

SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

(Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston)



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FEBRUARY 18, 2024

FIRST 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



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~



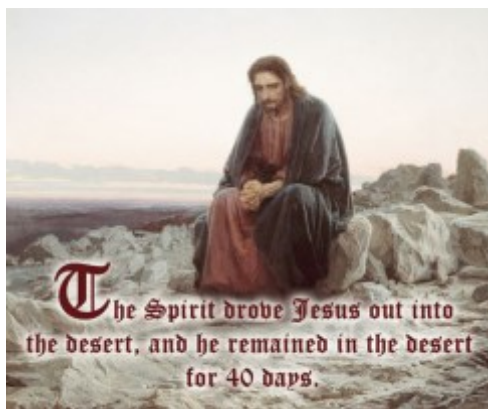
"IF GOD CAN WORK THROUGH ME, HE CAN WORK THROUGH ANYONE."
 - SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI

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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.

19 Monday	20 Tuesday	21 Wednesday	22 Thursday	23 Friday	24 Saturday	25 Sunday
Lv 19:1-2, 11-18 Mt 25:31-46 (224)	Is 55:10-11 Mt 6:7-15 (225)	Jon 3:1-10 Lk 11:29-32 (226)	1 Pt 5:1-4 Mt 16:13-19 (535)	Ez 18:21-28 Mt 5:20-26 (228)	Dt 26:16-19 Mt 5:43-48 (229)	Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 Rom 8:31b-34 Mk 9:2-10 (26)
President's Day		Saint Peter Damian, Bish- op & Doctor of the Church	The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle	Saint Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr		Second Sunday of Lent

GO ON A JOURNEY TO DISCOVER OUR TRUE IDENTITY



With the imposition of ashes on our head on Ash Wednesday, we began the holy season of Lent. We set out on a journey of seeking holiness, ridding the sinful past into ashes, and filling our life with the

fire of Christ's love. The Church helps us achieve this goal by leading us to a metanoia or true "repentance," and by renewal of life through fasting, prayer, almsgiving, self-control, and practice of the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. These are only the means that the Church suggests and not an end. These means are to restore our relationship with God. We must guard ourselves from these means becoming an end in itself.

On the first Sunday of the Lent, the reading set before us is an invitation to take on a journey to discover our true identity in Christ by true repentance. The first reading, taken from the book of Genesis, deals with the flood at the time of Noah which destroys every living thing. God makes a covenant with Noah and promises him that the earth will not be destroyed again in like manner. "The waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh." God's promise is binding, for he affirms it in the form of a covenant. As a matter of fact, the Bible does not record again any catastrophe of similar magnitude.

The Gospel of today presents the scene of Jesus' baptism. Immediately after his Baptism, Jesus goes into the desert. Like Israel, Jesus is tested in the desert. The number forty is probably symbolic of the forty years of the sojourn of the Israelites in the wilderness. The period of testing becomes a preparation for his ministry. We are told that the Spirit drives or forces Jesus to retreat to a deserted place. We understand this action of the Spirit as a divine necessity. Life in the desert was very harsh for Jesus to endure. Forty days in a deserted place without food and water and a place to rest can be truly crushing, and it can make a person truly exhausted. Added to this he is tormented by the cunning designs of the devil. The devil tempts him all these days. Jesus has only the company of wild animals. However, God does not abandon him. Jesus comes out victorious from the hardships he has been subjected to. Jesus departs from the desert and begins his ministry. His mission is to establish the Kingdom of God and he announces that the time for the establishment of the Kingdom of God has already arrived. Hence, he calls people to repentance and belief in

the Gospel. In other words, he invites people to believe in him and His identity as the Son of God and gain life in all its fullness.

The call of the readings of today is to first discover our true identity. We are called to remove all the masks we put on, i.e. the mask we put on to please the people we hang out with, mask to conform to societal standards, mask to show we are okay but deep inside we are hurting. We are called to remove all these masks and discover our true identity as the son or daughter of God who loves us just the way we are. God will never give up seeking us and restoring his relationship with us. He is waiting for us with open arms. Which mask does the Lord ask us to remove from our life? It would augur good for us to spend a time personally during this season of Lent with the Lord.

The readings also help us understand that after a time of trial and devastation something new arises: from the catastrophic flood that destroyed everything living, new life emerges. After a tiring experience in the desert, Jesus lays the foundation for a new world where God's rule will prevail. Moreover, the desert experience does not tire Jesus. The conditions were harsh for him with no food and with no roof under which to spend the night. The wild animals can be a threat to life and terrifying. The only consoling company is the presence of God the Father with him. He gives His Son comfort through his angels. Jesus has come out victorious from the trials and preached the Gospel of Salvation.

