



St. Francis of Assisi Parish

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Mass Times: Saturday 4 PM ✕ Sunday 8 AM, 10:30 AM, 5:30 PM ✕ Monday - Thursday 8 AM

Holy Day Mass Times: Consult the weekly Mass schedule

Reconciliation: Consult the weekly Mass schedule, or by appointment

Adoration Hours: Tuesday 8:30 AM - 8 PM & Thursday 8:30 AM - Noon, in the Main Church

Church Visitation Hours: Available all day, every day

Some Thoughts from Today's Scripture...

- There are incidents in the written narrative about Jesus where the fact of who He really is, is signaled in unmistakable gesture to a large audience. The heavenly manifestations at His baptism in the Jordan are one such incident. So was the recognition of His Lordship at His birth by the wise men representing the East. And another – from Jesus Himself - is the replenishment of the wine for the large crowd of wedding guests in this scripture passage from John's Gospel.
- A banquet – and the free flow of wine – was always, for the people of God, a figure of the total fulfilment and happiness which would mark the Lord's final future coming. His overflowing generosity is always available to us.
- John's Gospel speaks of Jesus' miracles as 'signs' because they always point to something deeper than the merely miraculous. They inform us about who Jesus is, and about the purpose of His mission. So in the Cana story, for example, Jesus replaces the water prescribed for Jewish purifications with more than one hundred and twenty gallons of wine! According to the Jewish Scriptures, when the Messiah comes there shall be an abundance of new wine, a symbol for God's abundant goodness towards His people. That Jesus turns so much water into the best of wines is a 'sign' that He is in fact the long awaited Messiah.

www.sacredspace.ie/scripture/john-21-11



Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 16, 2022



THE HOLY MASS

- This Week's Intentions -

SATURDAY, January 15, 2022 Vigil: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

3:00 PM *Reconciliation*

4:00 PM Don & Paula Moran, 50th wedding ann., req. by Paula & Don Moran

SUNDAY, January 16, 2022 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Gil & Celeste DaCosta, 50th wedding ann., req. by Dave Adams

10:30 AM † Dr. Oscar Castañeda Hernández req. by Justine G. Holdsworth

5:30 PM † Arlean Nummy req. by Suz Kielbasa

MONDAY, January 17, 2022

8:00 AM † Glenn Moquin req. by the St. Francis funeral ministry

TUESDAY, January 18, 2022

8:00 AM † Louise Groux req. by her husband Wilfred

WEDNESDAY, January 19, 2022

8:00 AM Gil & Celeste DaCosta, 50th wedding ann., req. by Ann Marie Mohan

THURSDAY, January 20, 2022

8:00 AM † James Taylor req. by the St. Francis funeral ministry

FRIDAY, January 21, 2022

8:00 AM No Mass

SATURDAY, January 22, 2022 Vigil: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

3:00 PM *Reconciliation*

4:00 PM † Millie White req. by Rita Owczarski

SUNDAY, January 23, 2022 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM † Daniel McBride req. by David & Theresa Pierrepont

10:30 AM † Raymond Couture req. by Therese Couture

5:30 PM Teens of the parish

The Rosary is prayed at 7:30 AM before the 8 AM Daily Mass.

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

- Answer His Call -

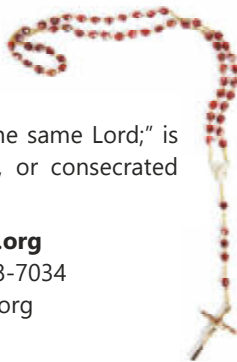
"There are different forms of service but the same Lord;" is your form of service to become a priest, or consecrated religious?

Is God calling you? Visit: www.myvocation.org

☎ Fr. Jon Reardon at 413-248-7034

✉ vocations@diospringfield.org

Or, speak with Fr. David Darcy



PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIAN

John Williams

We ask a special blessing on this young man preparing for priesthood in seminary - for the grace to follow You more perfectly.

Inclement Weather Reminder



If Belchertown public schools are cancelled or delayed due to inclement weather, Fr. David encourages everyone to stay safe and off the roads.

Fr. David will still offer the Mass for the scheduled intention, so it will not need to be rescheduled.

Please join the livestream of the Mass through our website at:
www.stfrancisbelchertown.com/masses.

FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

Parish Office Will Be Closed for the Holiday, Monday, January 17.

The office will reopen on Tuesday, January 18.

Tax Statements

Please call the office if you would like a statement. Tax statements will be ready at the end of January. They will not be mailed out automatically.

Gathering Space Table and/or Easel Reservations

All reservations for tables and/or easels in the church gathering space must be arranged through the Parish Office at 323-6272 x1.

A copy of the monthly gathering space reservation calendar is posted in the Tovet Room along with the map of the gathering space table layout, to aid in set up.

A complete list of the guidelines will also be posted, and is available through the office. Should you be unable to reach the office, contact Ray Fontaine at 413-537-4086.

A Few Notes from the MUSIC MINISTRY!



Today we will begin enhancing our musical support of the Liturgy by adding the Parish's voices to **VOICES!**

The GIA Sacred Music contemporary Catholic Hymnal, named **VOICES**, is a treasury of songs that are faithful, theologically sound, and ideal for enhancing our Liturgy.

Our deepest gratitude to Fr. David and the Finance Committee for allowing us to add this amazing resource to our worship materials.



At the end of December, Sue Miffitt stepped down from her regular role as a driver for Take & Eat.

On behalf of all those served by this ministry, we extend grateful thanks to Sue who has been a faithful volunteer since the beginning of the program here at St. Francis.

- The Take & Eat Coordinators

THIS WEEK'S GOSPEL

And when the headwaiter tasted the water that had become wine, without knowing where it came from — although the servers who had drawn the water knew —, the headwaiter called the bridegroom and said to him, “Everyone serves good wine first, and then when people have drunk freely, an inferior one; but you have kept the good wine until now.” Jesus did this as the beginning of His signs at Cana in Galilee and so revealed His glory, and His disciples began to believe in Him.

Jn 2:1-11



GOSPEL MEDITATION

God delights in you. How do you feel when you hear that? Delight usually comes with an exuberant flow of joy that seemingly arises from one’s toes with the expression of great glee. Reflecting upon the deep measure of joy God has in us can be a source of joy for ourselves. Delight is infectious. A very young brother and sister were playing on the beach when the all too familiar ice cream truck made its daily rounds. The boy shook with excitement and delight as he took his sister’s hand and exclaimed, “The ice cream man is here, isn’t it great!” As they ran off toward the truck, one could hear the girl reply, “Yeah, I can’t wait!” The experience of a child’s delight in something so simple as ice cream, lifts our spirits from our burdens and transports us to the lighter, more innocent side of life.

Life is not meant to be a burden. Believe it or not, God actually wants us to be happy! In fact, the wedding feast at Cana shows us that God even puts His blessing on our happiness. It is okay to celebrate the wonder of ourselves and others. Life is good. It is always interesting to note that Jesus saves the good wine until last. You would think it would be the other way around. The superb quality of Jesus’ wine points to the superior quality of life we find in Christ. It is not a life of burdens but a life of wonder and delight! In Christ, we are lifted from the superficial and mundane to a life of purpose, hope, and love.

God is with us through the long haul, through the challenges and sorrows as well as the successes and accomplishments. In spite of the fact that we often wander from the path, God’s celebratory delight in us remains. As spouses are asked to remain faithful to each other through whatever life brings, God remains faithful too. This promise remains through this life and into the next. All we have to do is take the advice of Jesus’ mother to heart when she says, “Listen to him.” This wisdom saves us from foolishly giving in to the illusion that we can make better wine than Jesus. ©LPI

Hooked on History: In Defense of St. Junipero Serra



Was St. Junipero Serra an agent of Spanish colonial oppression or the “patron saint of racial equality?” In this film, Dr. John Pepino discusses the myths and the truth about Fr. Serra and the Spanish missions in California. In addition, Dr. Tim Gray explores the story of St. Serra who lived his whole life as a “song to Our Lady.” Join us on either **Wednesday, January 19 at 9:30 AM** or **Thursday, January 20 at 7 PM** in the Tovet Room. *(Approximately 1 hour)*

