

Saint Francis of Assisi Church

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Pastor's Study

Saint Francis of Assisi lived in Italy almost a thousand years ago. He was born in a wealthy family. As a young man, he went to war and became a prisoner of war.

In his time of captivity, he turned his life over to God. Francis decided to follow Jesus in every way. Giving away his possessions, he vowed to spend his life helping other people. At first – living by himself – he prayed constantly. Soon other people decided to be like Francis. Saint Clare also decided to live a fuller Christian life. These followers are known as Franciscans.

Our Saint Francis became very much like Jesus. He was compassionate, wise, caring, cheerful. Even the animals could sense his kindness and goodness. At the end of his life, Francis inspired all who knew him through his Christian values. He rejoiced in God's beautiful universe. He sought a peaceful end to the Crusaders war with Islam. He was marked with the wounds of Jesus, called the stigmata.

Franciscan missionaries began our own beautiful parish. What wonderful priests they were. Franciscans started the hospital in Charleston. One person called by God can make a huge difference. Let us pray that we hear the call of God and spend our lives praising God and bringing blessings to everyone our lives touch.

Please note the following:

**Wednesdays – Mass at 8:15 am

**Confession in the sacristy on Saturdays at 4:30 pm
**Mass on Saturdays at 5:00 pm and Sundays at 11:00 am
**Mass on Facebook, Sundays at 11:00 am

Christmas Basket Information:

*Due to decreased Mass attendance and lower collections, we are concerned that we will not be able to sponsor as many families as we normally do. In order to give the Ministerial Assoc/ St Marks an accurate number of baskets we will be able to provide, we must have our donations by **mid-November**. Please place your donations in the basket in the front marked for Christmas baskets or mail your check to the rectory with the notation on the check or envelope "Christmas baskets". Thank you!*

Announcements

Food Pantry Needs:

The food pantry is currently in desperate need of toiletries. Thank you for your bountiful support of this critical need in our community.

Collection week of September 26-27

*Diocese collections.....\$4255.00
School.....\$0
Church.....\$2,418.50
Total Collection.....\$2,673.50*

Mass Schedule

Wed	October 07	8:15 am	Betty Coll
Sat	October 10	5:00 pm	Blase K. Sacus
Sun	October 11	11:00 am	Bill Oxley, Barbara Blanchett, & Jamey Stover by Marie Oxley & family
Sun	October 11	11:00 am (online)	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: Kelly Adkins, Peter Anania, Marilyn Arose, Scott Barr, Maureen & Chris Barrett, Mary Berry, Sandie Bowen, Bob Bright, Cyndy Brown, Dolores Buhl, Eddie Carper, Suzanne Carte, Charles Chandler, Gina Crist, Ryan D., Darlena & Ashley Day, Bertha DeLuca, Dominic (child), Polly Downey, Mary Downing, Jane Englebrecht, Suzanne Farley, Nona Fields, Jo Fletcher, Colin Floria, Dr. Jaclyn Gabriel, Deborah Garrett, Anthony Graham, Elijah H., Barbara Hager, Dewayne Harris, Tara Harrison, David Harwood, Laurie Hebb, Baby Henry, Jim Hudson, Larry Hudson, Mary Ellen Hughes, Bud Humphreys, Chris Fletcher, Linda Fletcher, Mike Gallagher, Carol Graley, Jamee Sanney Griffin, Rose Jacobs, Jennifer, Charlotte Jensen, Jim Johnson, Dawna Kessler, Charles Lacy, Larry Lerose, Madison Lopez, Susan Lopez, Paul Lowen, Mike & Sue Martin, Brent Marsteller, Claudia McDonald, Janet McDowell, Karah McKinney, Mason Jeffrey Metrie, Joe McQuaide, Lillian Matheny, Richard Martin, Sharon Meadows, Larry Meeks, Mia (child), Dayna Miller, Sue Miller, Lucas Mitchell (child), Vicky Moon, Mark Moreland, Cheryl Morgan, Barbara Murray, Marie Nelson, Sarah Newcomb, Harrison Patronik, Sandy & Paul Phinney, Walter Pinkerton, Tiffany Quinlan, Linda & John Radochio, Angie Ransom, Shirley Rectenwald, Amber Rinehart, Angelo Ritson, Susan Robinson, Jim Rose, Eddie Rowan, Jim Ruch, John & Pat Ruddle, Bob Sanney, Mary Sanney, Lee Sargent, Mary Catherine Seli, Mark Shoemaker, Bob Smith, Chuck Smith, Jean Smith, Teresa Smith, Herman Strain, Kathleen Stout, Joseph Swanson, Charlie Truitt, Amanda Trail, Colleen Ullmer, Dorothy Valley, Monica Watkins, Judy Watson, Stan White, Nancy Vannatter, Pat Vannatter.

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, Nick Bowen, Christopher Patrick Brown, Justin Cartmill, Robert & William Cremering, Nicholas Fletcher, Bill & Mike Hebb, Daniel Huffman, Will Knox, Brian Zachary Miller

Immediate prayer needs:

Scarlett (child, niece of Lynn & Patrick Fenimore)

Rudy C. (child)

Florio and Pennington families

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Mrs. Betty Coll and Mrs. Rose Franciose and Mrs. Kathleen Stout. Also pray for their loved ones in their time of loss.

Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston

To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact WV Child Protective Services at 800.352.6513. To report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, please contact one of the Bishop's designees at 888.434.6237 or 304.233.0880: Sister Ellen Dunn, ext. 264; Mr. Bryan Minor, ext. 263; Mr. Tim Bishop, ext. 353; Fr. Dennis Schuelkens, ext. 270 or call the Office of Safe Environment at 304.230.1504