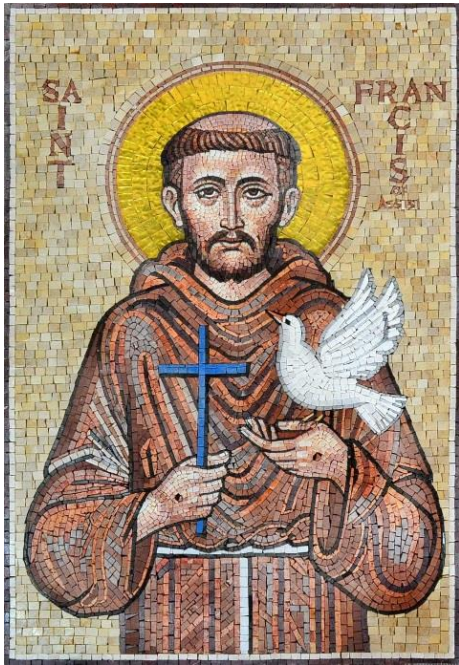


May 17, 2020
6th Sunday of Easter
**THE FAITH COMMUNITY OF
ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI**

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 17, 2020

DATE	NO PUBLIC MASS	INTENTION / DONOR	READINGS
MON. MAY 18 <i>St. John I, Pope & Martyr St. Felix of Cantalice, Religious, I Order</i>		+Larry Haggerty Birthday Remembrance Bea & Family	Acts 16:11-15 Jn 15:26 – 16:4a
TUES. MAY 19 <i>Easter Weekday</i>		+David, Robert, Karen Micik Cel Neiderer	Acts 16:22-34 Jn 16:5-11
WED. MAY 20 <i>St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest</i>		+Helen Yursky Doreen Chiodo	Acts 17:15, 22 – 18:1 Jn 16:12-15
THURS. MAY 21 The Ascension of the Lord <i>St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest, & Companions, Martyrs</i>		Parishioners & Benefactors	Acts 1:1-11 Eph 1:17-23 Mt 28:16-20
FRI. MAY 22 <i>St. Rita of Cascia, Religious</i>		+Matilda Fatula 12 th Anniversary Brother & Sisters	Acts 18:9-18 Jn 16:20-23
SAT. MAY 23 <i>Easter Weekday</i>		+Ethel Petak Joe & Dolores Fatula	Acts 18:23-28 Jn 16:23b-28
SAT. MAY 23 <i>7th Sunday of Easter</i>		+Pam Fraska Janice Meagher	Acts 1:12-14 1 Pt 4:13-16 Jn 17:1-11a
SUN. MAY 24 <i>7th Sunday of Easter</i>		Parishioners & Benefactors +Rose Trapanotto Birthday Remembrance Family	Acts 1:12-14 1 Pt 4:13-16 Jn 17:1-11a

Families and the Gospel... (John 14:15-21) – In today’s Gospel Jesus prepared His Disciples for His departure. Family life is a series of departures. As we mature and grow older we constantly transition from the familiar to the unknown. Today Jesus assures us that we are not alone in these transition. “I will not leave you orphans, I will come to you.”

We thank all our veterans and those men and women on active duty and our reservists on this Armed Forces Day on Saturday, May 16. God Bless you all you serve our country and keep us safe.

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

Monday, May 18 – St. John I, Pope & Martyr – died 526; from Tuscany; introduced the Alexandrian computation of the date of Easter; led an embassy to Constantinople to discuss Emperor Justin I’s policy toward Arians in the East; not satisfying the demands of Theodoric, the Arian king in Ravenna, and not knowing his fate, he died there, a wretched man, ill and worn out from his travels; buried in Rome, his epitaph salutes him as a “victim for Christ.”

Monday, May 18 – St. Felix of Cantalice, Religious, I Order – born of peasant parents at Cantalice, Apulia, Italy. He was a shepherd and a farm laborer in his youth, became a Capuchin lay brother at nearby Citta Ducale Monastery in Anticoli, and became noted for his austerities and piety. He was sent to Rome in 1549 and spent the next thirty-eight years in the monastery there as questor, aiding the sick and the poor and revered by all. He was a friend of St. Philip Neri and helped in St. Charles Borromeo’s revision of the rule for his Oblates. He was canonized in 1709 and was the first Capuchin Franciscan ever canonized.

Wednesday, May 21 – St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest – died 1444; OFM; famous reformer and eloquent preacher who traveled throughout Italy; encouraged devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus; known for his use of the monogram *IHS* (an abbreviation of the Greek name for Jesus, (Ἰησοῦς); patron of advertisers and advertising; invoked against hoarseness.



Thursday, May 21 – The Ascension of the Lord – On the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord, we celebrate Christ’s bodily Ascension into Heaven, which occurred in the presence of His Apostles. We hear in St. Paul’s Letter to the Ephesians that Christ took His seat at the right hand of His Father, “far above every principality, authority, power, and dominion.” The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord occurs 40 days after Christ’s Resurrection and is the important, final piece of the Paschal Mystery, which began with Christ’s Passion and Death. Because Christ ascended, we, as members of the Body of Christ, also look forward to ascending into Heaven after our bodily Resurrection.

Thursday, May 21 – St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest & Companions, Martyrs – Christopher Magallanes and twenty-one diocesan Priests and three laymen were either shot or hanged (1915-1937) for their association with the *Cristero* uprising which opposed the anti-Catholic Mexican government in the 1920’s. The *Cristero* motto was “Long live Christ the King and the Virgin of Guadalupe.”

Friday, May 22 – St. Rita of Cascia, Religious – Rita was born in 1381 in the town of Roccaporena in Umbria. She lived with a brutal husband and had two sons. After the violent murder of her husband, she urged forgiveness in contrast to the customary vendetta of her day. Becoming an Augustinian Nun, she spent some forty years in prayer, contemplation, and service to the sick and poor. Toward the end of her life, she received a wound from a thorn from the Crown of Thorns. She died in 1457. She is the patron of desperate situations.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK OR HOMEBOUND

James Edward Adams; Rose Blaschak, Odessa Bobak, Galyann 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 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 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 May 10: Adults - \$2,187.25; Children - \$4.00; Monthly - \$470.00; Easter - \$35.00; St. Vincent de Paul - \$71.00; Flowers - \$20.00; Mandeville - \$5.00; Cemetery - \$16.00; Holy Day - \$71.50; Good Friday - \$15.00; Holy Thursday - \$15.00; Mother's Day - \$175.00; Mission - \$10.00; Donations - \$650.00; Pentecost - \$50.00. Total Collection: \$3,794.75.

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