Scripture Readings for January 22 & 23, 2022

Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/1 Cor 12:12-30/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Week at a Glance	
Monday, January 17	
Tuesday, January 18	
	11:00 AM - Prayer Shawl Ministry - Tovet Room 7:00 PM - Catholic Life Band Rehearsal - Church
Wednesday, January 19	
	9:30 AM - Lecture Series - Tovet Room 7:00 PM - Bible Study <i>(pre-reg. required)</i> - Tovet Room 7:30 PM - Men of St. Joseph - Office Conference Room
Thursday, January 20	
	9:30 AM - Bible Study <i>(pre-reg. required)</i> - Tovet Room 7:00 PM - Lecture Series - Tovet Room
Friday, January 21	
Saturday, January 22	
	3:00 PM - Reconciliation
Sunday, January 23	
	Take & Eat - (week 4) 5:30 PM Mass
<i>To see our full calendar of events, visit: stfrancisbelchertown.com.</i>	

Visitation **For the Hospitalized, Homebound and Those in Nursing Home Care**

Dcn. John is making visitations and bringing communion to those unable to attend church.

Fr. David is administering the sacrament of the “Anointing of the Sick” to all those who are: in the hospital, homebound, or in assisted living/nursing home care.

Important: *Upon registering in the hospital, assisted living or nursing home, let the facility know that you are a parishioner of St. Francis of Assisi in Belchertown.*

The only way the parish is aware of these circumstances is if it is notified.

If you or someone you know is: in the hospital for a long stay, homebound, or in assisted living/nursing home care, please contact the **Parish Office at 323-6272 x1.**

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

Weekend Collection for January 8 & 9 was	\$6,830.00
Weekly Average since July 1, 2021 is	7,227.94
Mortgage & Expansion for January 1 & 9 was	2,202.00
Monthly Mortgage Payment is	6,000.00
The Elms College Collection was	353.00

FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

*I announced Your justice in the vast assembly;
I did not restrain my lips, as You, O Lord, know. (Ps 10:10)*

Fr. David and the Finance Committee announce in our vast assembly, we too, will not restrain our lips when it comes to expressing our gratitude for your generous gifts to our parish!

"Remember, God will not be outdone in generosity!"



If you have already signed up to give online, thank you!

If not, please consider signing up today.

- 1** Go to: www.stfrancisbelchertown.com, then click "Online Giving."
- 2** Select the collection of your choice.
- 3** Set-up your donation or payment. **That's it!**

Questions? - ☎ The Parish Business Office 323-6272 x1

The following people "purchased a brick" to support the building of our new parish complex:

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M/M Michael Forgue, Sr. - Two Bricks In Memory of Thérèse Couture

Thank you for your support and please remind your friends that they, also, can "purchase a brick."

\$10 EACH



FAITH & FELLOWSHIP

For Teens: Be Not Afraid - Follow Me!

All teens are invited to join us for discussion of our faith, with good food and a healthy serving of laughter. Lunch is provided at no cost. Our next gathering is Sunday, January 16, following the 10:30 AM Mass.



Join Gerri Amprimo, Patrick Hegarty, Fr. David and Dcn. John for a fun, faith-filled time.

Please call Gerri for food planning.

☎ Gerri Amprimo: 413-345-0439 or Pat Hegarty: 413-687-7870

Women of Grace



In January, we will take up a study of Pope John Paul II's encyclical "Evangelium Vitae." This program will span 8 weeks and a study guide is available. All women are welcome to join us.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, January 25.

Meetings are held on the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 6:30-8:30 PM, in the Tovet Room.

☎ Rita Lee: 774-200-6464 or Anne Werbicki: 413-301-3409

Order of Franciscan Seculars

As He revealed Himself to the holy apostles in true flesh, so He reveals Himself to us now in sacred bread. And as they saw only His flesh by an insight of their flesh, yet believed that He was God as they contemplated Him with their spiritual eyes, let us, as we see bread and wine with our bodily eyes, see and firmly believe that they are His most holy Body and Blood living and true. *Admonition 1*



We invite you to join us in the Tovet Room on the 2nd Thursday of every month at 6 PM.

☎ Amy Moran, OFS: 323-0016 or Kathy Ricardi, OFS: 323-9023

Men of St. Joseph



Weekly meetings consist of Bible readings, reflection on those readings, and prayer. One of the readings is always the Gospel for the upcoming Sunday. Studying, discussing and applying the Gospel message is a great way to prepare for Sunday Mass and grow deeper in faith.

We meet every Wednesday from 7:30-8:30 PM in the office conference room.

