

# SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

(Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston)



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**MARCH 03, 2024**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

## LITURGY SCHEDULE

### Saturday

Confession: 4-4:45pm

Rosary: 4:30 pm

Mass: 5:00 pm

### Sunday

Rosary: 10:30 am

Mass: 11:00 am

### Weekdays

Tue: 6:00 pm

Wed/Thur/Fri:

8:15 am

## Adoration/Stations

Fridays

6:00 pm (Adoration)

6:30 pm (Stations)

## Parish Office Hours

Tuesday through Friday

9:00 am to 1:00 pm



"This is my be-  
loved Son; Listen  
to Him"



## 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



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**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.

04 Monday	05 Tuesday	06 Wednesday	07 Thursday	08 Friday	09 Saturday	10 Sunday
2 Kings 5:1-15ab Lk 4:24-30 (237)	Dn 3:25, 34-43 Mt 18:21-35 (238)	Dt 4:1, 5-9 Mt 5:17-19 (239)	Jer 17:5-10 Lk 16:19-31 (233)	Hos 14:2-10 Mk 12:28-34 (241)	Hos 6:1-6 Lk 18:9-14 (242)	2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23 Eph 2:4-10 Jn 3:14-21 (32)
Saint Casimir			Saints Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs	Saint John of God, Religious	Saint Frances of Rome, Religious	Laetare Sunday

# Worship the Lord in Spirit and Truth



Renovating or re-locating a house is one of the traumatic experiences. It requires, removing all the

junk gathered over the years. At the same time one of the benefits of such exercise, however, is that we get rid of all the junk we have accumulated since our last move or renovation.

The Ten Commandments given to Moses by God had been divided into two divisions: a) duty towards God, and b) duty towards neighbor. One of the laws given later in Israel's history was to facilitate the worship of God, which is required of the Ten Commandments, and which allowed the people of Israel to sell their livestock for money, travel to the Temple, and purchase other livestock for sacrifice. This made a pilgrimage to the Temple easier: you did not need to travel with your flocks or herds, just bring money in your pocket. However, gradually this allowance to buy in the temple premises, gave rise to an extremely profitable business that took advantage of the Jewish pilgrims. Thus, the Israelites failed to observe the Law in its entirety, invented man-made traditions and the religious authority of Jesus enforced them on to the people. Thus, in the Jewish religious worship so-called junk had infiltrated.

In today's gospel passage, we find that Jesus enters the Temple, then, as a sort of 'embodiment' of the Law. Jesus was aware of the huge religious and political significance of the temple in his day, and yet he challenged it, and he challenged those responsible for it because he recognized that the temple was not serving God's purposes, i.e. true worship in spirit. Hence, Jesus thunders, 'Stop turning my Father's house into a market'. The temple was to be God's house, God's home, a place where all people could feel at home in God's presence. The activities associated with the market in and around the Temple were preventing the temple from being the home that God wanted it to be, a spiritual home for all the nations. Jesus saw that here was an institution in need of reform.

At the same time. what is happening here is not merely the removal of unwanted items; by this symbolic act, Jesus is calling all the peoples of the

earth to worship God "in spirit and truth." True worshippers, he will tell us later in the gospel, are those who worship the Father in spirit and truth.

One thing that we must realize is that the church exists to serve the purposes of God, the purposes of God's Son, in the world. However, inevitably, because the church is composed of human beings, it can also serve as a block to God's purposes. The church is called to be the sacrament of Christ, to reveal the powerful and life-giving presence of Christ to the world. Care must be taken to see that its members do not reveal a distorted image of Christ to the world, one that is not fully in keeping with the gospels. In the 2nd Reading, Paul sets God's wisdom over human wisdom, God's power over human strength. We cannot substitute God's Wisdom with human wisdom, lest we add clutter to the sanctity of the Church.

This reading also alludes to the fact that our liturgical acts are not merely gatherings or experiences. To worship means to acknowledge the transcendence of God, and his claim on us as our creator, and to respond appropriately. From deep within our self-springs the desire to worship and adore God. Getting in tune with that desire and expressing it through word and gesture is at the heart of prayer and worship.