Taking a leaf out of the readings and looking at our own very life, we might also realise that we too go through desert experiences in our life. Grief at the loss of a loved one, abandonment, rejection, sufferings and trials and temptations. But we can rest assured that the Lord would never abandon us even in our most difficult moments. Our God is a God who builds our life. We read in John 3:16, "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." Jesus abandoned himself into His Father's hand. We are called to trust and abandon ourselves into his hand by being ready to take a journey of repentance and conversion.

May the Lord help us in our effort!



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.**

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Mass Intentions

Sat Feb 17	5:00 pm	Bertha DeLuca	By Dave & Terry DeLuca
Sun Feb 18	11:00 am	Intentions of the people of the parish	—
Mon Feb 19	—	No Mass	—
Tues Feb 20	6:00 pm	Joe & Edna Coffman	—
Wed Feb 21	8:15 am	C.T. Sanney	By Bob & Mary Sanney
Thur Feb 22	8:15 am	Deacon Don White	By the O'Leary family
Fri Feb 23	8:15 am	Peter Maruish	—
Sat Feb 24	5:00 pm	Intentions of the people of the parish	
Sun Feb 25	11:00 am	Peter Maruish	By Janina Michael

		Reader	Extra-ordinary Minister(s)	Altar Server(s)
Feb 17	5:00 pm	Jacquie Switzer	Midge Butler (X) Dave DeLuca (C), Helen Musrock (C)	
Feb 18	11:00 am	Tom Liberatore	Jennifer Lopez (X) John Carnell (C), Paul Niedbalski (C)	Mighty Lopez, Gia Lopez, Sagrada Lopez
Feb 19	9:00 am	—	NO MASS	
Feb 20	5:30 pm	Pat Romanosky	Suzanne Farley (C)	
Feb 21	8:15 am	Helen Musrock	Lynn Fenimore (C)	
Feb 22	8:15 am	SFS Students	Jennifer Lopez (C)	
Feb 23	6:00 pm	Dawna Kessler	Midge Butler (C)	
Feb 24	5:00 pm	Fred Heindl	Helen Musrock (X) Dave DeLuca (C), Leslie Huffman (C)	
Feb 25	11:00 am	Mark Muchow	Lynn Fenimore (X) Paul Niedbalski (C), Mary Sanney (C)	Mairin Knapp, Ethan Knapp, Danny Kessler

Sharing our Treasure

Church..... 3365.00
Diocese..... 306.00
School 195.00
Candle Offering..... 92.00
Total Collection..... \$3958.00

Weekly Mass Attendance

Sat 02/10 77
Sun 02/11 106

Total attendance 183

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

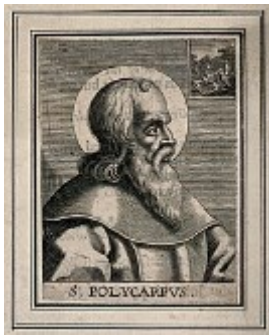
Saint Peter Damian, February 21



Peter was born in 1007 in Ravenna, Italy. There is not much record of his early life, but some letters written by St Peter Damian and a biography give a little history. 'Beginning in his early teens, Damian spent at least 10 years studying the liberal arts at Ravenna, Faenza, and Parma. His writings throughout his life indicate a broad knowledge of Classical and Christian works, training that helped make Damian one of the finest Latin stylists of the

Middle Ages.' (Britannica.com) He became a teacher for several years before becoming a hermit at Fonte Avellana in the Apennine mountains. Saint Peter Damian was a vocal advocate of papal reform, supporting clerical celibacy and speaking out against the purchase of ecclesiastical office. He was made cardinal-bishop in 1057 by Pope Stephen IX. He made many missions to act as ambassador and arbiter between church offices, attempting to restore good relations. He died in 1072 at the monastery of Faenza.

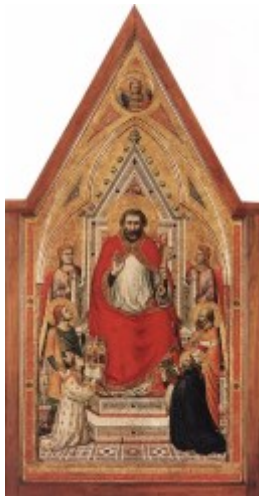
Saint Polycarp, February 23



Polycarp, bishop of Smyrna, disciple of Saint John the Apostle and friend of Saint Ignatius of Antioch, was a revered Christian leader during the first half of the second century. Saint Ignatius, on his way to Rome to be martyred, visited Polycarp at Smyrna, and later at Troas wrote him a personal letter. The Asia Minor Churches recognized Polycarp's leadership by choosing him as a representative to discuss with Pope Anicetus the date of the Easter celebration in

