

February 9, 2020  
5<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

*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 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.

**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.

**MOVIE NIGHT** – Come join us on Sunday, March 8 at 4:00PM in the Activity Center to watch the movie “Molokai” about Father Damien who ministered to the people on the island of Molokai, Hawaii, who were afflicted with leprosy. Water, soda and popcorn will be provided. You are welcome to bring snacks to share and pizza will be offered after the movie.

**CONZATTI PIZZA SALE** to benefit the Gabriel Project on Saturday, February 22. Order forms are included with the bulletin 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.



**FISH FRY SEASON** is fast approaching! Our first Lenten Fish Fry will take place on **Ash Wednesday, February 26** and continue on each Friday of Lent beginning Friday, March 6. from 11:00AM until 6:00PM. Once again, YOUR help is needed and greatly appreciated. Together we can make this a very successful Fish Fry Season. If you are interested in helping please contact the Parish Office for more information. *PLEASE – if you have indicated that you will help – DON'T FORGET – we are counting on you!* Donations of baked goods, soda and water for the Fish Fries will be accepted. Profit for the Fish Fry held in January: \$3,903.20

**CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR PARISH LAST WEEK:** Adults - \$2,391.04; Children - \$8.00; Monthly - \$481.02; Loose - \$277.00; First Offering - \$5.00; Christmas - \$10.00; Candles - \$70.00; Ash Wednesday - \$25.00; Catholic Register - \$65.00; Catholic Schools - \$50.00; Donation - \$10.00; Misc. - \$10.00 Total Collection - \$3,402.06. 145 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.

**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. All teens from St. Francis of Assisi are invited to attend the dance.

**UPCOMING** – Trip to Sight and Sound Theatre in Lancaster to see “Queen Esther.” Watch the bulletin for details.

**TOOLS NEEDED:** If have tools at home that you don't need anymore, or would like to dispose of please consider donating them to the Parish. They would be gratefully appreciated. Items needed include: electric power tools, drills, sanders, shop vacuums, jig saws, circular saws, etc. Cordless tools, bench vice, hand tools, wrenches, socket sets, electrical cords, electrical tester. Just about any tool you may not want or need again. Of course, tools should be in working order! Tools may be dropped off at the Parish Office. Thanks!

**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

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, February 9, 16, 23 - 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 – former Convent  
Pizza Pick Up – Saturday, February 22 – 11:00AM – Noon – Activity Center  
Adult Education – Thursday, March 5, 12, 19, 26 – 6:30PM – 7:30PM – former Convent  
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

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**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 - 7:00PM–8:30PM – led by Barb Bimeal  
Wednesday, February 19, 26, March 4, 11, 18, 25- 6:00PM - 7:30PM – led by Michele Rivetti  
Thursday, February 20, 27, March 5, 12, 19, 26 – 10:00AM – 11:30AM – led by Cel Neiderer  
Signup sheets can be found in the main vestibule.

### 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 Sobbecky, Leona Sutt, Agnes Swarney, Jeanne Toth, Sheila Weppner, Dorothy Youchak.

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**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 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, Afghanistan; Petty Officer 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.*

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**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. BENEDICT PARISH** will be hosting Nina Marie Corona for their Lenten Parish Mission, "Choices: The Hinges of Destiny." This three night event will be held from 7:00PM – 8:30PM, March 29, 30 and 31. Each evening will include powerful talks, images, videos, and music for reflection. Practical tools will be offered to help us choose what better leads to a deepening of God's life in us. Tickets are not required. A love offering will be taken. For more information contact Deacon Michael Russo at 288-3036 or by email at [michael.russo@atlanticbb.net](mailto:michael.russo@atlanticbb.net).

**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.