



JULY 27, 2014
17TH 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

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 and at St. Michael's Sat at 5:15 PM. 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: \$8,894.00 was pledged for 24% of goal by 83 families/342 households

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS the family and friends of +Fr. *Christian Oravec* who was laid to rest last week. Fr. Christian was a native son of St. Francis of Assisi Parish. Welcoming God, receive from our hands the loved ones we return to You.

THANK YOU to Sue Paonessa for the beautiful newsletter on Vacation Bible School. What a wonderful way to remember a great week!

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.

DUE TO DEMAND GOB icing will be made on Saturday, July 26 and gobs filled on Monday, July 28 at 6:00PM. Thank you in advance for your dedication to this project.

ATTENTION ALL fish fry workers of both St. Francis and St. Michael: You are cordially invited to a meeting on Wednesday, July 30, 2014 at 6:30PM at St. Francis of Assisi Activity Center. The “West End Famous Fish Fry” is not only a fund raiser but it provides a service to the Greater Johnstown Community. I like to think that it is a ministry of service to those who “hunger” for our fish and all the trappings. Please consider attending this important meeting. *fr. Anthony Francis*

ST. FRANCIS MEN’S CLUB will be selling 50/50 tickets for Labor Day in the vestibule starting the weekend of August 2. 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.

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. They may be returned via the collection basket as soon as possible so that supplies may be ordered. Classes will once again be held at Resurrection Parish Center on Sunday morning.

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.

YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAM – Students in grade 9-12: The Youth Leadership Program invites you to participate. **WHEN:** Wednesdays, beginning on September 17 at Resurrection Oratory. To register call Larry Olek, 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 Living & Deceased Members of the Rosary Society by Rosary Society.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR PARISH LAST WEEKEND: Adults: \$2,495.00; Loose: \$408.90; Children: \$26.00; Candles: \$92.00; Monthly: \$51.00; Misc.: \$51.33; Total Collection: \$3,124.23. Thank you for your continued generosity to the parish.

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.

OUTDOOR MASS honoring married couples with Bishop Mark – All parishioners are invited to pray with and for those living the Sacrament of Marriage on Sunday evening, July 27 at 7:00PM at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Alleghenies in Loretto. Bring a lawn chair. In case of rain, Mass will be celebrated at the Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel. Bishop Mark is the celebrant and homilist. This is wonderful way to encourage and support.

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.**

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!

Eucharistic



Adoration

BECAUSE OF THE SITUATION OF THE WORLD, I plead with your sense of righteousness and justice to sign up for a half hour of adoration on the First Friday of August (August 1). What better place to bring our needs than at the feet of Our Eucharistic Lord exposed on our Altar of Sacrifice? Sign-up sheet can be found in the vestibule of the Church.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK OR HOMEBOUND

Helen Beck, Rose Blaschak, Pauline Boldin, Mary Chamiok, Jean Chase, Sister Carol Jean Czyrnik, Mary Davis, 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 Sobacky, Anthony Sokolowski, Veronica Smith, Agnes Swarney, Jeanne Toth, Rose Trapanotto, Emily Turkovich, Katherine Twardziak, 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; **Capt. Glenn Joseph Lintz**, US Navy, Carlisle PA; **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; **PFC Ethan Serball**, USMC, Cherry Point, NC; **PFC Joseph Rivera**, USMC; **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, WY; **Sgt. Bryan Maxwell Porath**, **1st 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

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

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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.

VISITATION PARISH will be holding a Trivia Night to benefit the Little Angel Learning Center on Wednesday, August 7 from 7:00-9:00PM. You can form a team of 6-8 people or come individually. The cost is \$20/person and includes food, beverages and prizes. Basket Raffle, 50/50 chances, Basket of Cheer. Come for a fun night of fun and food. Please call Barbara at 535-2341 for more information and/or sign up a team. Babysitting will be provided at no charge.

SAVE THE DATE Annual Class Reunion, September 2, 2014 – St. John Gualbert and St. Joseph Schools, Johnstown, PA. All former students welcome. For more information please call: Romaine – 814-288-4437, or Darlene – 814-255-2066.

DR. SCOTT HAHN, internationally known lecturer/theologian and Professor of Biblical Theology at Franciscan University will be at Mount Aloysius College on Sat., Sept. 14. 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.