Further, to worship in spirit and truth, we must prepare our hearts and minds by being faithful to the covenant relationship (keeping the commandments) and seeking the wisdom of God, which is the wisdom of the cross. We must let Jesus cleanse us of all the junk we carry with us on our life journey. i.e. leave our sins behind, and simplify our lives, thus getting rid of any needless clutter. Then we can enter into the new Temple, which is Jesus himself, praying in and through him. When we receive the sacraments in docility and faith, Christ enters and "cleans up" our Temple – especially through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, to which we should have frequent recourse during this season of Lent. If we are to properly worship God, we must leave behind everything that gets in the way, then enter into that secret chamber which is the side of Christ, and there worship the Father in spirit and truth.

As we take the Eucharist this Lord's Day, let's ask Jesus to continue to 'clean our Temple' during the rest of this Lent, as we stay faithful to our practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. May the Lord help us in our efforts.

### Pastoral Availability

Father Sojan is available at any time of the day or night for spiritual guidance. Additionally, if you or your family member is sick or homebound and require Communion or the Sacrament of Anointing, you may contact him at 304-435-4342 or the parish office.

### Baptism

(Birth – Age 7) Parents are required to participate in a preparation program before the celebration of Baptism. Parents must be registered and attending Sunday Mass.

### Marriage Preparation

Engaged couples planning to marry at St. Francis of Assisi Church should be practicing Catholics. They are required to participate in a Marriage Preparation Program before the marriage. At least six months advance notice is required for the marriage. Please contact the office in person to set the date for marriage.

### Order of Christian Initiation

Children 7-14 years of age, and Children 15 years of age and older & Adults who have not been baptized or have been baptized and not confirmed go through a faith formation program before they are admitted to the sacraments.

### Faith Formation

Please contact the church office for Faith/ Bible Study, Youth Group, and CCD programs and registration.

For rental of church facilities (parish center, gymnasium, Henderson Room, cafeteria), please contact:  
**Mary Nichols at  
304-727-9832.**

“Happy is the person who remains faithful under trials, because when he succeeds in passing such a test, he will receive as his reward the life which God had promised to those who love him.” (James 1:12)

## **Mass Intentions**

Sat Mar 02	5:00 pm	Marilyn Arose	By Kieffer & Arose families
Sun Mar 03	11:00 am	Intentions of the people of the parish	—
Mon Mar 04	—	No Mass	—
Tues Mar 05	6:00 pm	Jeannie Kendell	By the Stone family
Wed Mar 06	8:15 am	Nguyet Kim Shingleton	By the Stone family
Thur Mar 07	8:15 am	John Reger	By Kathy Shomo
Fri Mar 08	8:15 am	Intentions of Blanca Flores in honor of her birthday	By the Stone family
Sat Mar 09	5:00 pm	Richard Stump	By Gwen Muchow
Sun Mar 10	11:00 am	Intentions of the people of the parish	—

		Reader	Extra-ordinary Minister(s)	Altar Server(s)
Mar 02	5:00 pm	Helen Musrock	Mark Muchow (X) Midge Butler (C), Leslie Huffman (C)	
Mar 03	11:00 am	Dawna Kessler	Suzanne Farley (X) John Carnell (C), Bill Tabor (C)	Fred Heindl, Gia Lopez, Sagrada Lopez
Mar 04	—	—	NO MASS	
Mar 05	6:00 pm	Pat Romanosky	Midge Butler (C)	
Mar 06	8:15 am	Helen Musrock	Pat Tabor (C)	
Mar 07	8:15 am	SFS Students	Jennifer Lopez (C)	
Mar 08	8:15 am	Dawna Kessler	Midge Butler (C)	
Mar 09	5:00 pm	Dave DeLuca	Midge Butler (X) Dave DeLuca (C), Helen Musrock (C)	
Mar 10	11:00 am	Tom Williams	Mary Sanney (X) John Carnell (C), Shaun Lopez (C)	Fred Heindl, Gia Lopez, Sagrada Lopez

### **Sharing our Treasure**

Church.....4,080.00  
Diocese.....25.00  
School .....10.00  
Candle Offering.....38.00

