

SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

(Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston)

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APRIL 20, 2025 EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

OUR MISSION

-In the spirit of Saint Francis, we, the church family, strive to discover Christ's peace in us and in each aspect of creation by welcoming and walking hand in hand with our brothers and sisters on our faith journey-



"IF GOD CAN WORK THROUGH ME, HE CAN WORK THROUGH ANYONE." - SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI

A WARM WELCOME TO SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH!

To register as a new or returning member of the Parish, please contact the parish office at 304-727-3033. The parish community will be indeed delighted to have you.

SUNDAYS READINGS P. 1079 Year C



21 Monday	22 Tuesday	23 Wednesday	24 Thursday	25 Friday	26 Saturday	27 Sunday
Acts 2:14, 22-23 Mt 28:8-15 (261)	Acts 2:36-41 Jn 20: 11-18 (262)	Acts 3:1-10 Lk 24:13-25 (263)	Acts 3:11-26 Lk 24:35-48(264)	Acts 4:1-12 Jn2 1:1-14 (265)	Acts 4:13-21 Mk 16:9-15(266)	Acts 5:12-16 Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19 Jn 20: 19-31(45)

PARISH INFORMATION

Date	Mass Time	Mass Intention	Lector	Extraordinary Minister(s)	Altar Servers	Rosary Leader
SAT APR 19	8:00 pm	Jack, Keith & Betty Farley By Suzanne Farley	Dawna Kessler Shaun Lopez Pat Romanosky Jacque Switzer	Jennifer Lopez (X) Midge Butler (C) Helen Musrock (C)	Danny Kessler Hadley Heumann Carlee Stone	Pat Romanosky
SUN APR 20	11:00 am	Intentions of the people of the parish	Mark Muchow	Bill Tabor (X) Jennifer Lopez (C) Suzanne Farley (C)	Mighty Lopez Sagrada Lopez Gia Lopez	Sarah Palmer
MON APR 21	—	—	—	—	—	—
TUE APR 22	6:00 pm	Mary E. Moran By Tony and Mary Jane Gertz	Pat Romanosky	Suzanne Farley	—	—
WED APR 23	8:15 am	William G. Gertz By Tony and Mary Jane Gertz	School Students	Pat Tabor	School Students	—
THU APR 24	8:15 am	—	—	—	—	—
FRI APR 25	6:00 pm	Larry & Dierdre Dunworth	Dawna Kessler	Midge Butler	—	—
SAT APR 26	5:00 pm	Intentions of the people of the parish	Fred Heindl	Leslie Huffman (X) Midge Butler (C) Helen Musrock (C)	Volunteers	Midge Butler
SUN APR 27	11:00 am	Fr. Patrick McDonough By Nilda Ramella	Tom Williams	Paul Niedbalski (X) Mary Sanney (C) John Carnell (C)	Ethan Knapp Mairin Knapp Fischer Bramble	Tamara Buell

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday

Rosary: 4:30 pm

Mass: 5:00 pm

Sunday

Rosary: 10:30 am

Mass: 11:00 am

Weekdays

Tue: 6:00 pm

Wed: 8:15 am

Thurs: 8:15 am

Fri: 6:00 pm

Adoration

For rental of church facilities (parish center, gym, cafeteria), please contact:

Mary Nichols
304-727-9832

St Francis of Assisi Parish And School Staff

Father Sojan Xavier, Pastor..... (304) 435-4342 / sxavier@dwc.org
 Parish Secretary, Liz Liberatore..... (304) 727-3033 / parish@stfranciswv.org
 Gwen Muchow, Bookkeeper..... (304) 727-3033 / gwenbmuchow@stfranciswv.org
 Nanette Martin, Music Director..... (304) 727-3033 / nmartin@stfranciswv.org
 Sandi Hudson, Religion Director.....(304) 549-4009 / shudson@stfranciswv.org
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 Paul Niedbalski, Knights of Columbus.....(304)545-5100 / ginoooffice@aol.com
 Shaun Lopez, Pastoral Council President.....(681)439-0421 / shnlopez@gmail.com
 Fred Heindl, Property Manager.....(304)415-5942

Pastoral Availability

Father Sojan is available any time of day or night for spiritual guidance. If you or a family member is sick / homebound & require Communion or Sacrament of Anointing, contact him (304-435-4342) or the parish office.

