing of the Church) containing the name of a deceased loved one is asked to please contact the Parish Office at 539-1632. The plaques will be available on a first come, first serve basis.

LAUREL VIEW VILLAGE – Something to keep in mind as we prepare for the Holy Season of Christmas. They are requesting help to create a special Christmas memory for their residents. Gift suggestions include seasonal/non-seasonal door decorations or knick-knack; women's slipper socks, men's slippers, tissues, calendars, light scent body spray, word search books, lotions and lap blankets. Suggested value between \$10 - \$15. More information will be forthcoming in the following weeks.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR PARISH LAST WEEKEND: Loose - \$350.00; Adults - \$2,563.82; Children - \$18.00; Monthly - \$752.02; Candles - \$110.25; Donation - \$120.00; Feast Day -- \$380.00; Cemetery - \$35.00; Retired Priest -- \$40.00; Missalettes - \$15.00; Total Collection - \$4,384.09. 149 out of 283 families used envelopes last week. Thank you for your continued generosity.

CEMETERY CLEAN-UP – Please remove all decorations, etc., from St. Francis Cemetery no later than Monday, October 28.

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!*

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, Oct. 13, 20, 27 – Religious Education – 10:45AM – Noon
Sunday, October 13 – Grade 11 Confirmation Candidates – 6:00PM – 8:00PM – Rectory Office
Sunday, November 10 – Men's Club Turkey Raffle – 2 to 4 – Activity Center – Doors Open at 1:00

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 it in

a highly visible place in your home and pray together at least 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, not only with your name, but also the date you are taking the Vocation Crucifix and the date you plan to return it, so that we are aware of where the Vocation Crucifix is located.*

COPIES OF THE BOOK "Letter to a Suffering Church" by Bishop Robert Barron are available in the main vestibule of the Church. Due to a limited supply, you are asked to please either pass the book on or return it after you are finished that it can be shared with others. These books were generously donated to the parish.

Stewardship Reflection... Only one leper acknowledged Jesus as the source of his cure and returned to thank Him. The happiness that God wants for us starts with our recognition that everything in life is a gift from Him. His gifts bring us happiness only when we use our time, talents and abilities, and possessions gratefully and generously. Let us give thanks to our generous God for all the blessings we receive each and every day. "Everyone must give according to what he or she has inwardly decided; not sadly, not grudgingly, for God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Corinthians 9:7).

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK OR HOMEBOUND

James Edward Adams; Rose Blaschak, Odessa Bobak, Galynn Brady, Sister Carol Jean Czynnik, Agnes Filo, LeAnn Golby, Caleb Herdman, Alicia Junghans, Kathryn Legat, Tyler McKinley, Rick McKinley, James Murray, Margaret Murray, Carl Pavlosky, Rowen Ream, Alexandra Rice, Carly Rice, Doug Rice, Rose Rice, James Schuster, Betty Spisak, Joanna Stone, Carol Sobacky, 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, 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.

MEAT & TURKEY RAFFLE – Saturday, October 26, 6:00 PM at Resurrection Parish Church Hall, 4th Avenue at Chestnut Street.

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. Come into His Presence singing for joy!