✉ John Rakouskas at john5star@hotmail.com or Steve Corbin at gmsteve512@gmail.com

Knights of Columbus


St. Francis of Assisi Council 10698's information is available at: facebook.com/belchertownkofc or stfrancisbelchertown.com/knights-of-columbus.



The KofC meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month.

✉ kofcbelchertown@gmail.com or ☎ PGK Tom Grady: 323-4036

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Year of the Eucharist

"Oh, if men loved You, all the churches would be continually filled with people prostrate on the ground adoring and thanking You and burning with love for You at seeing You with the eyes of faith hidden in the tabernacle. But no; men forgetful of You and of Your love, leave You, O my Lord, abandoned and alone. Inflame me with Your love so that from this day forth, I may live only to love and to please You." - *St. Alphonsus Liguori, The Holy Eucharist: Octave of Corpus Christi, Meditation I.*

For information and videos visit: www.yearoftheeucharist.net

Adoration - Make a Holy Hour

"Go and find Him when your patience and strength run out and you feel alone and helpless. Jesus is waiting for you in the chapel. Say to Him, 'Jesus, you know exactly what is going on. You are all I have, and you know all things. Come to my help.' And then go, and don't worry about how you are going to manage. That you have told God about it is enough. He has a good memory." - *St. Jeanne Jugan*



Number of Adorers Needed for Hours Below

Tuesday: 1-2 PM (1), 2-3 (1), & 4-5 PM (1)

Thursday: 1-2 PM (1), 2-3 PM (1), 4-5 PM (1), & 5-6 PM (1)

Schedule your hour:

☎ Anne Werbicki 413-301-3409

Become a regular adorer and see the fruits it bears.

☎ Anne Werbicki at 413-301-3409, Rita Lee at 774-200-6464, Celeste DaCosta at 413-323-7896 or Nancy Hastings at 413-636-6097

Tuesday 8:30 AM-6 PM (in main church), **6-8 PM** (in chapel) & **Thursday 8:30 AM-Noon** (in main church)

For updates to hours or closings: Adoration Line at 323-6272 x6

CATHOLIC RESOURCES - Know the Faith

Lighthouse Catholic Media Kiosk

A wealth of topics are available to help you grow in your faith. Your donations of \$4 for CDs and \$5 for books allow us to maintain the kiosk with materials.

Formed.org - Suggested Program

Who Do You Say That I AM? - Jesus takes His disciples to Caesarea Philippi, a place riddled with images of pagan gods and idols. It is important that Jesus brings them to this place that elicits many images of gods. Jesus asks the disciples who people think He is. There are all kinds of various answers, but the significant question is whether or not they know who Jesus is. This is significant because Jesus will depart from Caesarea Philippi and begin His journey to Jerusalem, which will end in His death. It is imperative that the disciples know who He is before they begin their grueling journey. (Episode 1 of the Wild Goose series)



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MICHAEL SWEENEY PRAYER LINE



Please pray for all of the intentions listed on our prayer line, for the sick and dying, the imprisoned and all those in need of spiritual, emotional, physical and/or financial support and healing. Especially please pray:

- ◆ For Carole O., for successful cancer treatment.
- ◆ For B., for successful surgery and complete healing.
- ◆ For baby A., for successful cancer treatment.
- ◆ For M. S. and her family, for spiritual support through these final days of cancer.
- ◆ For all the members of our parish family.
- ◆ For those mourning the loss of a loved one, for comfort.
- ◆ For respect for all human life.
- ◆ For all of our retired priests.
- ◆ For an increase in vocations.
- ◆ In thanksgiving for all God's graces and answers to the requests of the prayer line.
- ◆ In thanksgiving for the life of Patricia Wood. Please pray for the repose of her soul and for her family and friends in their bereavement.

To have the prayer line members pray for you or a love one:

☎ Office: 323-6272 x1 or ✉ franciscatbtown@gmail.com; or, visit www.stfrancisbelchertown.com, click *Liturgy and Prayer*, then *Prayer*.

