

AUGUST 31, 2014
22nd 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 25: \$9,034.00 was pledged for 25% of goal by 87 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 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. The next Fish Fry will take place on Friday, September 12 from 11:00AM until 6:00PM.*

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

ST. FRANCIS MEN'S CLUB will begin the new club year with a meeting on September 4 at 7:00PM in the Activity Center. There will be election of officers for a new two year term. Upcoming Parish projects will be discussed and all members are requested to attend. New members are cordially invited.

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.

A SPECIAL GOB MAKING session for Fish Fry will take place next week. Icing will be made on Thursday, September 4 at 8:30AM and gobs will be filled on Saturday, September 6 at 9:00AM. Thank you to everyone who volunteers their time to making the “best” gobs in town!

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. 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 Birthday Remembrance for +Kathy Bazyk by Husband, Frank Bazyk.

CAT'S MEOW of St. Francis of Assisi will be available soon at a reduced cost.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR PARISH LAST WEEKEND: Adults: \$2,850.01; Loose: \$383.44; Children: \$56.00; Candles: \$77.50; Monthly: 64.00; Holy Day - \$57.00; S. Vincent DePaul - \$40.00; Total Collection: \$3,527.95 Thank you for your continued generosity to the parish.

A SPECIAL COLLECTION will be taken up next weekend, September 6 & 7 to provide humanitarian relief and pastoral support for our affected brothers and sisters in the Middle East. Our Church mourns the terrible suffering of Christians and other innocent victims of the violence in Iraq, Syria, and Gaza who are struggling to survive, protect their children, and live with dignity in dire conditions. Collection funds will be used by Catholic Relief Services and other Catholic agencies working in partnership with the local Church to meet the most urgent humanitarian needs facing the people in Iraq, Syria, and Gaza and surrounding countries where refugees have fled. The collection funds will also be used to support Church programs to aid persecuted Christians and to assist in the rebuilding needs of Catholic dioceses in the impacted areas.

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.

Sunday – October 4 – Feast Day Dinner – 11:00AM until?

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!

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!

Liturgical Reflection... Monday, September 1, is a day of special prayer in the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown. It is a Day of Prayer for Human Rights and Equality. Please join the Local Church in praying the following:

O God, Who through human labor never cease to perfect and govern the vast work of creation. listen to us and grant all men and women work that befits their dignity, joins them more closely to one another and enables them to serve their neighbor. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen. 2014, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 S. Logan Blvd., Hollidaysburg, PA 16648

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.

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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 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, Wy; **Sgt. Bryan Maxwell Porath**, **1st Lt Aaron Donahy**, 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.

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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.

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

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.