



**SEPTEMBER 28, 2014**  
*26<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 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 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 22: \$9,754.00 was pledged for 27% of goal by 92 families/342 households**

**THANK YOU** to all the CCD teachers and aides who are being commissioned this weekend: *Marlys Harrington, Lexi LaBuda, Cecilia Neiderer, Alice Havers, Melanie Seback, Joseph Seback, Becky Deskevich, Kimberly Konieczny, William Stibich, Lou Deskevich and Miriam Petak.* Your willingness to instruct our children in the Faith is invaluable.

**ST. FRANCIS MEN'S CLUB** will meet on Thursday, October 2 at 7:00PM in the Activity Center. New members are always welcome.

**BLESSING OF ANIMALS** – will take place on Saturday, October 4 at 9:00AM in the parking lot next to the former convent.

**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. **Prep work for the dinner will begin on Saturday, October 4 at 9:00AM.**

**FISH FRY** will take place on Friday, October 10 from 11:00AM until 6:00PM. Once again, all help is greatly appreciated! Profit for Fish Fry, September 12: \$2,938.45.

**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.

**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.

**ROSARY SOCIETY** will meet on Sunday, October 12 at 2:00PM.

**CEMETERY CLEAN UP** – October 1 thru October 6 – Please remove all items from St. Francis Cemetery that you would like to recycle. Do not place anything new in the cemetery until after cleanup has been completed (October 18).

**LET THE SHOPPING BEGIN** – St. Francis of Assisi First Annual Holiday Vendor Fair, Saturday, October 18 from 9:00AM until 2:00PM. Over 25 vendors, bake sale, basket and gift certificate chances, food for purchase. Door prizes given away every 15 minutes! Join us to sample and purchase your holiday gifts. No admission fee.

**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).

**SANCTUARY CANDLE** will burn this week for +Rita Haggerty from Jim & Sue Ellen Dadey.

**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).

**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.

**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: \$2,467.51; Loose: \$464.16; Children: \$29.50; Candles: \$130.50; Monthly - \$25.00; Missalettes - \$20.00; St. Vincent de Paul - \$35.00; Holy Day - \$5.00; Humanitarian Relief - \$100.00; Misc. – 233.33; Total Collection: \$3,510.00. Thank you for your continued generosity to the parish.

**A LIFETIME OF SERVICE, A MOMENT OF THANKS** – This 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.

**UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS – MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

Friday, October 3 –Transitus –Passing of Our Holy Father St. Francis from earthly death to Everlasting Life. Abbreviated ceremony following the 5:30PM Mass.  
Saturday, October 4 – Blessing of Animals – 9:00AM  
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  
Saturday, October 18 – Vendor Fair – 9:00AM – 2:00PM

**ANNUAL MARIAN CELEBRATION** will be held on October 5 at 3:00PM at St. Benedict Parish. Bishop Mark will be the celebrant and homilist. The Rosary will be prayed as part of the celebration. All are welcome.

**BABY SHOWER FOR JESUS** – Gabriel Project will hold a Baby Shower for Jesus on Sunday, October 12 from 1:00PM until 3:00PM in the Activity Center. Doors open at Noon. Donation: \$8.00 plus a gift of baby wash, baby lotion, new baby bottles and brushes. Admission includes spaghetti and meatball dinner, salad, roll, cake and drink. Bring a pack of onesies for a chance to win a \$20 Sheetz Gift Card; bring a pack of diapers for a chance to win a \$20 Giant Eagle/Getgo Gift Card; or bring a pack of baby wipes for a chance to win a gift card for Symon’s Car Wash for a full service car wash. Basket chances, door prizes and chances on a Steeler quilt. For tickets call Stephanie at 254-2211 or see Dolores Fatula or Gale Bala.

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

Rose Blaschak, Pauline Boldin, Mary Chamiok, Jean Chase, Sister Carol Jean Czyrnik, 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 Sobecky, 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 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, Wv; **Sgt. Bryan Maxwell Porath**, **1<sup>st</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.

**CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION** – Spaghetti Drive-by, Sunday, September 28 from 10:30AM until 1:30PM. Cost: \$7.00.

**Ss. GREGORY & BARNABAS** – Fish Fry, Friday, October 3 from 4:00PM until 7:00PM. Fired or baked fish, shrimp. Walk in – take outs only.

**BASKET PARTY** - Church of the Transfiguration, Sunday, October 5. Doors open at 1:00PM, drawing begins at 2:30PM. Cost: \$5.00/25 chances and a small luncheon. Tickets can be purchased at the door or by calling 535-7351.

**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