Rome—a major controversy in the early Church. Only one of the many letters written by Polycarp has been preserved, the one he wrote to the Church of Philippi in Macedonia. At 86, Polycarp was led into the crowded Smyrna stadium to be burned alive. The flames did not harm him and he was finally killed by a dagger. The centurion ordered the saint's body burned. The "Acts" of Polycarp's martyrdom are the earliest preserved, fully reliable account of a Christian martyr's death. He died in 155. (from franciscanmedia.com)

Feast of the Chair of St Peter the Apostle, February 22



While the Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul, celebrated on June 29, focuses on the martyrdom of St. Peter, this celebration draws attention to his role in the Church. The "Chair of St. Peter" is an image of his seat of authority—an authority that was given not for his own personal gain but so that he could be a source of unity for the Church. Jesus told Peter, "I have prayed that your own faith may not fail; and once you have turned back, you must strengthen your brothers" (Lk 22:32). Today, this feast reminds us of the significance of the ministry of St. Peter and the succession of popes who followed in his footsteps. (usccb.org)

Stations of the Cross

Fridays at 6:30 pm

All are encouraged to volunteer to lead!

Please note that during Lent, Friday Mass will be at 8:15 am!

CCD/PSR

Sundays at 10:00 am before Mass

Youth Group after 11:00 am Mass

RCIA Class

February 21

6:00 pm in the Henderson Room

Rite of Election

February 18 at 3:00 (Sacred Heart)

LECTIO DIVINO/ BIBLE/FAITH STUDY

FEBRUARY 20 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, Mary Alice Maynard, Kim McBurney, Mario Mendez, Leandra Morlan, Barbara Murray, Jack Myatt, Kristin Natoli, Sarah Newcomb, Michael Paige, Jamie Peterson, Maddox Potter, Susan Robinson, 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	
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

St. Francis Parish Life—Info

Saint Francis Youth Meetings



Our St Francis Youth Group meetings are picking up steam. Bring your kiddos and join in the fun!



Rite of Election

Catechumens & candidates, (supported by their sponsors and families) gather at the cathedral to express their desire for baptism/confirmation to Bishop Brennan. They are called the Elect. This rite marks the period of final preparation for the sacraments of initiation. **You are invited to support our Elect at the Co-Cathedral on February 18 at 3:00 pm!**

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration

The St Francis School Choir joined St Paul Missionary Baptist Church in St Albans for a celebration of the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. We are proud to participate in St Paul's annual remembrance.



Parish Office Renovation

Work on the parish offices continues! Fred Heindl and Tom Liberatore suited up and insulated areas of the offices. Thank you, Tom and Fred, for the hours and hours of work you have put in to making the new offices safe, comfortable, and efficient! We also thank our other volunteers—including Jean Ann Heindl, Liz Liberatore—and workers including John Huffman for your dedication to making it such a beautiful remodeled space for our parish to visit.



Christ's Kitchen Food Pantry

Collection: 2nd weekend of each month but accepted any time.

The pantry needs all items, especially pudding, canned greens, Vienna sausages, beef stew, and beef ramen noodles.

Thank you for your unwavering support of this critical outreach!

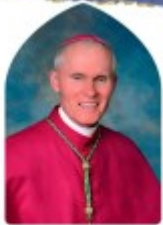


St. Francis Parish Life

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!](#)



SAVE THE DATE

Tuesday February 27 7:00 pm

The Knights of Columbus and the Abbate Agency will be holding a seminar reflecting on items that should be considered at end of life for yourself and family. It will be held in the St Francis school cafeteria.

Items to be covered are:

- Final Expenses/and or what happens the day after?
- Secure Act 1.0 (2019) and 2.0 (2022) and what it all means
- “I don’t know anything about finance”
- Assistive Care
- Tax savings options
- Estate/Gifting strategy to mitigate taxes

Questions call Paul Niedbalski 304-545-5100. You do not have to be a Catholic or a member of the Knights. It is open to all people in the St Albans community.

Visiting the Sick

Winter can be a difficult time for parishioners with limited mobility or lowered immunity to attend Mass. 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. Are there folks who should be on the list, but aren’t? Do you see names that are healed, but still listed? Please contact the church office to add or remove names. Thank you!