PRO-LIFE - Because Life is Sacred

Join Us to Stand Up for the "Right to Life"

On Wednesday, January 19, area pro-lifers from Pro-Life of Pioneer Valley and the Diocese of Springfield will hold a March for Life. The March activities will include: Mass at 10 AM at St. Michael's Cathedral, 260 State Street, Springfield; a walk for life to immediately follow the Mass (*approx. 11 AM*); and lunch served in the Bishop Marshall Center. For those who are unable to walk, a pro-life rosary will immediately follow the Mass. This march is in solidarity with the National March for Life held each year in Washington, D.C.

✉ prolifepioneervalley@gmail.com

"March for Life" in D.C.

Join the Pioneer Valley Massachusetts Citizens for Life for the annual "March for Life" in Washington, D.C. Busses will head down on the night of Thursday, January 20, 2022.

☎ Peggy at 413-583-5034 or

✉ pbradford@massachusettscitizensforlife.org

Pray for Dobbs

Our St. Francis Pro-Life team is asking everyone to pray the rosary for the Dobbs case being presented before the US Supreme Court since December 1, as well as for the Texas Heartbeat Law that is being challenged. This is a huge moment because it could be the beginning of the dismantling of the *Roe v. Wade* ruling.

Each week, drop into the tally box, a note with the number of Rosaries you and your family have prayed.

☎ Rita Lee at 774-200-6464,

Donna Laviolette at 413-668-5014, or Sue Dexter at 413-687-2911



Clarity and Support for Pregnant Women

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STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

It Takes All Kinds - "If every flower wanted to be a rose," wrote St. Therese of Lisieux, "spring would lose its loveliness."

Who is God asking you to be today? There is an obvious answer that springs to mind right out of the gate. God wants me to be a good person (a good father, a good husband) today; today, God wants me to be a saint.

But this answer fails to get to the heart of the question. We are all striving today to serve the same Spirit, but we are given different gifts to do so. The one who has the gift of knowledge may fail if today he decides he wants to be a healer. The one who has the gift of "varieties of tongues" might falter in the expression of wisdom.

Think about the wedding at Cana and the players in the scene: the servers, the guests, the bride and groom. They all have a unique role to play, and though it is to the servers that Mary gives the instruction, "Do whatever he tells you," her words apply to all.

Today, are we called to be the servers — do we wait on God's instruction and carry it out, no matter how foolish or impossible it may seem to our human ears? Are we asked to be the disciples, to bear witness to a miracle and to give our testimony? Are we called to imitate the Blessed Mother herself and give encouragement to follow God's word?

Let us examine our gifts and listen in the silence of our hearts to the direction of the Spirit. Then and only then, let us do whatever He tells us.

- Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPI

Who is God asking you to be today?

SERVICE & OUTREACH

Opportunities to serve as the heart and hands of Christ

The Food Pantry is in need of:

soups, crackers, pasta, and tomato sauces.

Thank you for your generous response to serving those in need.

☎ Food Pantry: 323-6272 x8

Please leave donations between the doors of the church.

Take & Eat is run by volunteers and is funded entirely through donations. Monetary donations can be made by check, made out to: St. Francis of Assisi Church with "Take & Eat" in the memo.

Like and Share their Facebook Page

@StFrancisWeekendMealsMinistry

☎ Ann Marie Beaupre: 687-7296 or ✉ beaupre6852@charter.net

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will be meeting in the Tovet Room on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 11 AM. If you are interested in learning to knit or crochet for this ministry, join us.

Do you know someone who would appreciate a reminder that they are not alone and who would like to be held up in prayer during a difficult time?

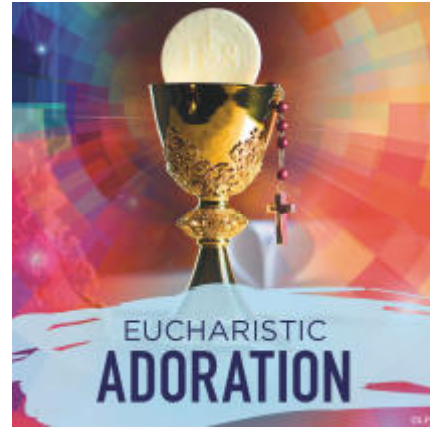
☎ Bonnie Miller: 253-2293 or Diane Plante: 237-3001

The Mats for the Homeless Ministry uses recycled plastic shopping bags to make mats for the homeless.

This ministry meets in the Pine Room on the 4th Monday of the month from 5:30-7 PM.

☎ Becky Walton: 345-1757

Please save your plastic bags for donation to this ministry.



