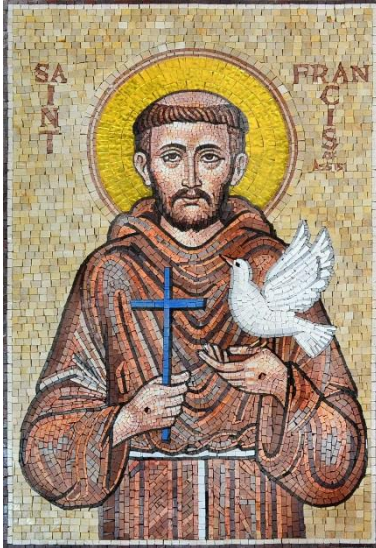


February 2, 2020
4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
**THE FAITH COMMUNITY OF
ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI**

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

ALL ARE REMINDED TO DRESS WITH REVERENCE AND RESPECT AS THEY COME TO LITURGY ALL YEAR LONG

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



MARDI GRAS will be held on Saturday, February 15. Tickets are now available in the vestibule before and after all Masses. Tickets are \$20.00 and include Turkey Dinner and music by Flood City Brass. You may also reserve a table for 8 at a cost of \$10.00. Beer bracelet - \$7.00, cash bar. For more information please contact Fran King at 536-3667. Tickets are **NOT** available at the Parish Office. **THE MARDI GRAS COMMITTEE** is asking for your help to defray expenses. Please consider donations of alcoholic beverages and donations of baskets. Call Alice at 536-0948 for more information.

GOB MAKING – because we will need plenty of Gobs for Lenten Fish Fries please note the following gob making schedule: **Tuesday, February 4** - icing will be made from 7:00AM – 11:00AM and **Wednesday, February 5** packing at 8:00AM – 10:00AM and at 6:00PM. Thank you in advance for your help.

ROSARY SOCIETY will meet on Monday, February 3 at 6:00PM. Please join us for Rosary, Reflection and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7 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 main 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 – will take place on Sunday, March 8 at the Activity Center beginning at 4:00PM. We will be showing “Molokai – The Story of Father Damien.” Watch the bulletin for more information.

SANCTUARY CANDLE will burn this week for +Rose Trapanotto, Anniversary by Fran. **CANDLE BY OUR LADY QUEEN OF HEAVEN** will burn for Improved Health for Jim Dadey by wife and children.

CONZATTI PIZZA SALE to benefit the Gabriel Project on Saturday, February 22. Order forms will be included with the bulletin next week and additional forms can be found in the vestibule. Cheese or pepperoni pizzas are \$6.00/each. Payment by cash or check (made out to St. Francis Gabriel Project) must accompany orders. Pizzas can be picked up on Saturday, February 22 at the Activity Center from 11:00AM until Noon. Any questions call Gale at 539-0155. Deadline for orders: Sunday, February 16.



CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR PARISH LAST WEEK: Adults - \$2,669.27; Children - \$10.00; Monthly - \$19.00; Loose - \$336.75; First Offering - \$22.00; Holy Day - \$7.00; Candles - \$103.50; Missalettes - \$7.00; Catholic Register - \$5.00; Catholic Schools - \$438.22; Donation - \$110.00; Misc. - \$50.00 Total Collection - \$3,777.74. 163 out of 283 used envelopes last week.

THE ST. FRANCIS GABRIEL PROJECT pro-life ministry needs diapers, baby wipes, grooming products, and baby clothing. Your donations are greatly appreciated. Questions or to refer families please call Gale at 539-0155.

SPECIAL COLLECTION – at the suggestion of the Parish Council a second collection to benefit the Gabriel Project will take place this weekend – February 1 & 2. Your generosity will help provide much needed items to the 65 babies currently being served and 12 babies to be delivered in the next few weeks.

ADULT EDUCATION CLASS – Deacon Bruce will be teaching an adult education class on the Book of Esther. The class will be held on Thursday, March 5, 12, 19, 26 from 6:30PM – 7:30PM in the former convent. All are invited to attend.

TEEN DANCE – for Bishop McCort High School students (grades 9, 10, 11, 12) on Saturday, February 22 from 7:00PM until 10:00PM at the Activity Center. Any donations of snacks for this event would be greatly appreciated.

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 take the case with the Vocations Crucifix which is now located in the main vestibule. 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, February 2, 9, 16, 23 - Religious Education – 10:45AM – Noon
Sunday, February 2 – World Day of Consecrated Life
Monday, February 3 – Rosary Society – 6:00PM
Tuesday, February 4 – Gob icing – 7:00AM – 11:00AM
Wednesday, February 5 – Gob packing – 8:00AM and 6:00PM
Friday, February 7 – First Friday – Adoration 9:30AM – 5:30PM
Sunday, February 9 – Confirmation Class – 6:00PM – 8:00PM – Rectory Office
Saturday, February 15 – Mardi Gras
ARISE – Tuesday, February 18 – 7:00PM – 8:30PM, Wednesday, February 19 – 6:00PM – 8:30PM; Thursday, February 20 – 10:00AM – 11:30AM
Ash Wednesday, February 26 – Fish Fry – 11:00AM – 6:00PM
Friday, March 1 – First Friday – Adoration – 12:30PM – 5:30PM
Sunday, March 8 – 4:00PM – Movie Night

ARISE – SEASON FOUR will begin the week of February 16. There will be six faith sharing sessions that invite us to embrace in our lives a “New Heart, New Spirit.” The first session helps us to see Lent as a time to review our life choices and to measure them against the Scriptures. Lent is a time to get in touch with who we really are, and who we are called to be. The rest of the season invites us to look at the power of forgiveness, the Church as the home for all God’s family, and freedom and peace as the first fruits of the Resurrection. Please join us for six wonderful and challenging weeks of Lent. *If you have any questions or want to be involved please call Barb Bimeal at 322-2810.*



Session Schedule

Tuesday, February 18, 25, March 3, 10, 17, 24 - 6:00PM–7:30PM
Wednesday, February 19, 26, March 4, 11, 18, 25- 6:00PM - 7:30PM
Thursday, February 20, 27, March 5, 12, 19, 26 – 10:00AM – 11:30AM
Signup sheets can be found in the main vestibule.

*Think about ARISE
Pray about ARISE
Attend ARISE Session 4*

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK OR HOMEBOUND

James Edward Adams; Rose Blaschak, Odessa Bobak, Galynn Brady, Sister Carol Jean Czyrnik, 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 Sobacky, Leona Sutt, Agnes Swarney, Jeanne Toth, Sheila Weppner, Dorothy Youchak.

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, Afghanistan; **Class Petty Officer 2nd Class, Gage Pollino**, US Navy. *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 3:00PM - 4:00PM. 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. 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.

Prayer for Consecrated Persons

God our Father, we thank You for calling men and women to serve in Your Son's Kingdom as Sisters, Brothers, Religious Priests, Consecrated Virgins, and Hermits, as well as members of Secular Institutes. Renew their knowledge and love of You, and send Your Holy Spirit to help them respond generously and courageously to Your will. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.