

AUGUST 3, 2014
18TH 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 / 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

Director of Religion Education - Carol Pisula

Music Minister - Gale Bala



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 July 21: \$8,944.00 was pledged for 25% of goal by 85 families/342 households

THANK YOU to all who attended the Fish Fry meeting this past week and to Sandy Rager for agreeing to stay on as coordinator. We are happy to report that the Fish Fry will continue. However, a minimum of 40 people will be needed to continue to be successful. In the vestibule of the Church you will find information sheets describing what is involved to make the fish fry the popular event that it is. Please take one and consider helping out in any way that you can. This is a perfect opportunity for students in need of service hours, as well as for those parents/guardians with children attending Catholic School to fulfill their part of the memorandum of understanding. Sign up sheets are available in the vestibule. Many hands make light work. The Fish Fry is not only a fund raiser for the parish, but a service to the community as well.

ROSARY SOCIETY will meet on Sunday, August 3 at 2:00PM for Rosary and Benediction. All are welcome to attend.

OLD FASHION CHURCH PICNIC – St. Francis of Assisi Church along with its co-sponsor the Men’s Club are planning an Old Fashion Church Picnic on Sunday, August 10, 2014 at the ACRP Recreation Park on Knox Street in Tanneryville from 11:00AM to 6:00PM. Fr. Anthony Francis will celebrate Mass at 12:00Noon at the Park Grounds. The luncheon meal will be served immediately following Mass. All food and beverages will be provided at no charge but we do ask that a small desert dish be brought to pass and share. There will be games for the children, watermelon-eating contest, along with bingo, music, corn hole, and so much more. However, to properly plan for this event we are requesting that if you are interested in attending our picnic that you please sign the attendance sheet provided at the entrance of the Church. **Sunday August 3 is the final day for sign up.**

ST. FRANCIS MEN’S CLUB will be selling 50/50 tickets for Labor Day in the vestibule beginning this weekend. Tickets are \$2.00 each. All club members are asked to pick up your tickets during this time. Please help to support this important project of our parish.

GOB SALE will take place on Wednesday, August 6 from 3:00PM until 6:00PM while supplies last.

FIRDAY, AUGUST 15 is the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, August 14 at 5:30PM and on Friday, August 15 at 8:00AM and 5:30PM.

CCD CLASSES will begin 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.** Registration forms are available in the vestibule of the Church. Registration forms may be returned via the collection basket. Please return forms as soon as possible so that supplies may be ordered. Classes will once again be held at Resurrection Parish Center on Sunday morning (time to be determined).

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. More details to follow.

SANCTUARY CANDLE will burn this week for Improved Health for Betty Scott by Pansy & Margaret Scott. **CANDLE BY OUR LADY QUEEN OF HEAVEN** will burn this week for God’s Blessings and Good Health of Kenneth Holtz by Ray & Jeanne Toth. **CANDLE BY THE SACRED HEART** will burn this week for Health, God’s Blessings and continued recovery of John Kasper by Ed & Margie Saloka.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR PARISH LAST WEEKEND: Adults: \$2,263.01; Loose: \$498.40; Children: \$26.00; Candles: \$86.25; Monthly: 91.00; Misc.: \$16.00; Total Collection: \$2,980.66. 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 – 7:00PM – Transitus - Passing of Our Holy Father St. Francis from earthly death to Everlasting Life.

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 Your 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.

BISHOP MARK BARTCHAK and the Family Life Office cordially invite all couples celebrating their 1st, 25th, 40th, 50th, 55th and 60+ Wedding Anniversary in 2014 (and their families) to attend the Annual Anniversary Liturgy. Couples may attend Sunday, Sept. 14 in Altoona at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament or Sunday, Sept. 21 in Johnstown at St. John Gualbert Cathedral. Both locations are handicap accessible. Liturgies in each location begin at 2PM. Bishop Mark will be the celebrant and homilist at each celebration. Punch and cookies will be available after the Mass for anniversary couples and their families. **Reservations must be made through the parish office no later than Tuesday, Aug. 26.**

DR. SCOTT HAHN, internationally known lecturer/theologian and Professor of Biblical Theology at Franciscan University will be at Mount Aloysius College on Sat., Sept. 13. The day will begin with Mass at 8:30AM with two sessions in the morning, lunch and an afternoon session. There will be a \$5.00 charge. For reservations call Sandy at 814-472-8814.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

I ask each of you (parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi) to support this year's Appeal and to help our parish witness its unity in Christ with other Catholics throughout the Diocese. What is most important is that each one of us offers a gift at a level that expresses our gratitude to God for blessings already received. The **ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL** is a vital part of the Catholic Church's mission in Central Pennsylvania. Through it we allow Catholic Charities, the Fulton County Catholic Mission, Family Life, Vocations, Religious Education, and Lay Ecclesial Ministry, and many others to bring the Good News that is Jesus Christ to all who turn to them. If you have not yet made a gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal, please pick up a spare envelope in the vestibule of the Church. You may return it to the Parish office, place it in the collection basket, or mail it to the ACA office. Thank you to all who have participated in the Annual Catholic Appeal to date. Please join those who have already sent in their pledge cards. Thank you for your generous response!