FAITH QUESTIONS

Q: What is Eucharistic Adoration?

A: The practice of Eucharistic Adoration is a centuries old ritual and falls within a broader category of devotions and rituals that are associated with the Sacrament of the Eucharist. In a particular way, Eucharistic Adoration is an extension of the worship and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament that occurs in every Mass.

In a long-standing practice, a period of Eucharistic Adoration often ends with "benediction," the blessing of the faith with the Blessed Sacrament.

Several parishes throughout the United States have introduced the practice of perpetual Eucharistic Adoration, while other communities have the custom of shorter periods of Eucharistic Adoration. Care should always be taken that these periods of adoration respect the instructions outlined in Holy Communion and Worship of the Eucharist Outside of Mass, the liturgical book that gives the instructions for the proper celebration of Eucharistic Adoration.

Although adoration of the Blessed Sacrament can never take the place of Eucharistic Communion, many Catholics find great comfort and consolation in their prayers before the Eucharist enshrined in the tabernacle or when it is exposed in the monstrance (both are equally valid, as the Christ is not more present in one than in the other). But when we consider our eucharistic devotions, it is always important to remember the fundamental connection these acts of devotion have the celebration of the Eucharist in the Mass and reception of Christ in Communion.

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CATHOLIC COMMUNITY NEWS

Western Mass Charity DanceAthon Canceled

Due to the sharp rise in COVID, the Western Mass Charity DanceAthon is canceled for February 11-12 and rescheduled for next year. In spite of the cancellation, two grants will be awarded this year from funds raised in anticipation of the 2022 WMCD. "Rick's Place" will receive a \$10,000 grant for grief support services for youth. "KEVS Foundation" will receive the second grant in the amount of \$2,000. Established in memory of 19-year-old Kevin Major, the foundation provides free sudden cardiac arrest testing for high school athletes as well as AED units for public places. Anyone interested in donating to the WMCD, you may do so with a check payable to WMCD, PO Box 1413, Westfield, MA 01086. Details of the Danceathon, its Foundation Board, and its mission may be found on its website – WMCD.org.

Please Consider Taking Part In These Opportunities For Spiritual Growth

Bishop Robert Barron's - THE CREED

The keys that unlock the beliefs of the Christian Faith are stated succinctly in the Nicene Creed, which we pray at every Sunday Mass. Born at the Council of Nicaea in the Fourth Century after intense debates, this formal statement of faith is the foundation of both eastern and western Christianity. And to this day, most Christians around the world would subscribe to it.

This 7 week study will be held in the Pine Room at 12 Park Street from 9-11 AM on the following Saturdays: March 5, 12, 19, 26, April 2, 9, & 16. Each class will consist of a video, followed by small group discussions. The course will be led by Dcn. John and small group leaders.

Registration will be held January 8 thru February 14. No late registrations will be accepted, due to limited class size and the time needed to gather materials. The anticipated cost for the book/study guide is \$20.

For more information contact Dcn. John Murray at:
✉ DcnJLMurray@gmail.com or ☎ 323-6272 x4.

Catching Fire Becoming Flame

This 6 week program will be held in the Pine Room at 12 Park Street, from 6:30-8 PM, on Thursdays: February 10, 17, 24, March 3, 10, & 17. This powerful spiritual enrichment opportunity will use a book along with video presentations, group discussions and prayers for the participants. The program is a great way to strengthen our faith and to experience of our Christian spirituality that can sustain us through our entire lives. **Register by January 22.**

Those who signed up for the event cancelled due to COVID, just have to re-register.

New participants need to register and pay a nominal fee of \$10 to cover materials and other costs.

To register, include your name and phone number along with \$10 in an envelope marked - *Catching Fire Becoming Flame* and drop it in the collection basket or at the church office. Make checks out to 'St. Francis of Assisi Church.'

☎ Gil or Celeste DaCosta at 323-7896

LIVESTREAM MASS SCHEDULE AND ACCESS

For those who are unable to join us in-person for worship, we regularly livestream the following Masses:

Saturdays - 4 PM Vigil Mass

Weekdays - 8 AM Daily Masses

First Fridays & Saturdays - 8 AM Masses

Visit our website at: stfrancisbelchertown.com

"Click" the link: Liturgy & Prayers / Masses

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