



SEPTEMBER 14, 2014
THE EXALTATION OF
THE HOLY CROSS

THE FAITH COMMUNITY
OF
ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

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Daily Mass Schedule at St. Francis of Assisi

Mon / Wed / Thurs/ Fri. / Sat; 8:00AM; Tues. –6:30PM
First Friday 8:00AM and 5:30 PM

Confession - Tues., 6:00PM, Sat. 3:15 - 3:45PM
First Friday 5:00PM

Rosary Society – First Sunday of the Month – 2:00PM

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday – 4:00PM / Sunday – 7:30AM / 10:00AM

Parish Secretary – Carol Pisula

Office Hours – 9:00AM to 3:00PM – Mon. thru Thurs.

Parish Council President - Ryan Woodruff

Finance Council President – Lynn Rován

Cemetery Council President - William Heim

Music Minister - Gale Bala

Director of Religion Education - Carol Pisula

Baptism - Parents are expected to be registered members of the Parish and to attend a class for new parents in preparation for the Baptism of their child. It is encouraged that this be done prior to the birth of the child. Please call the Rectory to make early arrangements.

Reconciliation - The Sacrament of God's merciful love and compassion is celebrated Tues at 6 PM and Sat 3:15 PM at St. Francis of Assisi. Communal Penance Services - Advent and Lent.

Anointing of the Sick Communal - Celebration 2nd Sunday of Advent and 3rd Sunday of Lent.

Marriage In accordance with Diocesan directives, arrangements must be made at least 9 months before the marriage date. All couples are required to attend Diocesan sponsored Pre-Cana sessions and to participate in the FOCCUS inventory. Call the Rectory for information and schedules.

Christian Initiation (RCIA) - Those who are interested in becoming Catholic, as well as those who are interested in learning more about their Catholic Faith, may call the Parish office for more information.

Parish Membership - We are always happy to welcome new parishioners. You may register at the Parish office. Registration, the practice of stewardship (the regular use of envelopes) and regular participation in the Eucharist Indicates active membership and eligibility to act as a Godparent or Sponsor. Your stewardship of time, treasure and talent is essential for the common good and provides a stable income for the Parish, enabling us to prepare a budget.

Ministry to the Sick - If you or someone you know are unable to attend Mass and would like to receive the Sacrament of Penance or Holy Eucharist please contact the Parish Office to schedule a visit.

Annual Catholic Appeal Goal: \$24,795.00
As of September 8: \$9,504.00 was pledged for 25% of goal by 89 families/342 households

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS the family and friends of +Helen Beck who was laid to rest last week. Welcoming God, receive from our hands the loved ones we return to you.

THANK YOU to all who helped in any way with the Fish Fry and last gob making sessions. Your help is greatly appreciated!

TODAY IS THE FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS An hour of adoration will take place from 1:00PM until 2:00PM. A meeting of ALL Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will be held at 2:00PM. All are encouraged to spend some time in adoration. Anyone interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister is invited to attend the 2:00PM meeting.

ST. FRANCIS MEN'S CLUB held election of officers last week: President – Jack Rovani; Vice-President – Greg Solomon; Treasurer – Bill Oleksa; Secretary – Ray Toth, Sr. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, October 2 at 7:00PM in the Activity Center. New members are welcome.

FEAST DAY DINNER is scheduled for Sunday, October 5 from 11:00AM until 2:00PM. Donation: \$9.00/Adults, \$5.00/children 6-12, Free/under the age of 5. Students needing service hours, children (12 & over)/young adults, and those with children attending Catholic School are asked to please donate some of their time. Help is needed with serving, assisting older patrons, and busing tables. Thank you in advance for your help.

ROSARY in honor of Our Lady of Fatima will be prayed on Saturday, October 11 at 12Noon in the parking lot next to the former convent. Plan on participating in this world wide recitation of the Rosary. Please bring a lawn chair as seating will not be provided.

CCD CLASSES began on **Sunday, September 7, 2014** for students in pre-school through 8th grade. **Parents are reminded of their obligation to see that their children are instructed in the Faith.** *Children in Grade 2 attending Catholic school are to attend classes in order to prepare for First Communion.* Registration forms are available in the vestibule of the Church. Classes are held at Resurrection Parish Center on Sunday morning from 10:45AM until 12Noon.

CONFIRMATION FORMATION – Attention parents of children in grades 9, 10 & 11 both in public schools and Bishop McCort: Formation classes for Confirmation Preparation will begin on Sunday, September 14, 2014 at Resurrection Oratory and Parish Center. All students in grade 9 need to register by contacting Mrs. Marcy Olek at Resurrection Parish, 536-1480.

