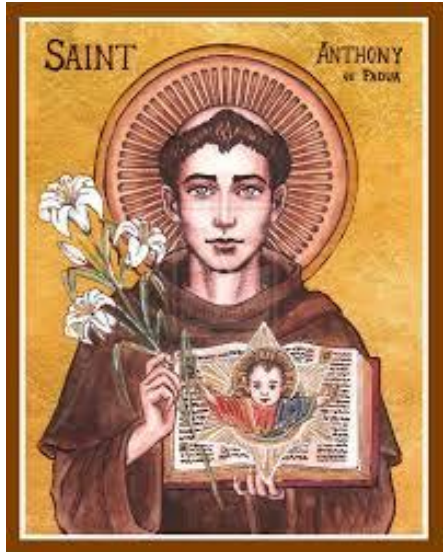


**June 14, 2020**  
***The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ***  
**THE FAITH COMMUNITY OF**  
**ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI**

*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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***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

**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS** the children of the Parish who received Our Lord for the first time in Holy Communion on Saturday, June 13: *Brody Bradley, Ayden Mayko, Kennedy Newman, Desmond Wojno, Morgan Woodruff*. May God Bless you as continue your Journey of Faith.

**PARISH OFFICE** will be open **from 9:00AM until 12Noon Monday, June 21 thru Thursday, June 25.**

**CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR PARISH LAST WEEK:** Adults - \$2,201.94; Children - \$4.00; Monthly - \$298.00; Holy Day - \$30.00; Candles - \$3.00; St. Vincent de Paul - \$100.00; Peter's Pence - \$5.00; Pentecost - \$45.00; Father's Day - \$55.00; Mother's Day - \$10.00; Cemetery - \$95.00; Catholic Communication - \$10.00; Misc. - \$100.00 Total Collection - \$2,956.94. *Thank you Parishioners who are continuing to send in/bring in your offering envelopes. It is deeply appreciated! God Bless! fr. Anthony Francis*

**THANK YOU** to Georgetta LaBuda and family for purchasing the Paschal Candle this year in memory of the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of +Vincent LaBuda. May God Bless you for your generosity.

**ROSARY SOCIETY** will meet on Monday, July 6 at 6:00PM. Please join us for Rosary, Reflection and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

**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.

**THERE WILL BE AN INDOOR ABBREVIATED CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION** following the 9:30AM Mass on Sunday, June 14, the Solemnity of the Body & Blood of Christ. Please remain in your seat for the entire procession. What a beautiful way to begin our re-opening – to honor Our Lord as our Food on our Journey of Faith. *“The Eucharist stands at the center of the Church’s life. In it Christ offers Himself to the Father for us involving us in His sacrifice, and gives Himself to us as the Bread of Life for our journey along the paths of the world.”* Pope St. John Paul the Great

**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 it 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 **ACTIVITY CENTER**. Please sign the sign-up 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

Confirmation- Wednesday, July 1 – 6:30PM  
Monday, July 6 – Rosary Society – 6:00PM  
Sunday – August 2 – Parish Family Picnic?? Watch the bulletin for details

**There are modifications/restrictions/recommendations concerning the re-opening of our Parish. There are concerns regarding the coronavirus (COVID-19) since the virus is still that silent enemy around us. We need to realize that no matter how many precautions we take, there remains a risk of contracting/spreading the virus.**

Here is what we need to know and be cautious about:

1. Weekend Masses are Saturday at 4 p.m. and Sunday at 7:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. These Masses will be celebrated in the Activity Center – the main reason is that due to SOCIAL DISTANCING , our Parish Church can accommodate only 60 people. We are able to accommodate a greater number in the Activity Center.

SINCE WE DO NOT KNOW AT THIS TIME HOW MANY PEOPLE WILL BE COMING TO MASS, I'd RATHER BE PREPARED FOR A GREATER NUMBER, SHOULD NUMBERS BE SMALLER THAN WE EXPECT WE WILL MOVE TO THE CHURCH. I am not sure about how many weekends we will be utilizing the Activity Center;

2. Weekday Masses are Mon., Wed, Thurs, Fri and Sat. at 9 a.m. while Mass on Tuesday is at 6:15 p.m. in the Church.

Whether we are in the Activity Center or the Church, we are asked to honor the wearing of facial masks and social distancing. The Activity Center will be set-up in 3 sections of chairs;

Section 1 – single chairs

Section 2 – 2 single chairs to accommodate a couple

Section 3 – 4 – 6 chairs to accommodate family members who RESIDE IN THE SAME

HOUSEHOLD

3. As long as Weekend Masses are in the Activity Center, Confessions will be heard on Saturday at 3:15 p.m. in the Activity Center – Confessions on Tuesdays before Mass will be heard in the Church.

The Church has been arranged by blue tape closing off entry to every other pew. Again, please be aware of SOCIAL DISTANCING in the open pews.

### WHAT CAN WE EXPECT AT MASS?

1. Sorry but facial masks are to be worn at all times unless a person is receiving the Holy Eucharist on the tongue; (it is being highly recommended that persons receive in the hand rather than on the tongue;

2. Social distancing;

3. No physical contact at the Sign of Peace; (nod the head, wave the hand, blow a kiss);

4. Little communal singing;

5. No presentation of the bread and wine at the Offertory;

6. An usher will be holding a collection container before Mass begins and at the very end of Mass for your offertory/ there will be no collection during the Mass;

A few questions that are probably on the minds of many people are:

HOW LONG MIGHT WE BE DOING THIS?

The Bishop has not indicated how long we will have to endure these restrictions.

WHEN WILL THE OBLIGATION TO ATTEND MASS RETURN?

Good question but again there has been no directive concerning this question from the Bishop or the Pennsylvania Conference of Bishops or the USCCB. I guess we need to take 1 step at a time and 1 day at a time.

I sincerely thank you all for your understanding, cooperation and patience in regard to the above matters.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK OR HOMEBOUND

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

***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. 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.

*“I am the Living Bread come down from Heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this Bread shall live forever.” John 6:51*