Marriage Preparation

Engaged couples planning to marry at St. Francis should be practicing Catholics & are required to participate in a Marriage Preparation Program. 6 months notice is required. Contact the office to discuss date of marriage.

Order of Christian Initiation

Children ages 7-17& adults who have not been baptized or baptized but not confirmed go through a faith formation program before they are admitted to the sacraments.

Parish Office Hours Tues-Fri 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

“HE IS RISEN—A NEW DAWN FOR ALL”



Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is truly risen! Easter morning bursts upon us like the sun after a long, dark night. The stone is rolled away. The tomb is empty. The final word is not death but life, not despair but hope, not sorrow but joy. This is the mystery and miracle of Easter – that out of the silence of the grave comes the thunderous proclamation of resurrection.

The resurrection of Jesus is not merely an event to be remembered; it is a power to be lived. It transforms graves into gardens, fear into faith, and endings into new beginnings. On that first Easter morning, the women came to anoint a body and instead encountered the Risen Lord.

Their sorrow turned into mission. Their silence gave way to the good news that has echoed through the ages: He is not here. He has risen!

In a world often shrouded in the shadows of suffering, violence, and despair, Easter calls us to be people of the dawn. It invites us to live as Easter people – people who believe that love is stronger than hate, that peace is possible, and that God’s light can break into even the darkest places of our lives.

Let us rise with Christ. Let us roll away the stones of doubt, fear, and hopelessness. Let us live with Easter hearts – full of joy, courage, and a passion for new life. For Christ is risen, and because He lives, we too can face tomorrow with confidence and grace.

To all of my Parish family, May the Risen Lord fill your heart with peace, your spirit with joy, and your life with new purpose. This Easter, may you encounter Jesus anew – not only in the empty tomb, but in the everyday moments of grace, in the faces of those you love, and in the quiet strength that comes from knowing you are never alone. Christ is risen! Let us rise with Him.

Blessed and Joyous Easter!

Fr. Sojan Xavier

Divine Mercy Sunday is April 27th. The Divine Mercy Chaplet is a Catholic prayer that implores God’s mercy, often recited using a rosary, will be said after the 11:00am Mass on April 27th.

Easter Flowers at the Altar are in honor/memory of...

- ◆ In memory of Jane Duran and Mary & John Duran by Paul Duran
- ◆ In memory of the members of the Bowerman, Grubler, Liberatore and Palmer Families
- ◆ In memory of Jamey by Ivan and Jean Swanson
- ◆ In memory of Eileen Orlando by Tom and Kim Williams
- ◆ In memory of Matthew Tabor and Andrew Elsea by Bill and Pat Tabor
- ◆ In memory of Jack & Betty Farley, Judy Leach, Keith Farley, Al & Margaret Clendenning, and Nancy Kaczmarzyk by Suzanne Farley
- ◆ In memory of Roger Randolph by Grace Randolph
- ◆ In memory of Sam and Marilyn Arose by Kim Keiffer
- ◆ In memory of Bill & Jo Taylor and Rudy & Lou Gruse by Vicki and Joe Gruse
- ◆ In memory of Louis & Norma Paulin and Bill & Betty Heindl by Fred and Jean Ann Heindl
- ◆ In memory of George, Teddy and Tim Gabbert by the Family
- ◆ By Chris and Regina McGrath
- ◆ In memory of the Ramella and Peduzzi Families by Nilda Ramella
- ◆ In memory of Mary Jo Hannah by Bobbi Hannah
- ◆ In memory of Michael & Bertha DeLuca, Fred & Ruth Barnhill, Joe Scarcella, and Rosy Xavier by David and Terry DeLuca
- ◆ In memory of all of the lost souls by Joe and Tracy McGrath
- ◆ In memory of Mr. and Mrs. Frank LeDonne and the deceased members of the LeDonne and Kovack families by Marianne LeDonne
- ◆ In memory of Kelly Liberatore by Tom and Liz Liberatore
- ◆ In memory of Joe and Page by Marti Lucas
- ◆ In memory of Mr. & Mrs. Sam LeRose and Mr. & Mrs. Francis Hoh by Mike and Cay Hoh
- ◆ In loving memory of John & Lucy Marra, Harry & Adele Groom and Marion Hillabold by David & Micki Marra
- ◆ In memory of Al Romanosky by Pat Romanosky
- ◆ In memory of Helen & Ray Rogers by John and Kelley Rogers
- ◆ In memory of Dan Musrock by Helen Musrock
- ◆ In memory of Bob Dilley, Rose & French Dilley and Nina & Paul Groh by Mary Dilley
- ◆ In Memory of Mario Mendez Jr. by Mario and Phyllis Mendez



