

November 17, 2019
33rd 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

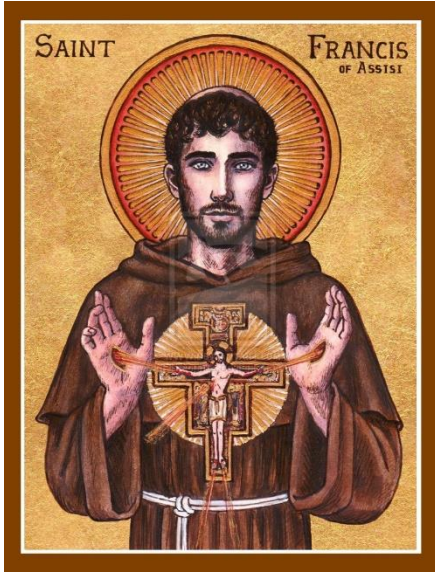
Office Hours – 9:00AM to 3:00PM – Mon. thru Thurs

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 – 6:00PM in the Church

Men’s Club – First Thursday of the Month – 7:00PM in the Activity Center

PARISH OFFICE will be CLOSED on Tuesday, November 19.

THANK YOU to the Men's Club for the successful Meat & Turkey Raffle last week. Your continued support of the parish is greatly appreciated.

SECOND COLLECTION the weekend of November 16 & 17: The intention is to help Deacon Bruce and his family recover financially from the severe hail storm damage they suffered during the summer. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

THANKS again to all who contribute to the St. Vincent De Paul's Soup Kitchen. The baskets continue to fill each week. What a blessing you are bestowing on those who are hungry. By the end of October you contributed 1,858 pounds. That is only 142 pounds to go until we've donated a ton for another year (not including the annual Joe Bartko collection at Thanksgiving). Thanks and remember your kindness makes God smile ☺.

OFFERING ENVELOPES for 2020 are now available for pick up at the rear of the Church. Any questions or concerns please contact the Parish Office Monday thru Thursday, 9:00AM – 3:00PM.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES will be held on Sunday, November 24. There will NOT be class on Sunday, December 1.

PARISH OFFICE will be closed on Thursday, November 28 and Friday, November 29 for the Thanksgiving Holiday. Office will reopen on Monday, December 2.

MASS ON THANKSGIVING DAY, NOVEMBER 28 will be celebrated at **9:00AM**. Fruit will be blessed and distributed to all present. Please join us and share in the "Fruits of the Mass."

ROSARY SOCIETY will meet on Monday, December 2 at 6:00PM. Please join us for Rosary, Reflection and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6 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).

UPCOMING: A Festival of Lessons and Carols will be presented on Sunday, December 15 at 3:00PM. Plan on joining us as we prepare for the birth of the Christ Child. The Children's Christmas Party will also take place on December 15. Watch for signup sheets for the Christmas Party.

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.

LAUREL VIEW VILLAGE – As we prepare for the Season of Christmas, Laurel View Village is 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 is between \$10 - \$15. Please place donations in the basket provided in the main vestibule. **Deadline for donations: Sunday, November 17.**

CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR PARISH LAST WEEKEND: Loose - \$327.00; Adults - \$2,556.52; Children - \$15.00; Monthly - \$446.00; Candles - \$117.85; Missalettes - \$21.00; All Souls - \$74.00; All Saints - \$33.00; Holy Day - \$2.00; Catholic Charities - \$5.00; Donations - \$100.00. Total Collection - \$3,697.37. 171 out of 283 families used envelopes last week. Thank you for your continued generosity to the parish.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, November 17, 24 – Religious Education – 10:45AM – Noon

Monday, December 2 – Rosary Society – 6:00PM

Friday, December 6 – First Friday – Adoration after 9:00AM Mass until 5:30PM

OUR ANNUAL non-perishable food and household items collection for the Joe Bartko Memorial St. Vincent de Paul Food Kitchen is beginning. Parishioners are asked to share their bounty from God with those less fortunate. Monetary donations will also be accepted and may be placed in the envelope provided in the vestibule or brought to the Parish Office during regular business hours. Donations should be non-perishable and NO glass containers. Suggested items include canned vegetables, pasta, cereal, tuna, soup, stuffing mix, cake mix, salt, pepper, paper products (paper towels, toilet paper, napkins, etc.). Use your best judgement. **Please use the bag provided for your donations. Collection will end on Sunday, November 17.**



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 to help assist our awareness of a need for vocations.

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.*

Stewardship Reflection... As stewards, we are called to be responsible caretakers of the time, talent, and treasure we have been blessed with on our earthly journey. We are asked to put God first in our lives and to give in a deeper ways than we have been asked before. Many of us need to be reminded that the concept of Christian stewardship is not new. "Christ has no body on earth but yours; no hands but yours; no feet but yours. Yours are the eyes through which He is to go about doing good; yours are the hands with which He is to bless people now." St. Theresa of Avila.

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, 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, 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.

ST. THERESE PIROGHI SALE – Hand-made/home-made potato and cheese piroghi. Call in orders on Monday, November 18 at 539-7633 from 9:00AM until 11:00AM. Cost is \$7.00 dozen (with or without onions). Pick up your order on Friday, November 22 from 9:00AM until 2:00PM at our Social Hall, Upper Decker Avenue.

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.

