

January 19, 2020
2nd 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

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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

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS the family and friends of +Agnes Filo who was laid to rest last week. Welcoming God receive from our hands the loved ones we return to You.



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. 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.

MEN'S CLUB Valentine Special Tickets have all been sold! Thank you for your continued support of the Men's Club.

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 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).

SANCTUARY CANDLE will burn this week for Continued Health and Recovery of Jim Dadey by M/M Ken Mirilovich. **CANDLE BY OUR LADY QUEEN OF HEAVEN** will burn this week for Remembrance Anniversary of +Michael R. Toth by son, Raymond & Jeanne Toth and grandchildren, Michelle Maggs and Ray Toth, Jr.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR PARISH LAST WEEK: Adults - \$2,376.25; Children - \$10.00; Monthly - \$250.00; Loose - \$465.43; First Offering - \$25.00; Oplatek - \$41.00; St. Vincent de Paul - \$300.00; Holy Day - \$5.00; Candles - \$98.75; Misc. - \$68.02; Donations - \$20.00. Total Collection - \$3,659.45. 166 out of 283 used envelopes last week.

DEAR PASTOR & PARISHIONERS: We at the Gabriel Project send our heartfelt appreciation for your generous response to our request for Christmas gifts for the babies in our St. Francis pro-life ministry. Because of your kindness, all babies who came to us for help in December and beyond have received or will receive two gifts that help to bless their celebration of this Holy Season. I can attest to the sincere gratitude of the parents who were so happy to receive the presents for their little ones. For some, this will be the only gifts received. May you enjoy the peace of Christ always. Please know that you brought much joy to many. Thank you so very much. *Gale Bala, Volunteer Coordinator of the St. Francis Gabriel Project*

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, January 19, 26 - Religious Education – 10:45AM – Noon
- 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
- Sunday, March 15 – Confirmation Retreat – St. Therese – 7:30AM

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
Watch for sign-up sheets in the main vestibule.

MOVIE NIGHT – Watch the bulletin for information about our next movie night that will take place in March.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY – is celebrated from January 18 through January 25. Established in 1908, the dates were chosen so that the week concludes with the celebration of the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul. The Week of Prayer is eight days long – an octave – which always designates a very special time of prayer and celebration in the life of the Church. Included with the bulletin is a prayer and Scripture guide for you to use in conjunction with the Week of Prayer.

MARRIED COUPLES RETREAT – *Journeying in Faith*, will be hosted from Friday, February 14, beginning at 5:30PM through Sunday, February 16, ending at noon at St. Joseph’s Convent, 1872 Munster Rd., Portage, PA. Speakers will include Fr. Leo Arnone and Fr. Aron Maghsoudi. For the weekend’s meals and expenses, there is a donation of \$75 per person. Please register by Tuesday, February 11 by contacting Sister Jacinta sisterjacinta@gmail.com or 814-886-4459. Organized by the Sister Servants of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.

WOMEN’S RETREAT (18 years and older) – *Going Deeper in Our Faith*, will be hosted from Friday, March 13, beginning at 5:30PM, through Sunday, March 15, ending at noon at St. Joseph’s Convent, 1872 Munster Rd., Portage, PA. Speakers will include our Sisters and guest Priests. For the weekend’s meals and expenses, there is a donation of \$75 per person. Please register by Tuesday, March 3 by contacting Sister Jacinta sisterjacinta@gmail.com or 814-886-4459. Organized by the Sister Servants of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.

A Family Perspective – by Bud Ozar – January 19 (Jn 1:29-34) – Can you say “I have testified Jesus is the Son of God?” If you aren’t talking about Jesus in your family, you aren’t testifying. If you are not talking your talk, your children will see your words as meaningless.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK OR HOMEBOUND

James Edward Adams; Rose Blaschak, Odessa Bobak, Galynn Brady, Sister Carol Jean Czynnik, 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, 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 Rowan 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.

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. THERESE PIROGHI SALE – Best Piroghi’s in Town! Home-made potato and cheese piroghi. Call in orders Monday, January 20 at 814-539-7633 from 9AM to 11AM. Cost is \$7.00 dozen (with or without onions). Pick up your order Friday, January 24 from 9AM – 2PM at our Social Hall, Upper Decker Avenue.

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA, Windber is having a Super Bowl Porkette Sale. Advanced orders only for pick up on Saturday, February 1, 9:00AM – Noon in the Church hall. Sandwiches are \$4.00. To order call 814-467-7292 by January 22.

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.