St. Francis School Bread Sharing and Hand Washing



Bread is a symbol of sharing and caring for one another

NEWS AND UPDATES



CHURCH NURSERY

We will now have a nursery for our 11am mass. If you have a child that is 5 or younger (not started kindergarten yet) you may drop them off before mass and pick them up after. It will be 1 adult and 1 teen helper. It will be in the pre-school class near the water fountains. Please see Jennifer Lopez if you would like to be an adult volunteer.

“ Let this Year of Hope energize our mission to lead others to Jesus. Place your trust in God who created you to do good works.”

-Bishop Mark Brennan

PLEASE NOTE

Kindly note that the main gate to the church premises will remain closed on school days (Monday to Friday) from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM for everyone's safety and security.

However, the walk-in gate will remain open during this time. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation.



BLESSING BOX

St. Francis Blessing Box is located at the corner of 6th Avenue and Park Street. Your donation is a gift to someone in need. A blue bin has been placed in the back of church to collect donated items. Items greatly needed are canned goods, noodles, peanut butter, jelly, bread, and soups

NEWS AND UPDATES

Thank you Mrs. Bernadette McMasters for your service



NEW BIBLE STUDY GROUP ON ZOOM

“What exactly IS the Bible?” “What does it have to do with our life today?” “Why should we study it?” “How can we understand it today?” Those are just a few of the questions that many people ask – and are well worthy of exploration. Father John Finnell is planning to begin a new Bible study group, by ZOOM only, on a weekday evening, primarily (but not necessarily exclusively) for younger adults in the 20 – 40 age range. Exact day and time has not yet been determined. If you are interested, please email Fr. John at snowman25303@hotmail.com to get more information, to state your particular interests and to indicate days and times that would be best for you.



Prayer List

Please review our prayer list published in the bulletin. Contact the church office to add or remove names. Thank you!

304-727-3033 or parsh@stfranciswv.org

Share your special dates with the church community, Birthday or Anniversary

The community would love to celebrate and rejoice with you on special occasions. We would be delighted to congratulate you during church services and include your wedding anniversary—or any other significant anniversary—in our monthly bulletin.

To make this possible, please share the date of your wedding or any important occasion with us. We'll ensure it's included in the bulletin each month, so we can honor and celebrate with you.

Thank you, and we look forward to celebrating these special milestones together!

