

Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 1

5:00 p.m. † All Souls

Sunday, August 2

7:30 a.m. People of the Parish

9:00 a.m. † Jose Quiroz & Beatriz Ramirez

12:00 noon † Gwen Summers

2:00 p.m. † Encarlacia Delgado Tabia & Efrain A. Ortiz

Monday, August 3

7:30 a.m. † All Souls

Tuesday, August 4

7:30 a.m. † Fr. John Acri

Wednesday, August 5

7:30 a.m. Special Intention

Thursday, August 6

7:30 a.m. † The Tarasi Family

Friday, August 7

7:30 a.m. David & Sara Austin (living)

7:00 p.m. † Guillermo Encalada

Saturday, August 8

8:00 a.m. † Bill Cuddy

5:00 p.m. † Ana Argentina Valdez

Sunday, August 9

7:30 a.m. People of the Parish

9:00 a.m. † Leonido Castillo

12:00 noon † Dottie Lonardi, Cindy Leone & Mary Swartz

2:00 p.m. † Sanuel Gonzalez Gonzalez

Today's Readings

First Reading — All you who thirst, come to the water! You without money, come to the feast!

Psalm — The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

Second Reading — Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ.

Gospel — All ate until satisfied; they collected twelve baskets of what was left over.



Readings For This Week

Monday: Jer 28:1-17; Mt 14:22-36

Tuesday: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Mt 14:22-36

Wednesday: Jer 31:1-7; Mt 15:21-28

Thursday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mt 17:1-9

Friday: Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7; Mt 16:24-28

Saturday: Hb 1:12 — 2:4; Mt 17:14-20

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33



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**18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 2, 2026**

All you who are thirsty,
come to the water!
— *Isaiah 55:1a*

The Fruit of Your Generosity for

July 26, 2026

Our goal each week is to collect \$5,866 in ordinary income to meet our expenses.

Sunday Offerings \$4,242.41

Food Sale \$1,118.77

Mission Collection \$1,723.00

Online giving is available at continuetogive.com

Power of Prayer

If you have a family member you would like the parish to pray for, please call the office. If you are going to have surgery, please call the office to request the Anointing of the Sick. Please notify the office for visits and/or communion calls to the sick at home, shut-ins, and those hospitalized.



Please pray for: Phyllis Britton, María De Jesús, María Santos, OFS, Mary Ann Bedzigui, Liduvino Medina, Beth Goodall Chaney, Maria Goodall, David Bednarchik, Javier Garcia, Maria Rosa Barajas, Carmen Ayala, Julianna Santiago, Juan Camacho & Family, Maria Villanueva, Dilmer Mejia, Victor Park & Family, Peter Marks, Maria Cruz, Claire Lanser, Gil Leone, Edith Rivera Dextre, Sterling Summers, James Leone, Nicolina Macri, Leonard Palmer, Tara Wright, Patsy Goodall, Michael Drozd, Shelby Howard Bennett, Sarah Garman, Lukas Shaffer, Joan Wentz, Saleem & Rose Gauher, Earnestine Hilliard, Herminio Millan, Ernestine Everett, Mayra Davila, Karen Johnson, Michelle Mercado, Omar Vidaurre, Miguel Marroquin, Arnetta Gallatin, Brenda McClain, Ana Garcia, Gloria DeJesus, Jesus Orea-Luna, Issaac Garcia Sanchez, Barbara Woods, Dottie Wright, Steve Bouie, Judith Gardiner, Raymond O'Leary, Maria Bautista, Anthony, DeNora, and Supreme Velasquez

Activities This Week at Saint Francis

Sunday, August 2

Monday, August 3

6:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous (Spanish)

7:30 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous Church Basement

Tuesday, August 4

7:00 p.m. Neocatechumenal Way Soup Kitchen

Wednesday, August 5

1:15 p.m. Legion of Mary Meeting, Nazareth House (English)

7:00 p.m. St. Francis Prayer Group Church Basement

Thursday, August 6

8:00 a.m.- 10:00 a.m. Adoration Church

Friday, August 7

7:00 p.m. John XXIII Prayer Movement Assisi Hall

Saturday, August 8

11:00 a.m. Children's Choir

1:00 p.m. Legión de María, Casa Nazaret (español)

4:00 p.m. Confessions Church

Sunday, August 9

you are interested in attending the O.C.I.A. classes, please call the parish office to register.

