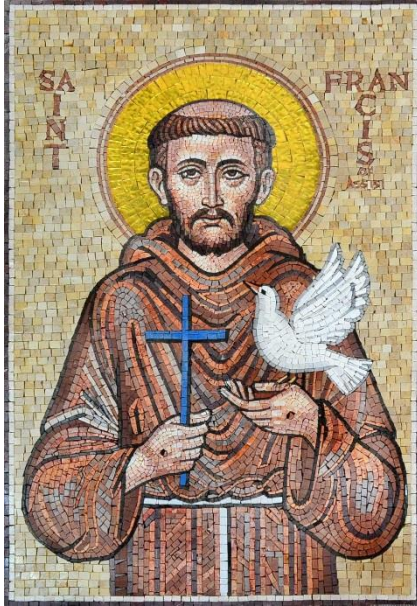


May 24, 2020
7th Sunday of Easter
**THE FAITH COMMUNITY OF
ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI**

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 25 Memorial Day <i>St. Bede the Venerable, Priest & Doctor of the Church St. Gregory VII, Pope St. Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi, Virgin</i>		+John Neiderer Wife Cel Neiderer	Acts 19:1-8 Jn 16:29-33
TUES. MAY 26 <i>St. Philip Neri, Priest</i>		+Theresa Chapman Terri, Mark Stumpo & Family	Acts 20:17-27 Jn 17:1-11a
WED. MAY 27 <i>St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop</i>		+Agnes Filo Bob & Dorothy Bakos	Acts 20:28-38 Jn 17:11b-19
THURS. MAY 28 <i>Easter Weekday</i>		+Mary Louise Slezak Furman Family	Acts 22:30; 23:6-11 Jn 17:20-26
FRI. MAY 29 <i>St. Paul VI, Pope</i>		+Mary Weinzierl Connie Arcuri	Acts 25:13b-21 Jn 21:15-19
SAT. MAY 30 <i>Easter Weekday</i>		+Anna Kinnel J Kolar	Acts 28:16-20, 30-31 Jn 21:20-25
SAT. MAY 30 <i>Pentecost Sunday</i>		+Ted Zajdel Family	Acts 2:1-11 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 Jn 20:19-23
SUN. MAY 31 <i>Pentecost Sunday</i>		Parishioners & Benefactors +Bernie LaBuda Bernie Golojch	Acts 2:1-11 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 Jn 20:19-23

Families and the Gospel... May 25 – Memorial Day – Our decisions create our style of living and also what kind of person we are. That’s the awesome power of free will. As we celebrate Memorial Day it is a good time to ask ourselves; “How do I want to be remembered?” The power is in your hands, or rather in your decisions

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

Monday, May 25 – St. Bede the Venerable, Priest & Doctor of the Church – died 735; born in Northumbria; O.S.B.; called “Venerable” while still living; authored *Ecclesiastical History of the English People* and wrote Scriptural expositions, commentaries, and homilies; known as the “Father of English history.”

Monday, May 25 – St. Gregory VII, Pope – died 1085; from Tuscany; O.S.B.; championed reform of the clergy against simony; clerical marriage, and lay investiture, leading to the excommunication of Henry IV; expanded the authority of the Roman See.

Monday, May 25 – St. Mary Magdalene de’Pazzi, Virgin - died 1607; Carmelite mystic of Florence who led a hidden life of prayer and self-denial, praying particularly for the renewal of the Church and encouraging her fellow Sisters in holiness; instrumental in the reform of her Order.

Tuesday, May 26 – St. Philip Neri, Priest – died 1595; founded (1575) the Congregation of Priests of the Oratory [C.O.], today numbering about 527 members, to promote holiness of priestly life and foster effective preaching; noted for his joyful and simple spirit, and his use of short, wise maxims; known as the “Apostle of Rome” and “Reformer of the Eternal City.”

Wednesday, May 27 – St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop – Died May 26, 604(5?); monk of Mt. Cœlius in Rome; sent with forty other monks by Pope Gregory I to England; Baptized Ethelbert, King of Kent; ordained Bishop in 597; established the Sees of Canterbury, London, and Rochester; in 601, received the pallium as Primate of England.

Friday, May 29 – St. Paul VI, Pope – Pope Paul VI (Giovanni Battista Montini) was born Sept. 26, 1897 in Concesio, Italy. Soon after his ordination in 1920, he began his service to Popes Pius XI and Pius XII. During World War II, he worked to find shelter for persecuted Jews and refugees. Appointed Archbishop of Milan (1954), he worked with great care for the Diocese. Four years later, he was created a Cardinal by Pope St. John XXIII, and, following his death, was elected to the See of Peter on June 21, 1963. Immediately continuing the work begun by his predecessors, he brought the Second Vatican Council to its completion and began many initiatives that showed his solicitude for the Church and the contemporary world. He exercised his Supreme Magisterium favoring peace, promoting the progress of peoples, the inculturation of the Faith, ecumenism, and liturgical reform. By his authority, he promulgated the Calendar, the Missal, and the Liturgy of the Hours, the Pontifical, and nearly all of the Ritual for the Roman Rite. He died at Castel Gandolfo on August 6, 1978.

The History of Memorial Day



Remember -
our fallen heroes.
They are the reason
that we are free.

Originally called Decoration Day, from the early tradition of decorating graves with flowers, wreaths and flags, Memorial Day is a day for remembrance of those who have died in service to our country. It was first widely observed on May 30, 1868 to commemorate the sacrifices of Civil War soldiers, by proclamation of Gen. John A. Logan of the Grand Army of the Republic, an organization of former Union sailors and soldiers. During that first national commemoration, former Union Gen. and sitting Ohio Congressman James Garfield made a speech at Arlington National Cemetery, after which 5,000 participants helped to decorate the graves of more than 20,000 Union and Confederate soldiers who were buried there. This event was inspired by local observances of the day that had taken place in several towns throughout America in the three years after the Civil War. In 1873, New York was the first state to designate Memorial Day as a legal holiday. By the late 1800’s, many more cities and communities observed Memorial Day, and several states had declared it a legal holiday. In 1971, Congress passed the Uniform Monday Holiday Act and established that Memorial Day was to be commemorated on the last Monday of May.

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.

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.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS the family and friends of “Toots” Yuhas who was laid to rest last week. Welcoming God, receive from our hands the loved ones we return to You.

Donations to the parish May 17: Adults - \$1,409.75; Children - \$2.00; Monthly - \$29.00; St. Vincent de Paul - \$170.00; Cemetery - \$5.00; Holy Day - \$42.00; Mother’s Day - \$102.00; Mission - \$5.00; Pentecost - \$6.00; Missalettes - \$10.00. Total Collection: \$1,780.75.

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