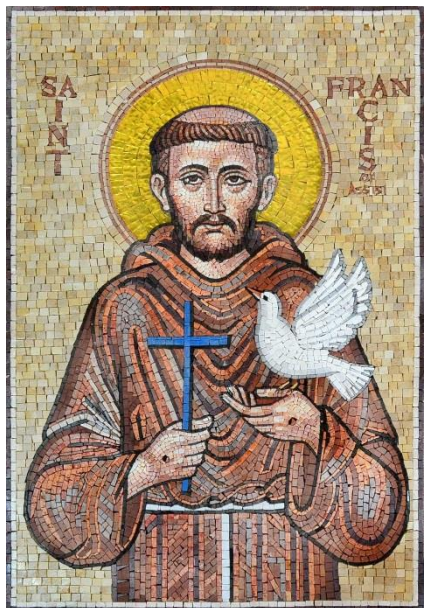


May 10, 2020
5th Sunday of Easter
**THE FAITH COMMUNITY OF
ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI**

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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What is Spiritual Communion?

Spiritual Communion is the practice of desiring union with Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist. It is used primarily by individuals who cannot receive Holy Communion, such as the ill, the divorced and remarried, and those who have not yet been received into full communion with the Church. St. Thomas Aquinas described it as “an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament and lovingly embrace Him” at a time or in circumstances when we cannot receive Him in Sacramental Communion.

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

– *Pedro de la Cruz*



Mass Intentions Week of May 10, 2020

DATE	NO PUBLIC MASS	INTENTION / DONOR	READINGS
MON. MAY 11 <i>Easter Weekday</i>		+Dolores Horner David & Betty Hostetter	Acts 14:5-18 Jn 14:21-26
TUES. MAY 12 <i>Ss. Nereus & Achilles, Martyrs St. Pancras, Martyr</i>		+Vincent E. Petak Mother Georgiann Petak & Family	Acts 14:19-28 Jn 14:27-31a
WED. MAY 13 <i>Our Lady of Fatima</i>	Pray the Rosary Today & Everyday	+Dorothy Sheridan Patrick Sheridan	Acts 15:1-6 Jn 15:1-8
THURS. MAY 14 <i>St. Matthias, Apostle</i>		Special Intention	Acts 1:15-17, 20-26 Jn 15:9-17
FRI. MAY 15 <i>St. Isidore</i>		+Verna Hanzel Birthday Remembrance Daughter Dolores & Joe Fatula	Acts 15:22-31 Jn 15:12-17
SAT. MAY 16 <i>St. Margaret of Cortona, Penitent, III Order</i>		+George Felix Marian Gaydos	Acts 16:1-10 Jn 15:18-21
SAT. MAY 16 <i>6th Sunday of Easter</i>		+Dolores & Wesley Furncase Mary Kay Kelley	Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 1 Pt 3:15-18 Jn 14:15-21
SUN. MAY 17 <i>6th Sunday of Easter</i>		Parishioners & Benefactors +Kathy Bazyk 51 st Wedding Anniversary Husband Frank	Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 1 Pt 3:15-18 Jn 14:15-21

Mass for Widows and Widowers to be Televised

The Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown is continuing its support for those mourning the loss of a spouse. Because of the coronavirus pandemic, the Family Life Office will not hold its annual Masses for Widows and Widowers, which were scheduled at two parishes in May. Instead, widows and widowers who register will be recognized as part of the Sunday Mass celebrated privately on May 31 at St. John Gualbert Cathedral. Bishop Mark will be the celebrant and homilist, and deceased spouses of all registered individuals will be acknowledged and remembered during the Liturgy. The Mass will air live at 11:00AM on WATM ABC 23 and will be rebroadcast at 9:00PM on Atlantic Broadband Channel 9. The Family Life Office invites you to register by May 20 by calling the Family Life Office at 814-317-2647 or 814-317-2643 or through email at familylife@dioceseaj.org. When registering please give your name, address, phone number and the name of your spouse who has passed away.

**GETTING CHUMMY WITH THE SAINTS
WITNESSES TO THE FAITH AND COMPANIONS ON OUR JOURNEY OF FAITH**

Tuesday, May 12 – Ss. Nereus & Achilles, Martyrs – died end of 1st century; Pope St. Damasus states that they were Praetorian soldiers who converted to Christianity; their *acta* report that they were beheaded during the reign of Trajan (98-117) on the island of Terracina.