**Total Collection..... 4153.00**

### **Weekly Mass Attendance**

Sat 02/24 67  
Sun 02/25 136

**Total attendance 203**

**OUR PARISH DEPENDS ON THE TIME, TALENTS, AND TREASURE OF OUR PARISHIONERS. WE HOPE YOU WILL SHARE THEM WITH US!**



# Parish Life—Saints of the week..Faith Formation..Prayer Intention

## Saint Casimir, Mar 04



Casimir was born in 1458 to Poland's King Casimir IV and his wife Elizabeth of Austria. When his uncle—the king of Hungary—died, his father took that post and installed Casimir as the king of Hungary. After a failed war, he moved home and resumed studies with the priest that had taught him before. He refused an arranged marriage with the Austrian emperor's daughter. He assisted his father even though he was in poor health and word of his good deeds spread. He was known for helping the needy. Casimir died on March 4, 1484 at the age of just 25.

## Saints Perpetua and Felicity, Mar 07



Saints Perpetua and Felicity, a young noblewoman and her slave, were martyred for their faith in A.D. 203, under the emperor Severus. At the time of their arrest, Perpetua had an infant son, and Felicity was pregnant. While she was in prison, Perpetua wrote about the circumstances leading up to their death in a diary that was later published as *The Passion of Saints Perpetua and Felicity*—one of the earliest writings by a Christian woman. (nationalshrine.org)

## Saint John of God, Mar 08



John was a soldier who had given up his faith. Around the age of 40, he decided to return his life to God and traveled to Africa where he hoped to free captive Christians and, possibly, be martyred. He returned to Spain and counsel by others encouraged him to pursue the betterment of the life of others. He set up a house to tend to the sick poor. He was known for his prayer life and his humility. After 10 years spiritual work, he became ill and died.

## Saint Frances of Rome, Mar 09



Frances was born in the city of Rome in 1384 to a wealthy, noble family. She decided at 11 that she was going to be a nun. Her father arranged a marriage to a noble man instead. At just 13, she was married & entered the social world of nobility. She was miserable. She made friends with her sister-in-law who also wanted a life of service. The two went to Mass and helped the poor. A famine plagued Rome and still Frances gave of her own to help the needy. Civil war broke out in Rome and Frances lost one son and her husband, another son was a hostage. Frances continued to do charitable works and mend her family. After her husband's death, at age 52 she joined a lay order of women and finally lived the life she had dreamed of.

## Stations of the Cross

Fridays at 6:30 pm

LEADERS FOR STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Mar. 8---The Lopezes

Mar. 15—The Hudsons

Mar. 22---St. Francis Youth Group

Mar. 29---The Martins

**Note: during Lent, Friday Mass will be at 8:15 am!**

## Visiting the Sick

Please contact the parish if you would like a visit from Father Sojan and Communion to be brought to your home. This is also available for those who are temporarily homebound—please don't hesitate to reach out so we may visit with you or your loved one.

