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The Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi (replaces 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time) October 4, 2026
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Weekdays: Mass is celebrated at 8 AM Monday through Friday.
Adoration & Benediction Fridays, after the 8 AM Mass.

Confessions are scheduled for Saturdays, from 3 to 3:40 PM and by appointment.
Weekend Masses: Saturday at 4 PM, Sunday, 8 AM and 10:30 AM.

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*Sat.	Oct.	3	4:00 pm	+Annette Krisko req. by Daughter: Gina
*Sun.	Oct.	4	8:00 am	+John Borlie req. by Ed, Rose & Jude Decort
			10:30 am	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
Mon.	Oct.	5	8:00 am	+Sr. Brenda Jumba, S.C. req. by Family
Tues.	Oct.	6	8:00 am	+Francis Shiber req. by Family
Wed.	Oct.	7	8:00 am	+Richard A. Bolton req. by Family
Thurs.	Oct.	8	8:00 am	+David R. Nolan req. by People Helping People
Fri.	Oct.	9	8:00 am	+Julia Wright req. by Bruno & Polly Degol
Sat.	Oct.	10	4:00 pm	+Virginia Simala req. by Family
Sun.	Oct.	11	8:00 am	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
			10:30 am	+Anthony & Irene Mastaler req. by Children & Family

***The Feast of St. Francis of Assisi and commemoration of his death on October 3, 1226!**
The Church Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week for **Francis & Melvina Shiber** req. Family.
The Rectory Chapel Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week for **Fran Layo** req. by Family.
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Employment Opportunity: Holy Family Parish is seeking a qualified individual to fill the position of Director of Religious Education and also looking for a part-time Housekeeper. To apply or learn more, please visit our website or the diocesan website: <https://humanresources.dioceseaj.org/general-employment-opportunities/>

The Sacred Heart Ushers Club is looking for new members. If interested, contact Lou Kordish at 814-241-5873 or Steve Nagy 814-525-4931 or Greg Petyak at 814-254-8270. This organization is an active group of men who meet monthly and financially contribute to various parish projects. A sign-up sheet will be on the credenza in the vestibule of the church.

TODAY IS RESPECT FOR LIFE SUNDAY! Join Catholics nationwide in celebrating Respect Life Month!
www.respectlife.org/celebrate. Prayer cards are available in the vestibule of the church, please take one per family. Thank You.

Hearing God’s Voice Workshop Jonna Schuster, nationally known speaker, author, and Director of Catholic Revival Ministries will be leading the “Hearing God’s Voice” Workshop, on Saturday, October 24th, from 9am to 3:30pm at St. Catherine, Duncansville. The workshop will include Jonna’s keynote addresses, group discussion, Adoration-Holy Hour, praise & worship, and lunch will be provided. Free will offering, Students are free. All ages are welcome! To register e-mail at holyspiritministry20@gmail.com or call 814-207-9110. Jesus said, “My sheep hear my voice.” Many Catholics desire greater confidence in recognizing God’s voice. This workshop offers practical, biblical guidance for growing in confidence and intimacy with the Lord.

Pope Leo’s Monthly Intention
For Collaboration between different religious traditions. He encourages Catholics worldwide to pray that believers from different faith traditions work together to promote peace, justice and human fraternity in a world often marked by division and conflict.



PARISH FINANCES –
The Stats of week 09/27/2026

Sunday/Monthly	\$ 5,440.00
Children	34.75
Loose	73.00
Missals/Bull.	72.00
Retired Priests	<u>755.00</u>
Total	\$ 6,374.75

UP-COMING MEETINGS & EVENTS 2026

- Oct. 3 – Transitus Prayer Service at 5:30 PM (see below for description), reception follows
- Oct. 3-4 – Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi & Donut Weekend
- Oct. 4 – Blessing of Pets in front of Church at 12:00 PM
- Oct. 4 – SHUC Rosary 5:30 PM Meeting 6:30 PM
- Oct. 4 – Pinochle Card Social 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM
- Oct. 15 – Planned Giving Information Workshop (see below for description) 9:00 AM
- Oct. 18 – K of C Rosary 5:30 PM Meeting 6:00 PM
- Oct. 18 – Harvest Fest 2-5 PM Bethany United Methodist Parking Lot
- Oct. 25 – Polish Food Fest- Doors open at 11:30 AM-Meal at 12:00

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, OCTOBER 12TH
IN OBSERVANCE OF COLUMBUS DAY/INDIGENOUS PEOPLES’ DAY!

Child & Youth Protection: All Parish volunteers & personnel are required to have themselves fully cleared. Clearances are to be renewed every FIVE years. Stop by the rectory office or call 814-736-4279 to check what clearance you need to update. We will walk you through the process in case you need assistance.

Religious Education News

- October 18th Meeting with 2nd Grade Parents in the Parish Hall
- October 25th Re. Ed. Class and Mass @ 10:30 AM - The Eighth-Grade Students will serve at this Mass



The Transitus of St. Francis of Assisi – on October 3, 2026, the Church celebrates the 800th Anniversary of the Transitus (journey from this life to life with God) of Saint Francis. The Masses on the Weekend of October 3 & 4 will be that of St. Francis. At about 5:30 PM on the 3rd, shortly following the 4 PM Mass, join us for an evening prayers service to commemorate Francis’ completion of his mission. It will also be a time for all of us to remember our loved ones who have completed their pilgrimage and who’s souls are in the loving hand of God. The service reminds us that we are all called by God to join him in the glory of heaven when we complete our mission in this life.

Planned Giving Information Workshop – Learn from an attorney about estate planning and a funeral director about pre-planning and memorial gifts. Hear about the endowments currently established for our parish and the two organizations who manage those for the future of Holy Family Parish. No sales pitches or pressure...just helpful information for you to plan what happens to your resources as you come toward life’s completion. All on October 15th starting at 9 AM in the Parish Hall. The presentations and your questions will take us to 10:30 AM. Refreshments provided!

Do you want to change someone’s life for the better? Invite them to find out more about the Catholic faith. **Your baptism** empowers you to extend the invitation to join our upcoming session of OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) and share the gift of our faith in Jesus Christ. In your hands lies the potential to bring someone closer to our Lord and Savior. Call or email the office for more information. Brochures are available near the bulletins.

COMMUNITY HARVEST FEST – October 18th from 2-5 PM at Bethany United Methodist Church Parking Lot 700 Farren St. This FREE event has a variety of activities for the children of this community, including a picnic-style lunch, as long as supplies last. The Portage Area Ministerial Association has sponsored this community-building event for many years. Containers are in the vestibule of our church for donations of wrapped candy and purchased cookies. You may also donate cookies (homemade or store bought) pre-bag your donations by placng 3 cookies in a small zip-lock baggie.

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