



**SEPTEMBER 21, 2014**  
*25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**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 / 9:30AM

**Parish Secretary – Carol Pisula**

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

**Parish Council President - Ryan Woodruff**

**Finance Council President – Lynn Rovon**

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 15: \$9,504.00 was pledged for 25% of goal by 89 families/342 households**

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

**THANK YOU** to Sandy Rager and all the workers who made the Fish Fry so successful. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

**GOB** icing will be made on Tuesday, September 23 beginning at 8:30AM and filled at 6:00PM. Gobs will also be filled on Thursday, September 25 at 6:00PM. Many thanks to all who help in any way with this project!

**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.

**LOOKING FOR...** volunteer or volunteers for a sit down position at the Fish fry selling pull tabs. Meet lots of people and have an enjoyable day. You pick the time you would like to work between 11:00AM and 6:00PM. Call Cindy Shorto to sign up today – 539-3128.

**CCD CLASSES** began on **Sunday, September 7, 2014** for students in pre-school through 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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.

**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).

**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 that you received (or you can find one in the vestibule of the Church) 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. (RCIA Program).

**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: \$2,773.01; Loose: \$351.61; Children: \$32.00; Candles: \$66.15; Monthly: 226.00; Catholic University - \$375.16; Missalettes - \$15.00; Misc. – 25.00; Total Collection: \$3,863.93. Thank you for your continued generosity to the parish.

**A LIFETIME OF SERVICE, A MOMENT OF THANKS** – Next weekend, we will take up a special collection for medical and retirement needs of our active and senior diocesan Priests. Contributions are managed by the Diocese’s Medical Retirement Plan Commission to help keep our parish share of Priests’ benefits at manageable levels. Your generous response will provide relief to the men who bring us closer to Christ through worship, service and community. Please use the special envelope provided in your box of envelopes or donate online through the diocesan website at [www.dioceseaj.org](http://www.dioceseaj.org). Thank you for your generosity.

**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.

### **UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS – MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

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  
Thursday, October 2 – Men’s Club Meeting – 7:00PM  
Sunday, October 5– Feast Day Dinner – 11:00AM until 2:00PM  
Friday, October 10 – Fish Fry – 11:00AM – 6:00PM  
Saturday, October 11 – Rosary in honor of Our Lady of Fatima – 12Noon  
Sunday, October 12 – Rosary Society Meeting – 2:00PM

**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, at the Maurice Stokes Building 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. To inquire or to register go to [www.dioceseaj.org](http://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 September 17, 1,320 tickets have been sold!

**THE NATIONAL LIFE CHAIN** will take place in the Johnstown area on Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup> from 1:00PM – 2:00PM along Broad Street in the Cambria City section of Johnstown, next to Sheetz. Feel free to bring lawn chairs if you cannot stand. We stand for one hour peacefully and quietly praying for an end to abortion, for those that have been hurt by abortion, for those involved in the abortion industry, and for an end of this holocaust. If you want to learn more about the National Life Chain you can go to [www.nationallifechain.org](http://www.nationallifechain.org). For more information call Heidi at 536-7335

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK OR HOMEBOUND**

Rose Blaschak, Pauline Boldin, Mary Chamiook, Jean Chase, Sister Carol Jean Czrynik, 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 Sobbecky, Veronica Smith, Agnes Swarney, Jeanne Toth, Rose Trapanotto, Emily Turkovich, Katherine Twardziak, Anna Vargo, Irene Virus, and Agnes Warhul.

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### **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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup>. Class Maxwell Schutte**, F. E. Warren, Wy; **Sgt. Bryan Maxwell Porath**, **1st<sup>d</sup> Lt Aaron Donahey**, US Army, Fort Bliss, El Paso, Texas; **Spec Jacob T. Stone**, Army National Guard, Austin, Texas; **2<sup>nd</sup> Class Petty Officer Heather L. Dovala**, USS William P. Lawrence, DDG 110, San Diego, Ca., **Pvt. 1<sup>st</sup>. 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.

**SWISS STEAK DINNER** – St. John Vianney Church, Mundy’s Corner, Sunday, September 21 from 11:00AM until 2:00PM. Adults - \$9.00, Children under 12 - \$4.50.

**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.