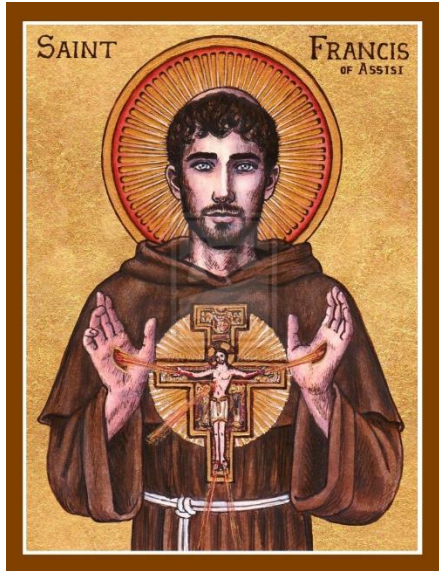


October 27, 2019  
30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
**THE FAITH COMMUNITY OF  
ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI**

*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 – 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 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.

**SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS – FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1** is a Holy Day of Obligation. Vigil Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, October 31 at 5:30PM. Mass on November will be celebrated at 9:00AM and at 5:30PM.

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1** is the First Friday of the month. Adoration will begin after the 9:00AM Mass and continue until 5:30PM. New Signup sheets are in the vestibule of the Church. There should be at least two adorers present for each time slot. (This is also a matter of safety for the Blessed Sacrament - adorers adore and protect).

**ROSARY SOCIETY** will meet on Monday, November 4 at 6:00PM. Please consider joining us for Rosary, Reflection and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

**THANK YOU** to all who helped in any way with the Gob making last week, a total of 1800 gobs were made. We really need a dishwasher on Tuesdays when we make gob icing as well as an extra hand or two. If anyone is available at 9:30AM on Tuesday please call Cindy at 539-3128.

**FISH FRY** is scheduled for Friday, November 8 from 11:00AM until 6:00PM. We will follow the same prep schedule as last month. PLEASE consider sharing some of your time to ensure the continued success of the Fish Fry. Profit from the Fish Fry held October 11 - \$2,989.28.

**MEN'S CLUB TURKEY & MEAT RAFFLE** will be held on Sunday, November 10 at the Activity Center. Doors open at 1:00PM and the raffle will take place from 2:00PM – 4:00PM. There are envelopes in the vestibule containing raffle tickets for each family (raffle tickets prizes will be 20, \$20.00 gift certificates for Market Basket to be used for meat or food products). 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. Any questions concerning door prizes should be directed to Dolores Kasper – 255-4159.

**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. Please include name of deceased with the picture(s) you are bringing.



**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.

**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.

**CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR PARISH LAST WEEKEND:** Loose - \$301.30; Adults - \$2,103.27; Children - \$13.00; Monthly - \$102.00; Candles - \$77.10; Donation - \$120.00; World Mission - \$216.02; Cemetery - \$20.00; Retired Priest - \$5.00. Total Collection - \$2,957.69. 167 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.

**THANK YOU** to all those who sent prayers, cards and best wishes as I recovered from my recent surgery. Your care and concern helped to brighten the days. May God Bless you for your kindness! *Carol Pisula*

**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 September 30, 2019: \$6,916.00 has been received toward our target amount. Please note again: 100% of your gift goes to these ministries!*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, Oct. 20, 27 – Religious Education – 10:45AM – Noon  
Thursday, October 31 – Vigil Mass – Solmenity of All Saints – 5:30PM  
Friday, November 1 – Solemnity of All Saints – 9:00AM & 5:30PM – All Day Adoration  
Saturday, November 2 – 9AM Mass for deceased of this year  
Friday, November 8 – Fish Fry from 11:00AM – 6:00PM  
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 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...* Trustworthy stewards practice humility, giving glory to God for all things great and small. Stewardship of treasure calls us to plan our giving; that is giving the first portion of our income, not the last. Deciding to do this involves Faith, trusting that what is left over will be enough for our needs and the needs of our loved ones as well. Many of those who make this decision to put God first in their budgets find their Faith deepened, and far from being impoverished, they find themselves enriched both spiritually and materially as well.

### **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, Carl Pavlosky, Rowen Ream, Alexandra Rice, Carly Rice, Doug Rice, Rose Rice, James Schuster, Betty Spisak, Joanna Stone, Carol Sobecky, Leona Sutt, Agnes Swarney, Jeanne Toth, 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 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.*

**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.

**RESURRECTION PARISH** Ladies Auxiliary will be sponsoring a Basket Party on Sunday, November 10 at Christ the Saviour Reception Hall, 307 Garfield St. Doors open at 12:30PM. Cost: \$10 will include lunch, 25 chances and eligibility for door prizes. For tickets call the Parish Office at 539-5788, Ext. 3.

**WEST END IMPROVEMENT GROUP** is hosting a Basket Party on Sunday, November 10 at St. Therese Church Hall. Doors open at 11:45AM. Drawing begins at 1:00PM. Tickets are \$8.00 and includes lunch. For tickets please call 322-5558 or 248-8989.

**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.

