

November 24, 2019
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
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

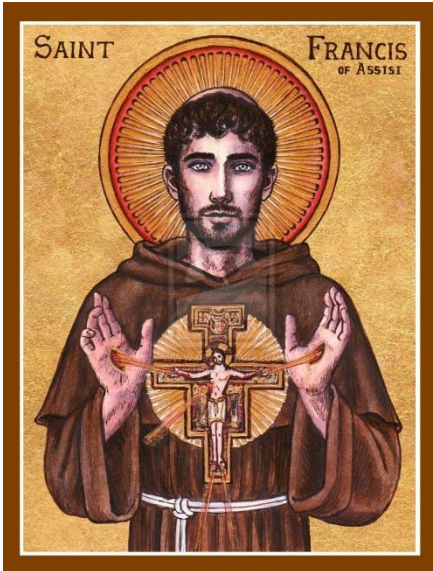
Office Hours – 9:00AM to 3:00PM – Mon. thru Thurs

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

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.” **Mass on Friday after Thanksgiving will be at 8:00AM.**

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).

MOVIE NIGHT is back and just in time to help make your Advent more meaningful. Come join us on Sunday, December 8 to watch Song of Bernadette at the Activity Center. It is a classic film from 1943 for which Jennifer Jones won an Academy Award for her portrayal of Bernadette Soubirous. The cast included Vincent Price, Lee J. Cobb and Charles Bickford. The story is a good movie for the entire family and tells the story of Bernadette, a young girl, who saw the Blessed Virgin Mary on a number of occasions and eventually became St. Bernadette. More information will be available in next week’s bulletin.

A FESTIVAL OF LESSON 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. A Social will take place immediately following at the former Convent. Please come for the festivities of music, food, drink and comradery!

SINGERS ARE NEEDED for Lessons & Carols, December 15 at 3:00PM. Rehearsals will be held on Thursdays, December 5 & 12 at 6:30PM. Use the Chapel entrance. For more information call Gale at 539-0155.

THE CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS PARTY will take place on December 15 at the Activity Center from 1:00PM – 3:00PM. Signup sheets are in the Main Vestibule. Deadline for signup: Sunday, December 8. Please indicate child’s name, age and things they like (books, cars, dolls, etc.)

SANCTUARY CANDLE will burn this week for Deceased Members of the Men’s Club by Men’s Club.

THE ST. FRANCIS GABRIEL PROJECT pro-life ministry needs 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 - \$367.00; Adults - \$2,089.33; Children - \$10.00; Monthly - \$400.00; Candles - \$91.35; Missalettes - \$6.00.; Catholic Charities - \$50.00; Christmas - \$26.00; St. Vincent de Paul - \$10.00; Thanksgiving - \$41.00; Flowers - \$20.00; Donations - \$145.00. Total Collection - \$3,255.68. 156 out of 283 families used envelopes last week. Thank you for your continued generosity to the parish.

REMINDER: Giving Tree gifts for the Gabriel Project are due no later than Sunday, December 8 and gifts for the Cambria City Mission should be returned by Sunday, December 15. Thank you for your cooperation.

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
Sunday, December 8 – Movie Night – more details to follow
Sunday, December 8 – Confirmation Class (Movie & Class)
Sunday, December 15 – Children’s Christmas Party – Activity Center – 1:00PM – 3:00PM
Sunday, December 15 – Lessons & Carols – 3:00PM, followed by Social at the former Convent.

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 Vocations 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 Vocations Crucifix and the date you plan to return it, so that we are aware of where the Vocations Crucifix is located.*

Stewardship Reflection... Jesus comes to us without earthly glory but on a Cross, crowned by thorns. “The grandeur of His Kingdom is not power as defined in this world, but the love of God, a love capable of encountering and healing all things.” (Pope Francis, *Homily*, November 20, 2016). Reflect on possibilities of how you can honor God through stewardship. “By their worthy deeds in this life, people make a limited but real human contribution to building up the Kingdom. They do so with the understanding that we will be held accountable for *our* actions, independent of the actions of others. And even though discipleship and stewardship set the necessary terms of Christian life in this world, they have their ultimate reward in another life.” (*Stewardship: A Disciple’s Response*, USCCB, 1993).

The Solemn Feast of Christ the King - Most of us have no experience of being subjects of a king, yet we freely identify Jesus as our King and Lord. Unlike earthly kings who simply maintain order, Christ’s kingship involves the restoration of all persons and things to the original order intended by God. To offer one’s life to Christ as Lord allows Him to eliminate the disorder in our relationships caused by sin and restore the relationships desired by God from the beginning of creation. Celebrating Christ’s Kingship gives us the opportunity to proclaim the Good News that Christ’s coming brings joy rather than fear, hope rather than despair, life rather than death. We are cleansed and renewed and brought closer to God. How appropriate it is to sing hymns and carry banners on the Feast Day of our King! In Advent, we will begin the new Church year by focusing on the final restoration of all creation to its original glory. In preparation, on the last Sunday of the Church year, we proclaim the expected Advent of the “Lord of lords” and “King of kings.”

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, Gary Singel, 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 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 Rován 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.