SAVE THE DATE –Friday, Nov. 21, 2014 – We are planning a trip to see the Christmas Show, “The Joy of Christmas,” at the American Music Theatre in Lancaster, PA. We will be stopping for breakfast (on your own), at Bird-in-Hand Farmers Market, dinner after the show at Shady Maple Smorgasbord. Cost of the trip (which includes bus, show and dinner): \$95.00. A deposit of \$50.00 is requested at time of booking. The bus will leave St. Francis parking lot at 7:00AM and will return around midnight. To make a reservation please contact the Parish Office. Seating on the bus will be by order of reservation.

SANCTUARY CANDLE will burn this week for Living and Deceased members of the Rosary Society by the Rosary Society.

GET YOUR CANDY CANE CASH TICKET for the month of December in the vestibule of the Church or at the Fish Fry. Tickets are also available at the Parish Office. Tickets are \$5.00 for the month of December. Winning number based on the First 7PM Lottery 3 Digit Daily Number (Straight).

ANYONE who wishes to contact Fr. James Smyka may do so by writing: Fr. James Smyka, St. Francis Friary, 812 N. Salina St., Syracuse, NY 13208. May God bless him as he begins his new ministry.

CENSUS – Due to the implementation of a new computer program we are now in the process of updating our Parish census. A new census will aid in ensuring that our Diocesan assessments are accurate and assist in the preparation of offering envelopes for 2015. Please take a few minutes to fill out the form included with the bulletin and return it via the collection basket as soon as possible. If you know of anyone (shut-ins, etc.) that should be included in the census, please contact the parish office so that a form may be sent to them. Thank you for your cooperation.

IF YOU OR ANYONE you know is interesting in becoming a member of the Catholic Church, please notify the Parish Office as soon as possible in order to begin instruction in the Faith.

NEWLY REGISTERED members of the Parish may pick up their offering envelopes in the vestibule of the Church. Welcome to our Faith Community!

CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR PARISH LAST WEEKEND: Adults: \$2,484.01; Loose: \$334.11; Children: \$28.00; Candles: \$112.00; Monthly: 894.01; Holy Day - \$20.00; S. Vincent DePaul - \$39.00; Humanitarian Relief - \$337.30; Misc. - \$309.89; Total Collection: \$4,558.32. Thank you for your continued generosity to the parish.

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS – MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Sunday, September 14 – 1:00PM – One hour of adoration followed by 2:00PM meeting with all Eucharistic Ministers.

Friday, October 3 –Transitus – Time to be determined - Passing of Our Holy Father St. Francis from earthly death to Everlasting Life.

Saturday, October 4 – Blessing of Animals – 9:00AM

Sunday, October 5– Feast Day Dinner – 11:00AM until 2:00PM

Saturday, October 11 – Rosary in honor of Our Lady of Fatima – 12Noon

MATTHEW KELLY EVENT: “*Living Your Faith with Passion and Purpose*” sponsored by the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese. An event you will want to experience. Internationally known speaker and author, Matthew Kelly, will be coming to St. Francis University on Saturday, September 27, to speak on “*Living You’re Faith with Passion and Purpose.*” This one day event has helped tens of thousands of Catholics around the world discover a passion and purpose for their lives to become a better version of themselves. It could do the same for you. It could very well be the event that can help you find what is missing in your life and faith. This may seem like a long way off, but tickets for this event sell out fast. To inquire or to register go to www.dioceseaj.org and click on the Matthew Kelly Event or you may call Sr. Linda LaMagna at 814-674-3712 to do a paper registration. Tickets are \$39.00 for adults and \$15.00 for teens and college students. As of August 21, 2014, 1,200 tickets have been sold!

Liturgical Reflection... Today’s Feast commemorates a double anniversary. First, in Jerusalem, the Emperor Constantine erected a round Church, the Anastasis, above the grave of Jesus, and a Basilica, the Martyrium. In the square between the two Churches, a Shrine, Calvarium, marked the place of the Crucifixion. These were dedicated in 335. Second, this Feast also commemorates the discovery of the Lord’s Cross by the empress, St. Helena, in 320. The Cross is our sign of salvation. On the Wood of the Cross the Crucified Lord was sacrificed and the tree of defeat became the tree of victory. Our sins are forgiven and we are reconciled with our God. Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 S. Logan Blvd., Hollidaysburg, PA.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK OR HOMEBOUND

Rose Blaschak, Pauline Boldin, Mary Chamiok, Jean Chase, Sister Carol Jean Czynnik, Mary Davis, Joan Delusa, Baby Grayson Esposito, Stephen Fabina, LeAnn Golby, Alicia Junghans, Susan Keselyak, Kathryn Legat, Helen Malysko, Marci Nickels, Bernard Picklo, Betty Rerko, Carly Rice, Doug Rice, Frances Sakmar, James Schuster, Carol Sobecky, Anthony Sokolowski, Veronica Smith, Agnes Swarney, Jeanne Toth, Rose Trapanotto, Emily Turkovich, Katherine Twardziak, Anna Vargo, Irene Virus, and Agnes Warhul.