## 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 parish@stfranciswv.org

## Lenten & Easter Dates—Note your calendars!

**Palm Sunday** March 24 at 11:00 am

**Chrism Mass** March 25 at 4:00 pm

**Holy Thursday** March 28 at 6:00 pm

**Good Friday** March 29 at 6:00 pm

**Stations of the Cross** March 29 at 5:00 pm

**Easter Vigil** March 30 at 8:00 pm

**Easter Sunday** March 31 at 11:00 am

## CCD/PSR

**Sundays at 10:00 am before Mass**

**Youth Group after 11:00 am Mass**

## RCIA Class

**February 28**

**6:00 pm in the Henderson Room**

## LECTIO DIVINO/BIBLE/FAITH STUDY

**FEBRUARY 27 6:30-7:30**

**IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING MASS**

**In the Henderson Room**

## -Uphold them in your prayers-

Becky Baire, Jim Carey, Kianna Cottrill, Gina Crist, David DeLuca, Jeremy Dillon, Jay Dlugos, Polly Downey, Suzanne Farley, Nona Fields, Jo Fletcher, Jose Flores, Barbara George, Alaina Rae Gilbert, Robin Gothard, Barbara Hager, Ms. Heidi, Diane Holley-Brown, Max Huck, Kenny Huck, Bud Humphreys, Jeannette Humphreys, Jim Johnson, Carmelina Kessler, Dawna Kessler, Tooter Kirk, Mike Landis, Larry Leros, Madison Lopez, Susan Lopez, Jenn Husack McGrath, Nanette Martin, Sue Martin, Brent Marsteller, Mary McNeely, Joe McQuaide, Lillian Matheny, Kim McBurney, Mario Mendez, Leandra Morlan, Barbara Murray, Jack Myatt, Kristin Natoli, Sarah Newcomb, Jamie Peterson, Maddox Potter, Susan Robinson, Mary Sanney, Scarlett (child), Lillian Schilling, Becky Vannatter Smith, Elizabeth Stonestreet, Joseph Swanson, Valerie Tabit, Pat Tabor, Mark Thomas, Colleen Ullmer, Joyce Weiskircher, Roberta VanHorn, Pat Vannatter, Robbie Vannatter, Stan White, Barbara Yeager, Toma Young, Jason Zemaitis

## Immediate Prayer needs:

Donna Hebb	Becky Baire	Barbara Hager
Jeremy Dillon	Rick Robinson	Elizabeth Davis
Nanette Martin	Terry DeLuca	Kevin Corbett
Alaina Rae Gilbert	Josephine Fletcher	
Derrick D.	Margaret McEvoy	

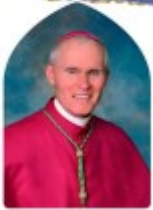
**“Lord, hold our troops in Your loving hands, especially those associated with St Francis of Assisi parish.”**

Matthew Todd Bacchus, Nicholas Fletcher, Daniel Huffman, Will Knox, Brian Zachary Miller

# Pilgrimage to the National Eucharistic Congress

INDIANAPOLIS  
JULY 17 - 21, 2024

with Bishop Mark Brennan and  
the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston



Participate in this pivotal moment in the Church and draw into a deeper intimacy with our Lord. Join our diocese by registering today! Scan the QR code or click Book Now to attend this historic event.

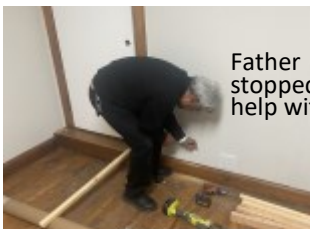


BOOK NOW!

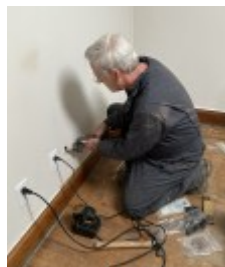
Interested in attending the National Eucharistic Congress? Contact the parish office for information! Each parish was provided with a few tickets and we have information on travel and where to stay. Call the parish office for information! 304-727-3033

## Parish Office Construction/Renovation

Work continues to hurry along on the renovation of 524 Holley St as we move our parish offices. New cable for internet is being run & flooring is ready to be installed. Thank you to all who dedicate their time and expertise to making the new offices comfortable, efficient, and beautiful! Our parish is thankful to have you!



Father stopped by to help with ca-



**\$15**  
per person  
KIDS 5-11  
\$5

EVERY FRIDAY IN  
LENT  
FEB 16, 23  
MAR 1, 8, 15, 22  
5:00PM-7:00PM

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI  
525 HOLLEY ST. SAINT ALBANS  
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

**FISH  
FRY**

Dine-in or  
Carry out

House-battered Fried Fish  
Baked Fish  
Butterfly Shrimp  
Oven-baked potatoes  
House made mac & cheese  
Housemade coleslaw  
Green Beans  
Fries  
Hush Puppies  
Housemade Tartar & Cocktail  
Drinks included

Homemade Desserts



## Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston St John XXIII Pastoral Center Employ- ment Opportunities

St John XXIII Pastoral Center is seeking to fill the following three positions – Cook, Housekeeper, Maintenance Worker. Contact the Director, Gerri Wright at 304.342.0507 or [gwright@dwc.org](mailto:gwright@dwc.org) to schedule an interview or for more information.

