

Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 22

5:00 p.m. Joshua Snell (living)

Sunday, August 23

7:30 a.m. People of the Parish

9:00 a.m. † Ruben Sanchez Torres

12:00 noon † Paulina Infante

2:00 p.m. † Maria Dolores Gomez Angiano

Monday, August 24

7:30 a.m. Marlene Staico (living)

Tuesday, August 25

7:30 a.m. † Josefina Nash

Wednesday, August 26

7:30 a.m. Zuriela Payes (living)

Thursday, August 27

7:30 a.m. † Mary Cain

Friday, August 28

7:30 a.m. † All Souls

7:00 p.m. † Fr. John Acri

Saturday, August 29

8:00 a.m. † Agatha Goodwin

5:00 p.m. † Betty & Leonard Fundalewicz Sr.

Sunday, August 30

7:30 a.m. † Francis & Agnes Burns

9:00 a.m. † Elizabeth Saldana

12:00 noon People of the Parish

2:00 p.m. † Maria Dilma Portillo de Molina

Today's Readings

First Reading — Eliakim is destined by God to be a father to those who live in Jerusalem.

Psalm — Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

Second Reading — How deep are the riches and the wisdom and the knowledge of God!

Gospel — Jesus asked the disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" Peter replied, "You are the Christ".



Readings For This Week

Monday: Rv 21:9b-14; Jn 1:45-51

Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18; Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9; Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25; Mk 6:17-29

Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 25:14-30

Sunday: Jer 20:7-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27



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"Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven;

and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

— Matthew 16:19

The Fruit of Your Generosity for August 16, 2026

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

Sunday Offerings \$6,352.95

Online Giving (July) \$1,775.00

Assumption Envelopes \$445.00

Food Sale \$348.00

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 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, Maria Bautista, Anthony, DeNora and Supreme Velasquez, Jacqueline Washington, Kathryn Washington

Activities This Week at Saint Francis

Sunday, August 23

Monday, August 24

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

7:30 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous Church Basement

Tuesday, August 25

7:00 p.m. Neocatechumenal Way Soup Kitchen

Wednesday, August 26

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

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

Thursday, August 27

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

Friday, August 28

7:00 p.m. John XXIII Prayer Movement Church Basement

Saturday, August 29

11:00 a.m. Children's Choir

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

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4:00 p.m. Confessions
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Dear Parish Family of St. Francis

Our St. Francis Parish Festival will be Sunday September 20th this year! The set up will be with a large tent in the same field as the last two years, the open property next to the Casa Romero. There will be many food booths again for international and American food. The details will be advertised more as time approaches.

The festival will be the week after our first day of Religious Education Classes, Sept 13th. Please register ahead of time for classes. This makes things much easier for our volunteer coordinator and volunteer teachers. It's going to be a great fall.

Father Anthony

Parish Pictorial Directory

We are thrilled to announce that in honor of our Parish's 125th Anniversary, we will be creating a new Pictorial Directory with Universal Church Directories. This project is free of charge to the parish. Our goal is to fill at least 300 families' photo slots; If we meet this goal, the directory will be a beautiful hardcover book. We have over 900 families registered in the parish, so a goal of 300 does not seem unreasonable. Photo sessions will be held in the church basement on October 16th (noon only), 17th-18th, and 21st-24th (weekdays 2 pm - 8:30 pm; weekends 10 am - 4 pm), with sign-ups available soon in both English and Spanish. Every participating household will receive a complimentary directory and an 8x10 portrait, with no pressure to purchase additional photos. Also, your furry babies and pets are included in your family photos.

With the information below parishioners can visit the website, enter the church code and password, and select a date and time that works best for their photo appointment.

Photo Directory Website: UCDIR.com

St. Francis Church Code: PA1290

Password: Bible

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!

Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors

Please remember to pick up your schedules for September and October, at the back of the church.

Religious Education Registration

It is once again time to register for the Religious Education Classes. Classes begin on Sunday, September 13th. 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 you are interested in attending the O.C.I.A. classes, please call the parish office to register.

You+Me+Christ = Love Forever, invites all married and unmarried couples to live the experience of spiritual support at the Monthly Gathering on Saturday, September 26, 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.

3rd Annual Hispanic Catholic Conference

On Saturday, August 29th, from 9:00am – 5:00pm, we are holding our 3rd Annual Hispanic Catholic Conference, "Walking In Our Faith," at the Diocesan Center, 4800 Union Deposit Rd., Harrisburg. The Theme is "The Creed" presented by Deacon Asterio Velasco from the Diocese of Newark. He is the author of *Sus Testigos en la Historia* (His Witnesses in History). The registration fee is \$20.00 and includes lunch. To register, visit the Diocesan website. This Conference will be held in Spanish. For more information, contact Deacon Armando Torres at 717-657-4804 ext. 221

The Annual Diocesan Charismatic Day of Renewal

on Sept. 12, 2026 at the Diocesan Center at 4800 Union Deposit Rd. Harrisburg. The Presenter is Fr. Sylvester Peterka C.M., a renowned Charismatic preacher and retreat master. The theme of the day is "Power From on High" A free-will offering is suggested and registration is free with families being welcomed. The doors open at 7:30 .M. and the Day concludes at 1:00 P.M. with a Mass and healing Service included. A 3-minute

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registration required at this link.

https://hbgdiocese.formstack.com/forms/charismatic_day_of_renewal