

AUGUST 24, 2014
21st 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. 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 August 4: \$8,994.00 was pledged for 25% of goal by 86 families/342 households

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: Beginning on Sunday, September 7, 2014, Masses on Sunday will be celebrated at 7:30AM and **9:30AM**. The return to 9:30AM Mass better suits the CCD program during the fall & winter and spring months.

WE REJOICE in the Baptism of *Gabriel Gage Mikula* and congratulate his parents, godparents and family as they celebrate the beginning of his new life with Christ.

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. *Thank you to all who have volunteered their time to date.*

IT'S TIME TO MAKE MORE GOBS! Gobs will be filled on Monday, August 25 at 6:00PM. Thank you in advance for your hard work! Profit from Gob making for June & July: \$2,197.44

ST. FRANCIS CHOIR practice will begin on Wednesday, September 3 at 6:30PM in the Chapel wing. New members are always welcome.

MEMBERS OF THE MEN'S CLUB are reminded to please return all Labor Days tickets both sold and unsold.

THANK YOU for your continued generous donations to the poor box located in the vestibule of the Church. Your donations greatly help those less fortunate. May God bless you!

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.** *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. 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 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. More details to follow.

I WISH TO THANK everyone for all their prayers, cards, calls & tokens of caring in any way during my recent illness. A special thanks to Frank Bazyk for bringing Communion to me. God's blessings to all, *Betty Scott.*

SANCTUARY CANDLE will burn this week for Living & Deceased Members of St. Francis Rosary Society by Rosary Society.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR PARISH LAST WEEKEND: Adults: \$2,172.31; Loose: \$486.22; Children: \$26.00; Candles: \$68.34; Monthly: 40.00; Holy Day - \$892.66; Misc.: \$33.33; Total Collection: \$3,718.86 Thank you for your continued generosity to the parish.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FAMILY KITCHEN will be selling tickets in the vestibule of the Church on Saturday, August 23 and Sunday, August 24, for the Second Annual Rubber Duck Race. The race will take place on Sunday, September 7. Cost of tickets: \$5.00 each or \$20.00 for five ducks. Duck Race prizes include: Steelers, Penguins & Tomahawks Tickets. Winner need not be present to win.

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.

Sunday – October 4 – Feast Day Dinner

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. As of August 21, 2014, 1,200 tickets have been sold!

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 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!

Families and the Gospel... August 24, Mt 16:13-20 – Like Jesus in today's Gospel, we are seen by others in different ways. Perhaps the name our family gives us is closest to our true identity. They know us best. Who do they say you are?

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK OR HOMEBOUND

Helen Beck, Rose Blaschak, Pauline Boldin, Mary Chamiok, Jean Chase, Sister Carol Jean Czynnik, 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 Sobbecky, 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; PFC Ethan Serball, USMC, Cherry Point, NC; PFC Joseph Rivera, USMC; Ret. SMSgt. Michael A. Caddy, Captain Melinda Rovani, Kyrgyzstan 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; 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 – Spaghetti Drive-By, Sunday, August 24 from 10:30AM – 1:30PM. Cost: \$7.00/person.

ROSARY FOR VOCATIONS – A pre-dawn Rosary for vocations will be prayed on Saturday, September 6, 2014, at 6:00AM, at the Our Lady of the Alleghenies Shrine in Loretto. Please bring your own lawn chair. In the event of rain, the Rosary will be prayed inside the Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel. All are invited to join in this prayer for more men and women to answer the call to a vocation in the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown.

TRAVEL WITH MSGR. MICHAEL SERVINSKY, VG, Pastor of Holy Rosary Parish, Altoona, PA on our Greece & Turkey Pilgrimage. Where: Thessaloniki, Phillippi, Kavala, Kalambaka, Meteora, Delphi, Corinth, Athens, Piraeus, Mykonos, Kusadasu (Turkey), Ephesus (Turkey), Patmos, Santornin, Istanbul (Turkey). Trip dates: April 18-30, 2015. Cost: \$4,799.00, airfare and ALL-included. To register, please contact (855)842-8001 or (508)340-9370. You can also register online at www.proximotravel.com.