For more information, see the diocesan website <https://dwc.org/diocese/administrative/human-resources/employment-opportunities/>

## Spiritual Journey to Catholic Italy

Go on a 12-day pilgrimage to Catholic Italy October 14-25, 2024 under the direction of Very Rev. Donald X Higgs, V.F. Sites include Florence, Siena, Assisi, the Isle of Capri, Sorrento, Pompeii, Rome, the Vatican, and an audience with Pope Francis.

The cost is \$5899 and includes most meals, tours, 4-5 star hotels, and round-trip flights from Charleston, WV. For a brochure or more information, contact Father Higgs at 304-685-2376 or visit <https://bit.ly/HiggsItaly>

Brochures available in the back of the church.

## Food Pantry Needs:

Pudding, canned greens, Vienna sausages, beef stew, beef ramen noodles



# St. Francis Parish Life

## ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCH (28 – 31 MARCH 2024) (HOLY WEEK PROGRAM)



### Palm Sunday 23 - 24 March

5.00pm: Holy Eucharist (Sat. 23 March)

- Blessing of the Palm outside the church, procession to the Church and the Holy Eucharist

11.00 am: Holy Eucharist

- Blessing of the Palm outside the church, procession to the

### Good Friday 29 March

4.15 pm: Divine Mercy Novena

500 pm: Live Stations of the Cross outdoor (Youth)

6:00 pm Commemoration of Lord's Passion

- Liturgy of the Word
- Veneration of the Cross
- Holy Communion



### Holy Thursday 28 MARCH

6.00 pm - The Lord's Supper

- Washing of the Feet
- Adoration in the place of the Reposition of Sacred

### Holy Saturday 30 March 2024

8.00 pm: Easter Vigil Service

- Service of the light - outside the Church
- Solemn Holy Eucharist
- Baptism & Reception of New members
- Confirmation



### Easter Sunday 31 March 2024

11.00 am: Solemn Holy Eucharist



## Want to volunteer? Signed up for a committee?

You **must** be VIRTUS compliant!!

Prefer to go through the process at home online?

Visit [www.virtusonline.org](http://www.virtusonline.org) and complete the 3 parts (background check, e-sign documents, and watch the video).

You may also attend the in-person session

**THIS SUNDAY March 3 immediately following 11:00 am Mass.  
Refreshments served.**

**\*\*those who serve on committees or are volunteers: compliance deadline is March 6\*\***

The Saint Albans Ministry Alliance is proud to present ...

### The 2024 Saint Albans Lenten Series!

*"It Starts With Me: Standing United as a Community while Caring for the Least of These"*

Join us on the upcoming Wednesdays at Noon for a time of worship, followed by lunch & fellowship!

Mar. 6<sup>th</sup> Host **First Baptist Church** Preacher **Jason Robbins**

"It Starts With Me" (Discipleship: Individual responsibility in being a disciple of Christ)

Mar. 13<sup>th</sup> Host **Riverlawn Presbyterian Church** Preacher **Gina Griffith**

"Standing United as a Community" (Fellowship: Loving each other as brothers and sisters)

Mar. 20<sup>th</sup> Host **Gateway Christian Church** Preacher **Gateway Ministry Leader**

"Caring for the Least of These" (Benevolence: Displaying God's love, providing for our neighbors)

At each service, an offering will be taken for the St. Albans Benevolence Ministries

## Women's Retreat

Co-sponsored with the DWC Office of Evangelization & Catechesis

## Hold on to Hope!

Presented by Sr Sallie Latkovich, CSJ

March 8-10, 2024

St John XXIII Pastoral Center, Charleston

The focus of this retreat will be on HOPE! We will reflect together on the experience of hope in each of our lives, remembering that the single source of our hope is in God, and relying on the Scriptures that provide us hope. We will be renewed in the call to be bearers of hope in our families, our Church, our world. May we indeed hold on to hope!

For information, contact:

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Anna Marie Troiani

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To register: <https://dwc.org/2024-womens-retreat/>

The Catholic Sharing Appeal is one of many ways that we are united in God's love as Catholics and as members of our Diocesan Family. In addition to providing funding for our own parish community, the CSA also delivers essential support for shared ministries, Catholic education, and evangelization & outreach efforts across the state.

