



# Saint Francis of Assisi Church

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## Parish Staff

Pastor/Religious Education Director:  
Father Patrick McDonough  
Music Director: Nanette Martin  
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1<sup>st</sup> Communion Coordinator: Sandi Hudson

## Pastor's Study

What is the most important treasure in our lives? Most of us would say "my family – my mom, dad, husband, wife, our children". Family begins with God's gift of love for each other. Such love is joy, comfort, sacrifice, patience, mutual assistance, and encouragement.

Love always begins with great hope and happiness. As Jesus teaches us today in our Mass, the two become one. Then out of love between father and mother comes life. How precious, how beautiful are our children.

But in this world all the hopes and joy of original love can be destroyed by evil. Like in the most beautiful garden, weeds begin to grow: selfishness, unfaithfulness, deceit, anger, addiction. So what was once our greatest blessing becomes our largest curse.

Jesus – who blesses all, loves all – teaches us how to avoid such tragedy. When we ignore the words of Jesus and seek only our own individual happiness, the sacred bond is broken. Our love is strongest when we are givers and not takers. True love for another allows us to make each sacrifice not a burden, but a joy.

## School Staff

Principal: Erin Sikora  
Office Manager: Kelly Oxley

The family that prays together stays together. How beautiful the hour when mom and dad pray with their children in a Christian home. The Catholic family gathers for Mass each Sunday as Jesus comes to us in Holy Communion.

There is a small town in Israel called Cana. There Jesus attended a wedding between a couple and blessed their married life. May Jesus bless your precious family.



Fr Pat invites everyone to attend Bible Study: Thursdays at 6:00 pm at the Rectory!

## Mass Schedule:

Wednesdays at 8:15 am  
Saturdays at 5:00 pm  
Sundays at 8:30 am  
Sundays at 11:00 am  
Sundays on Facebook at 11:00 am  
Confession – Saturdays at 4:30 pm

## Rectory Office hours:

Monday – closed  
Tues – Fri – 10:00 am to 5:00 pm

## Mass Schedule

Wed	October 06	8:15 am	Deceased members of the Knights of Columbus
Sat	October 09	5:00 pm	Helen Garska by Jane Howley
Sun	October 10	8:30 am	Michael Regalla
Sun	October 10	11:00 am	Helen and Ray Rogers by family
Sun	October 10	11:00 am	[online Mass] Intentions of the people of the parish

Remember in your prayers...

We lift up those who are sick & those who have asked for our prayers: Peter Anania, Mary Berry, Sandie Bowen, Mary Berentes, Cyndy Brown, Dolores Buhl, Rudy C. (child), Jim Carey, Eddie Carper, Suzanne Carte, Charles Chandler, Sharon Charbonniez, Gina Crist, Bertha DeLuca, David DeLuca, Dominic (child), Jay Dlugos, Polly Downey, Mary Downing, Louise and George Elliott, Suzanne Farley, Nona Fields, Jo Fletcher, Jose Flores, Deborah Garrett, Robin Gothard, Anthony Graham, Wanda Graham, Dewayne Harris, Tara Harrison, David Harwood, Ann Harvill, Aubrie Hebb, Laurie Hebb, Carolyn Holstein, Larry Hudson, Mary Ellen Hughes, Bud Humphreys, Chris Fletcher, Linda Fletcher, Jim Johnson, Dawna Kessler, Charles Lacy, Larry Lerose, Madison Lopez, Susan Lopez, Mike & Sue Martin, Brent Marstellar, Claudia McDonald, Janet McDowell, Karah McKinney, Benny McNeely, Mary McNeely, Mason Jeffrey Metrie, Joe McQuaide, Lillian Matheny, Larry Meeks, Dayna Miller, Sue Miller, Lucas Mitchell (child), Vicky Moon, Mark Moreland, Cheryl Morgan, Leandra Morlan, Dwight Morris, Haidi Moussa, Barbara Murray, Marie Nelson, Sarah Newcomb, Ed Parrish, Cheryl Parsons, Debbie Parsons, Harrison Patronik, Brianna Peterson, Jamie Peterson, Walter Pinkerton, Cindy Powers, John Radochio, Angie Ransom, Chuck Ratcliff, Shirley Rectenwald, Amber Rinehart, Angelo Ritson, Susan Robinson, Jensen Rogers, Eddie Rowan, Jim Ruch, John & Pat Ruddle, Ann Russell, Bob Sanney, Lee Sargent, Scarlett (baby), Pat Scates, Mary Catherine Seli, Mark Shoemaker, Bob Smith, Chuck Smith, Jean Smith, Teresa Smith, Joseph Swanson, the Thomblin family, Charlie Truitt, Colleen Ullmer, Monica Watkins, Judy Watson, Stan White, Roberta VanHorn, Nancy Vannatter, Pat Vannatter, Robbie Vannatter, Brenda Venturino.

*Please join us in prayer as we ask for God's guidance & protection of our military men & women serving in dangerous combat areas of the world: "Lord, hold our troops in Your loving hands, especially those associated with Saint Francis of Assisi parish."*

*Matthew Todd Bacchus, Nicholas Fletcher, Bill & Mike Hebb, Daniel Huffman, Will Knox, Brian Zachary Miller*

Immediate prayer needs:

Marie Nelson  
 Jamie Swanson  
 Carolyn Holstein  
 Darrell Herold  
 Jay Dlugos

***If you or a loved one need a priest to visit you while in the hospital or an extended care facility, please contact the church office at 304 727 3033. Father Charles Anemelu is the chaplain for our vicariate and he is happy to make visits. Please call the church office and we can assist you in arranging a visit. Thank you!***

### Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston:

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