Tuesday, May 12 – St. Pancras, Martyr – died 304; his “acts” state that he was a Syrian or Phrygian orphan who came to Rome where he was converted to Christianity; he was beheaded under Diocletian in his fourteenth year; buried on the Via Aurelia.

Wednesday, May 13 – Our Lady of Fatima – Between May 13 and October 13, 1917, three Portuguese children – Francisco and Jacinta Marto and their cousin Lucia dos Santos – received apparitions of Our Lady at Cova da Iria near Fatima, a city 110 miles north of Lisbon. Mary asked the children to pray the Rosary for world peace, for the end of World War I, for sinners, and for the conversion of Russia. Mary gave the children three secrets. Following the deaths of Francisco and Jacinta in 1919 and 1920 respectively, Lucia revealed the first secret in 1927. It concerned devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The second secret was a vision of hell. When Lucia grew up she became a Carmelite Nun and died in 2005 at the age of 97. St. Pope John Paul the Great directed the Holy See’s Secretary of State to reveal the third secret in 2000; it spoke of a “Bishop in white” who was shot by a group of soldiers who fired bullets and arrows into him. Many people linked this vision to the assassination attempt against St. Pope John Paul the Great in St. Peter’s Square on May 13, 1981. The Feast of Our Lady of Fatima was approved by the local Bishop in 1930; it was added to the Church’s worldwide calendar in 2002.



Thursday, May 14 – St. Matthias, Apostle – died 1st century; chosen to replace Judas; qualified because he witnessed Jesus’ ministry and Resurrection; said to have suffered martyrdom either at Colchis (modern day Georgia) or in Jerusalem; mentioned in the Roman Canon.

Friday, May 15 – St. Isidore – died 1130; layman whose wife, Maria de la Cabeza (Torribia) is also a Saint; farm laborer associated with miracles; patron of Madrid, of farmers, and of rural communities.

Saturday, May 16 – St. Margaret of Cortona, Penitent, III Order – born of farming parents in Laviano, Tuscany. Her mother died when she was seven; life with her stepmother was so difficult that she moved out. For nine years she lived with Arsenio, though they were not married, and she bore him a son. In those years, she had doubts about her situation. Somewhat like St. Augustine, she prayed for purity – but not just yet. One day she was waiting for Arsenio and was instead met by his dog. The animal led Margaret into the forest where she found Arsenio murdered. This crime shocked Margaret into a life of penance. She and her son returned to Laviano, where she was not well received by her stepmother. They then went to Cortona, where her son eventually became a Friar. In 1277, three years after her conversion, Margaret became a Franciscan tertiary. Under the direction of her confessor, who sometimes had to order her to moderate her self-denial, she pursued a life of prayer and penance at Cortona. There she established a hospital and founded a congregation of tertiary sisters. The poor and humble Margaret, was, like Francis, devoted to the Eucharist and the Passion of Jesus. These devotions fueled her great charity and drew sinners to her for advice and inspiration. She was canonized in 1728.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK OR HOMEBOUND

James Edward Adams; Rose Blaschak, Odessa Bobak, Galynn Brady, Sister Carol Jean Czynnik, Verne Esposito, LeAnn Golby, Caleb Herdman, Alicia Junghans, John Kasper, Kathryn Legat, Tyler McKinley, Rick McKinley, Margaret Murray, Carl Pavlosky, Rowen Ream, Kathy Reddy, 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.

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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 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; **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.

Donations to the parish March 15 through May 3: Collection - \$9,662.60; Children - \$32.00; Monthly - \$624.00; St. Vincent de Paul - \$85.00; Flowers - \$220.00; Candles - \$250.00; Catholic Relief - \$90.00; Good Friday - \$165.50; Holy Thursday - \$124.50; Holy Day - 38.00; Mission - \$45.00; Pentecost - \$20.00; Missalettes - \$82.00; Cemetery - \$15.00; Misc. - \$32.00. Total Collection: 1\$11,485.60.

Thank you Parishioners who are continuing to send in/bring in your offering envelopes. It is deeply appreciated! God Bless! fr. Anthony Francis