Dear Parish Family of St. Francis

St. Francis is a great place to mature in your understanding of how to exercise the corporal works of mercy. I know it is challenging my understanding of charity. Sheltering the homeless is a corporal work of Mercy. Our neighborhood ends up getting a lot of homeless who have moved up the hill. We have had an increase in people sleeping on and around our property at night. Many people are using cardboard boxes they find and making beds and using the bathroom in our yard and property. Thank you to our volunteers and maintenance crew who have cleaned this up.

At St. Francis, we want to continue to promote the corporal works of mercy as well as promote human dignity. Many people staying around at night are also prostituting, using, and getting high. The way they act when they are high falls well below our expectation for human dignity. We recommend shelters for people and do not permit drug use on our property. I have started leaving the gate open at night and asked the police to drive through at night when they are patrolling because people were crawling under the gate. While you are always welcome to feed the hungry, I also encourage you to help me ask people not to sleep here overnight by informing them or our office staff. This is a place primarily for all people to worship God and we can become unapproachable if we let a disorderly spirit dominate. We have temporary housing with our Casa Romero and are happy to share it but we will test for drugs if we suspect any use. Thank you for your patience and zeal to learn how to do God's will regarding the corporal works of mercy.

Father Anthony

Religious Education Registration

It is once again time to register for the Religious Education Classes for September 2026, here is a helpful reminder to do so. The registration fee per child is \$50.00. All children must be registered by August 31st.

Adult Sacramental Preparation - OCIA

Whether you are an adult Catholic who has not yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation, would just like to learn more about the faith, or an adult non-Catholic interested in becoming Catholic, you are encouraged to consider our O.C.I.A. program which begins in September. O.C.I.A. stands for *Order of Christian Initiation of Adults*. It is the process for people to deepen their Catholic faith. If

2026 Diocesan Annual Campaign Update

Our Assessment \$45,529.00

Total pledges / donations \$38,048.00

Balance owed \$7,481.00

To help with our DAC shortfall we will have a second collection on the second Sunday of each month beginning next Sunday, until we reach our goal.

Dinner/Dance Fundraiser

St. Francis Parish will hold a Dinner/Dance on Friday, October 2nd at the Best Western Premier Hotel, 800 East Park Drive, Harrisburg. Reception/Hors Devours – 6:30 – 7:15 p.m.; Buffet Dinner - 7:30 – 11:00 p.m. Cash bar, music/DJ, raffles and prizes. Tickets are \$50 per person. Tickets are available at the parish office. **No tickets will be sold at the door.** Everyone's participation is needed to make this a successful event!

Summer Envelopes

We are thankful to our parishioners who mail or deliver their weekly envelopes to the parish office while they are away on vacation this summer. As many of you understand, our parish expenses and obligations do not take a vacation when you do, so it is very helpful to be able to rely on your continued support even when you cannot personally attend Mass here.

You+Me+Christ = Love Forever, invites all married and unmarried couples to live the experience of spiritual support at the Monthly Gathering on Saturday, August 15, 2026, at 6pm in the Basement of our church. Come and live the experience to receive the blessing of the Holy Spirit, participate in dynamics, conferences and strategies to spiritually strengthen your couple relationship.

The Black Catholic Apostolate of the Diocese of Harrisburg is hosting a picnic, August 23, 2026, at the Riverview Pavilion on City Island, Harrisburg from 2-6pm. Come and enjoy the African American Catholic Culture in a celebratory Sunday afternoon. Hotdogs, hamburgers, and drinks will be provided. Those attending are asked to bring a favorite covered dish or dessert to share. We are looking forward to having a great time enjoying the outdoors by the Susquehanna. Also bring your favorite games to play. Everyone is welcome!!! For more information, contact Deacon Armando Torres at datorres@hbgdiocese.org / 717-657-4804 ext.

August 2, 2026

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