304-727-3033 or parish@stfranciswv.org

Catholic Charities Hope Gala



Saturday, March 2, 2024

The White Palace, Wheeling Park | 6:00 p.m

<https://catholiccharitieswv.salsalabs.org/gala2024/index.html>

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>

A few brochures available in the



Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston St John XXIII Pastoral Center Employment 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 to schedule an interview or for more information.

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

Diocesan Info & Catholic News

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:

Gerri Wright 304.552.3662 gwright@dw.org

Sandi Hudson 304.549.4009 shudson0155@gmail.com

Anna Marie Troiani 304.907.0171 atroiani@csjoseph.org

<https://dw.org/2024-womens-retreat/>

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/>



For a Synodal Church: Community, Participation, Mission

The Diocese requests the honor of your presence!

The Synod on Synodality Continues

Towards October 2024

The Interim Stage

After three years of the Universal Church's journey of Synodality, we still must ask ourselves...
Do we yet know how to be a synodal Church in mission?

We must identify the paths to follow and the tools to adopt
to empower all of the baptized to contribute to the Church's one...

MISSION: To Proclaim the Risen Lord and His Gospel to the World Today

Let us remember what Pope Francis has taught, regarding this Synod:
"The important thing is how the reflection is done, that is, in a synodal way."

Diocesan-Wide Listening Sessions

The Bishops are asking us to hold more listening sessions – at the Diocesan level – to deepen our reflection.

Therefore, we will be conducting six (6) listening sessions, one in each vicariate, starting at 6:30 PM. They are:

- Wednesday, February 21st: St. John XXIII P.C., Charleston
- Thursday, February 22nd: St. Leo, Inwood
- Tuesday, February 27th: St. Francis de Sales, Beckley
- Wednesday, February 28th: Immaculate Conception, Clarksburg
- Thursday, February 29th: St. Francis Xavier, Parkersburg
- Thursday, March 7th: St. Michael, Wheeling

The Nature of This Year's Sessions

More than just listening sessions, these gatherings are to be "Conversations in the Spirit" to discern the Will of God for our Church, by listening both to the stirrings of the Holy Spirit, within, and the contributions of one another.

Two Guiding Questions

The Bishops have provided us with two (2) guiding questions that we are going to discern responses to, together.

- Where have I seen or experienced successes—and distresses—within the Church's structure(s)/organization/leadership/life that encourage or hinder the mission?
- How can the structures and organization of the Church help all the baptized to respond to the call to proclaim the Gospel and to live as a community of love and mercy in Christ?

Preparing Yourself for These Sessions

We need to prayerfully and spiritually prepare for these sessions, by personally reflecting upon synodality.

We ask that you read and reflect upon some Scripture, in preparation for the listening session:

John 14, Romans 12, and Isaiah 61.

Entrust yourself to the Father, converse with the Lord Jesus, & listen to the Holy Spirit, about these questions.

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@dw.org

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

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention Feb 2024

For the terminally ill

We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

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 & 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; 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, 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

\$15
PER PERSON
KIDS 5-11
\$5

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!

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


FISH FRY

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

Enjoy Every Crunchy Bite of It


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St. Francis of Assisi School


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Preschool Round-Up
Friday, February 23, 2024 8:30-2:00pm
By Appointment Only Call 304-727-5690 Today!!!
Saint Francis of Assisi School
Two Kanawha County Collaborative PK Classes (Free)
Private Traditional PK Classes



Children must be present at Roundup.

Documents Required: Official birth certificate from the Department of Vital Statistics, current immunization records, and a current well-visit report from the child's physician and dentist.

There is a non-refundable \$30 registration fee for students entering traditional preschool due at the time of registration.

For more information please call the school office or visit our website!

Lenten and 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
Easter Vigil March 30 at 8:00 pm
Easter Sunday March 31 at 11:00 am

REMINDER!

All parish volunteers **MUST** be Virtus trained. This is a Diocesan requirement and must be completed.

Please contact the parish office
(parish@stfranciswv.org or 304-727-3033) to verify your status!

Thank you for keeping our young ones safe!



ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCH
AND THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
PRESENT

A PERSONAL SAFETY DISCUSSION

DATE: TUESDAY FEBRUARY 20TH

TIME: 7:00 PM

LOCATION: ST FRANCIS SCHOOL CAFETERIA

MEMBERS OF VARIOUS POLICE AGENCIES WILL BE ON HAND TO DISCUSS VARIOUS TOPICS CONCERNING SAFETY OF THE RESIDENTS OF THE ST ALBANS COMMUNITY AND SURROUNDING AREAS.

QUESTIONS GENERAL IN NATURE ARE WELCOMED. INDIVIDUAL SITUATIONS WILL NOT BE COVERED, NOR WILL POLITICS.

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED