

Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 19

5:00 p.m. † All Souls in Purgatory
Natalia Becker (living)

Sunday, September 20

7:30 a.m. † Rita Murin
9:00 a.m. † Gladys Altagracia Nunez
12:00 noon † Phyllis Gill
2:00 p.m. People of the Parish

Monday, September 21

7:30 a.m. † Bill Cuddy

Tuesday, September 22

7:30 a.m. Katherine Snell (living)

Wednesday, September 23

7:30 a.m. † Josefina Nash

Thursday, September 24

7:30 a.m. Dominican Parishioners of St. Francis Church

Friday, September 25

7:30 a.m. † Caroline Mireles
7:00 p.m. † Maria Avila Alvarez

Saturday, September 26

8:00 a.m. † Maria Avila Alvarez
5:00 p.m. † Jay-Nellie Doyle

Sunday, September 27

7:30 a.m. People of the Parish
9:00 a.m. † Ruben Sanchez Torres
12:00 noon † Jorge Quiroz-Ramirez (living)
2:00 p.m. NO MASS (3:00 p.m. at Cathedral)

Today's Readings

First Reading — Turn to the LORD,
who is generous in forgiving.

Psalm — The Lord is near to all who
call upon him.

Second Reading — Live your lives in a way
worthy of the gospel of Christ.

Gospel — The last will be first, and the first will
be last.



Readings For This Week

Monday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Mt 9:9-13

Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Lk 8:19-21

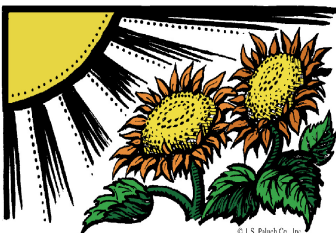
Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9; Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11; Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Eccl 3: 1-11; Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: Eccl 11:9—12:8; Lk 9:43b-45

Sunday: Ez 18:25-28; Phil 2:1-11 [1-5]; Mt 21:28-32



**25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 20, 2026**

Turn to the Lord for mercy;
to our God, who is generous in
forgiving.
— Isaiah 55:7b

**The Fruit of Your Generosity for
September 13, 2026**

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

Sunday Offerings \$5,711.88

Food Sale \$1,328.10

DAC Collection \$1,570.46

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 Bedzigue, 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, Dottie Wright, Steve Bouie, Judith Gardiner, Maria
Bautista, Anthony, DeNora and Supreme Velasquez, Jacqueline
Washington, Kathryn Washington, Keisean Butler, Angela Spraglin

Activities This Week at Saint Francis

Sunday, September 20

PARISH FESTIVAL

10:30 a.m. Religious Education Classes Begin School
10:30 a.m. English Classes Joshua Center

Monday, September 21

6:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous (Spanish)
7:30 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous Church Basement

Tuesday, September 22

7:00 p.m. Neocatechumenal Way Soup Kitchen

Wednesday, September 23

1:15 p.m. Legion of Mary Meeting, Nazareth House (English)
6:00 p.m. Finance Council Meeting Parish Office
7:00 p.m. St. Francis Prayer Group Church Basement

Thursday, September 24

8:00 a.m.- 10:00 a.m. Adoration Church
6:00 p.m. Altar Server Training Church
7-8 p.m. NA Meeting Church Basement

Friday, September 25

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

Saturday, September 26

11:00 a.m. Children's Choir
1:00 p.m. Legión de María, Casa Nazaret (español)
4:00 p.m. Confessions Church

Sunday, September 27

10:30 a.m. Religious Education Classes School

Cost: Free

If you're interested in these classes, please come next Sunday morning.

Dear Parish Family of St. Francis

It's Festival Weekend! Thanks to all the volunteers and I hope you enjoy it!

Last week was the first week of Religious Education, thank you to Beatrice and all the teachers and aids for getting the year started. Construction should start to repair our school building next week so we can move into the last two classrooms soon.

This weekend's gospel should be a shock to our understanding of generosity and jealousy. Take some time to pray with the laborers who get hired at different times in the vineyard but all get paid a full day's wage.

Father Anthony

Dinner/Dance Fundraiser – October 2nd

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. Tickets will also be available at the Festival. **No tickets will be sold at the door.** Everyone's participation is needed to make this a successful event!

Animal Blessing – October 3rd

The animal blessing in honor of our patron, St. Francis, will take place on Saturday, October 3rd at 10 a.m. Please bring your dogs, cats, fish, turtles, birds and hamsters. All God's creatures, according to St. Francis, are a blessing.

Parish Pictorial Directory

The **October 4 registration deadline is quickly approaching!** We need at least **300 parishioners/families** to participate, and we still have a very long way to go. Please visit UCDIR.com and register as soon as possible for your **free 8x10 portrait** and complimentary copy of our 125th Anniversary Pictorial Directory.

Code: PA1290 | Password: Bible. Let's make sure your family is included—**register today!** If you have any questions, please contact Dee DeJean @ 717- 805-2374 (text) or Bessy Ortiz at the Parish Office 717-232-1003.

English Classes

When: 10:30 - 11:45 on Sundays

Where: Joshua Learning Center, beside the church. Please ring bell at front door.

Diocesan Hispanic Heritage Mass

You are cordially invited to the Diocesan Hispanic Heritage Mass on Sunday, September 27th, at 3:00 pm at the Cathedral of Saint Patrick, 212 State St., Harrisburg, PA. The celebrant and homilist will be the Most Reverend Timothy C. Senior. We encourage you to attend in traditional folk attire. For questions, please contact Deacon Armando Torres, Director of Culture and Outreach, at datorres@hbgdiocese.org or 717-617-4804, ext. 221.

Forty Hours Devotion

Our Forty Hours Devotion begins Monday, October 5th after the 7:30 a.m. Mass and ends Tuesday, October 6th at 7:00 p.m. Father Jordan Hite will be preaching on Tuesday evening at 7:00. Forty Hours is a wonderful time to give God thanks for His Presence in the Eucharist and to pray together as one community. Please put these dates on your calendar. Also, please sign-up for adoration during the 40 hours.

The Joshua Group is hiring for its afterschool program. The program runs from 3:00-5:00 PM Monday through Thursday and includes first through twelfth grades students. Applicants must be comfortable working with children and ready to help with homework and life skills and be able to obtain clearances required to work with children. If you are interested, email your resume to j.Politis@joshuagrouphbg.org.

St. Francis Parish Ministries

St. Francis Parish has several ministries that help families with food. We have a food pantry that is held on Saturday mornings, by appointment, in the Parish Community Center cafeteria (soup kitchen). For more information, to volunteer, or to sign-up for the pantry call the parish office at 717-232-1003.

Every Tuesday from 8:30 to 10:00 a.m. at the St. Francis Community Center Gym fresh vegetables and fruit are given away.

St. Francis Parish also has a soup kitchen that serves a meal Monday through Friday from 12 - 1 p.m. We are always in need of volunteers.