-Uphold them in your prayers-

David DeLuca, Jay Dlugos, Suzanne Farley, Nona Fields, Jo Fletcher, Debbie Flinger, Liz Gadd, Barbara George, Alaina Rae Gilbert, Robin Gothard, Aubrie Hebb, Donna Hebb, Nancy Hillen, Diane Holley-Brown, Jane Howley, Max Huck, Kenny Huck, Virgil Huck, Bud Humphreys, Carmelina Kessler, Dawna Kessler, Tooter Kirk, Barbara Lambert, Larry Lerose, Madison Lopez, Susan Lopez, Nanette Martin, Sue Martin, Brent Marsteller, Mary McNeely, Joe McQuaide, Lillian Matheny, Kim McBurney, Mario Mendez, Jack Myatt, Susan Robinson, Diana Rossi, Patricia Ruddle, Scarlett (child), Lillian Schilling, Michael Scott, Peggy Shelton, Matt Sowers, Becky Vannatter Smith, Elizabeth Stonestreet, Joseph Swanson, Valerie Tabit, Pat Tabor, Colleen Ullmer, Joyce Weiskircher, Roberta VanHorn, Pat Vannatter, Robbie Vannatter, Barbara Yeager, Jack Myatt, Gordon Holbrook

Immediate Prayer needs:

Chad Wilbanks	Anna Ng	Darlene Holland
Nanette Martin	John Carnell	Mary Sanney
Alaina Rae Gilbert	Josephine Fletcher	Michele Stugeon
Rick Robinson	Matt Sowers	Patty Young
Terry DeLuca	Dave Lucas	
Margaret McEvoy	Ralph Holland	

NEWS AND UPDATES

Sharing our Treasury

Listed below are collections for April 12 & 13, 2025

Collection for Church Operation.....	\$4,807.00
School.....	\$440.00
Diocese.....	\$10.00
Votive Candles.....	\$101.00
Easter lowers.....	\$40.00

Total.....\$5,398.00
Weekly Mass Attendance

Sat- 78 Sun- 140 TOTAL-218

Collections for Church Operations



Collections for Church Operations as of
 April 13, 2025

Adoration

Friday, May 2, 12 pm—6:00pm



"Look upon the hour of adoration assigned to you as an hour in paradise".

If you have any meetings or important information you would like in the bulletin, please email it to: parish@stfranciswv.org by Wednesday at noon to be printed in that weeks bulletin.



Fr. Sojan will be away from the Parish from April 23rd—May 24th. Safe travels Father!

Safe Environment Reporting Statement

The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston maintains an Office of Safe Environment in accordance with the USCCB's Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People. **To Report Suspected Cases of Sexual Abuse of Children:** The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston encourages reporting to civil authorities first and foremost if a crime has been committed. We also encourage utilizing www.reportbishopabuse.org to make a report about any bishop in the U.S. If you have reason to believe that a bishop has engaged in sexual misconduct, please contact civil authorities in the applicable jurisdiction and visit www.reportbishopabuse.org. **To Report to Civil Authorities:** Contact your local law enforcement; numbers will vary based on your location. If you believe someone is in immediate danger, call 911. **To confidentially report any incidence of suspected child abuse or neglect, including sexual abuse,** contact the West Virginia Bureau for Children and Families' Child Protective Services by calling the Child Abuse Hotline at 800.352.6513. **To Report to Diocesan Authorities:** In addition to civil authorities, the diocese encourages reporting to the appropriate church authorities. **To report suspected cases of sexual abuse of children by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese,** contact one of the following designees at 1.888.434.6237 or 304.233.0880: Mr. Bryan Minor, ext. 263; Mr. Tim Bishop, ext. 353; Sr. Martha Gomez, ext. 264. Or you may call Rev. Don Higgs, 304.685.2367, the Office of Safe Environment at 304.230.1504, or Victims Assistance Coordinator Erin McFarland at 304.559.6742. In addition to the methods listed above for reporting sexual abuse, the Diocese also has partnered with Navex Global to offer the **EthicsPoint** platform to report other, additional concerns, such as suspected financial, professional, and personal misconduct of a priest, deacon, religious, or lay employee of the Diocese or any Catholic parish or school in West Virginia. The EthicsPoint platform can be accessed via www.dwc.org, under "Accountability", then "Report Misconduct" or by calling 844.723.8381. EthicsPoint is a third-party reporting system that reports to civil authorities where applicable and Diocesan authorities, and the identity of the person reporting is protected.