SALUTE TO THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY AND A REMEMBRANCE IN OUR PRAYERS

May God bless these brave men and women who serve God and Country.

Ensign Adam Guaro, USCG; **Brandon Burdett**, USMC; **Master at Arms 2nd Class Izeke W. Pinkas**, El Centro CA; **SSgt. Joshua Petak**, Army, National Guard; **Lt. Col. Joshua P. Higgins**, US Army; **Petty Officer 1st Class Paul Rambish**, US Navy, Coronado Naval Base, San Diego; **Ret. SMSgt. Michael A. Caddy**, **Captain Melinda Rovon**, Kyrgystan Transfer Base; **Lt. Gen. Raymond Palumbo**, US Army; **HMC David Bakos**, US Navy; **PFC; Lance Corporal Jacob Taylor**, USMC; **Private 1st Class Zack Taylor**, US Army; **Spc. Cody Holloway**, US Army, Afghanistan; **Trista L. Urban**, PFC, Army National Guard; **Jared N. Dull**, HM3, US Navy, Quantico, Va.; **Stefanie Kollar**, TSgt. Air Force, Hurlburt Field, Fort Walton Beach, Fla., **Fr. Don Fullerton**, USS Enterprise, **Airman 1st. Class Maxwell Schutte**, F. E. Warren, Wv; **Sgt. Bryan Maxwell Porath**, **1std Lt Aaron Donahey**, US Army, Fort Bliss, El Paso, Texas; **Spec Jacob T. Stone**, Army National Guard, Austin, Texas; **2nd Class Petty Officer Heather L. Dovala**, USS William P. Lawrence, DDG 110, San Diego, Ca., **Pvt. 1st. Class Kegan Solomon**, Camp Lejeune, NC; **Spec Jarod Pisarchik**, Army National Guard; **Ens. Kara Yingling**, USS Higgins; **Lt. JG Shannon Yingling**; **Pvt Daniel Maslo**, Camp Geiger, NC; **Sgt. Anthony Urban**, 252 Engineer, National Guard, Afghanistan.

To add a name to our Salute to those in the Military, please call 539-1632.

COMMUNITY NEWS

PRO LIFE VIGIL - Every Thursday from 4:00PM - 5:00PM we hold a prayer vigil across from the Franklin Street Planned Parenthood facility here in Johnstown. For more information call Gale at 539-0155.

ST. PIO PRAYER GROUP meets the second Thursday of each month at St. Clare Catholic Church. Rosary held at 6:30PM followed by Mass at 7:00PM. St. Pio Prayers and social afterward. All welcome.

CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION – Swiss Steak Dinner, Saturday, September 20 , 2014 from 4:00PM – 7:30PM. Take outs available, please call 535-2698.

BISHOP McCORT CHEERLEADERS will be holding their Annual Basket Party on Sunday, September 28 in the St. Andrew’s School Cafeteria. Doors will open at 1:00PM with prize drawings beginning at 2:00PM. You can purchase tickets from any cheerleader or by calling Dr. John Walker at 814-243-9184. Tickets will also be available at the door.

ST. THERESE CHURCH will be holding their Annual Novena in honor of St. Therese of the Little Flower of Jesus starting Tuesday, September 23 and will continue for nine days. Masses will be held at 9AM and 7PM except on Saturday and Sunday, which will be Saturday at 9AM, 4PM, & 7PM and Sunday at 7:30AM, 10:30AM and 7PM. The closing of the Novena will be Wednesday, October 1 with refreshments served after the 9AM & 7PM Mass in the Church Hall. Fr. Jack O'Connor, C.P. will conduct the Novena. Fr. Connor is currently serving as the Assistant Rector at St. Ann's Monastery in Scranton, PA.

Ss. GREGORY & BARNABAS – Fish Fry, Friday, October 3 from 4:00PM until 7:00PM. Fried or baked fish, shrimp. Walk in – take outs only.