[www.dwc.org/csa](http://www.dwc.org/csa)

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Be sure to read this week's Catholic Spirit! Valuable information on Diocesan finances, Bishop Brennan's Pastoral Letter, and much more!

Available online at [thecatholicspiritwv.org](http://thecatholicspiritwv.org)

Do you need to subscribe to a paper copy? Email [crowan@dwc.org](mailto:crowan@dwc.org) to add your name.

## MARRIAGE PREPARATION

This weekend retreat is a time for engaged couples to learn the Catholic understanding of the Sacrament of Marriage. Through theologically-based sessions, couples learn the 4 core aspects of Catholic marriage: faith, communication, sexuality, and stewardship. Retreat is FREE & includes four meals, one overnight stay, and one workbook.

April 13-14, 2024 or July 13-14, 2024

To register: <http://wvmarriage.org/pfcm-registration/>

## Women's Discernment Retreat

June 21-23, 2024 St. Joseph Retreat Center, Wheeling, WV



The Office of Consecrated Life presents a discernment retreat for single Catholic women ages 18 and over. In a world that lacks moments of silence and reflection it can be easy for us to ignore our callings. Join us and take this time to get to know yourself, your heart, and how Christ is working in your life.

✦ Retreat is free.

✦ Be with other discerning women.

✦ Register now - space is limited!



To Register/More Info:



Sister Martha Gomez, RGS,  
[mgomez@dwc.org](mailto:mgomez@dwc.org)



Office of Consecrated Life  
(304)233-0880 ext. 264

## Pope Francis' Prayer Intention Mar 2024

For the new martyrs

We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

## 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](http://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 & visit [www.reportbishopabuse.org](http://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; or Very Rev. Dennis Schuelkens, Jr., V.E., ext. 270. You may also call the Diocese's Office of Safe Environment at 304.230.1504.

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](http://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.



# St. Francis Parish Life—Happenings



Bob Young	John Carnell	Dominic Martin
Philip Lynch	Mark Larson	Kolbe Rogers
Danny Kirk	Colleen Lago	Robert Armstead
Bill Unger	Jeff McGrath	Aubree Wriston
Phyllis Mendez	Jodee Martin	Isaiah Davis
Noreen Unger	Ellen Creamer	Austin Grigsby
Dave DeLuca	Rachel Fischer-Bramble	Lily Palmer
Susan McCormick	Jose Serna	Ruby Pauley
Vince McCormick	Lisa Guridis	James Wiler
	Rian Wiler	

## Priests' Health and Retirement Association (PHRA) Collection

March 2-3, 2024

A special second collection is scheduled for March 2-3, 2024, to support the Priests' Health and Retirement Association (PHRA), a fund that provides health insurance and retirement benefits to retired priests of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston. Please take a moment to reflect on the many years of service by our priests and how we can take this opportunity to thank them in a very particular way with a gift to the PHRA collection.

## Little Blessings Baby Pantry

The Little Blessings Baby Pantry continues to serve mothers and children in our area, providing clothing, diapers, toys, and other needs. We thank you for your continued support of the baby pantry and the families that visit us.



## Easter Home Blessings

It is a Catholic Easter tradition to have your parish priest bless your home during the Lenten or Easter season. Father Sojan is available to visit families in their homes and bless them. Please contact the parish office to schedule a time for Father to visit your home.



## St Francis Women's Club Meeting March 11

The March meeting of the Saint Francis Women's Club will be held Monday, March 11 in the school cafeteria at 6:00 pm. The program for the meeting will be "All Member" Birthday Party. Hostesses for the meeting will be Terry DeLuca, Helen Musrock, and Phyllis Romeo. All women of the parish are invited to join us at our Woman's Club functions! Come and see what you are missing.

## Evangelization Meeting

Monday March 4

9:00 am

1112 Central Avenue

All are invited to join. We send birthday, sympathy, get well, thinking of you and other correspondence to parishioners so they know they are never far from our thoughts.

## Volunteers Needed

Father Sojan is asking for folks to sign up for the foot washing on Holy Thursday. Please add your name to the list on the bulletin board in the back of the sanctuary!

