



NOVEMBER 2, 2014
Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed
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 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 October 20: 10,004.00 was pledged for 29% of goal by 96 families/342 households

THE SAINTS CAME MARCHING IN! THANK YOU to all the children and Religious Education teachers who participated in the Invasion of the Saints last week. A special thank you to Cel Neiderer for all her work in coordinating the costumes.

CONGRATULATIONS – All new and existing Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion who will be formally commissioned at the 9:30AM Mass on Sunday, November 9: Francis Anthony Bazyk, Dolores Fatula, Joseph Fatula, Linda Grandinetti, William Heim, Mary Frances King, Allison Koch, Brian Koch, Jeffrey Konieczny, Kimberly Konieczny, Bernard LaBuda, Lonnie Luna, Mary Luna, Richard Makdad, Carol Mangus, Cecilia Neiderer, Timothy Scarff, Melanie Seback, Diane Shoup, Rhonda Stibich, William Stibich, Samantha Stevanus, Tyler Stevanus, Joseph Torchia, Paulette Torchia, Kevin Weaver, Kristen Weaver, Ryan Woodruff.

ATTENTION: All Cantors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, and Lectors: There have been some infractions as to the dress code for Ministers, especially the ladies (dress length). Please be aware of the reverence required for the ministry in which you are serving.

MEN'S CLUB will have its Annual Turkey Raffle on Sunday, November 9, 2014. Doors open at 1:00PM and raffle will take place from 2:00PM – 4:00PM. Members are asking for donations of Door Prizes. Prizes may be dropped off at the Parish Office or by calling Karen Kohan at 241-0741. There are also envelopes in the vestibule containing raffle tickets for each family. Please pick up your envelope and return the tickets along with donation via the collection basket. Thank you for your support of this event.

FISH FRY will be held on Friday, November 14 from 11:00AM – 6:00PM. All help is greatly appreciated. The profit from the Fish Fry of October 10: \$2,716.65. Thank you to Sandy Rager and all those who helped to ensure the success of the fish fries.

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).

CHRISTMAS GOB SALE – Get your gobs for Christmas! Gobs will be sold by the dozen(s) and packaged perfectly for gift giving. Cost: \$15.00/dozen. Orders are now being taken, just use the form included with the bulletin and place it in the collection basket. Deadline for orders is Sunday, November 23, and pick up will be Saturday, December 13 from 9:00AM – Noon.

CHAIRPERSONS of ANY parish fund raising activity are being advised by the Finance Council to adhere to a Diocesan directed policy concerning handling of funds. Any monies collected at fund raisers are to be deposited immediately after the event or counted and placed in the Parish safe. This is policy is not to imply mistrust on the part of individuals, but is based on the Internal Controls and Best Practices policy in place by the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown.

BUS TRIP – Friday, Nov. 21, 2014 to American Music Theatre is full.

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

CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR PARISH LAST WEEKEND: Adults: \$2,401.02; Loose: \$368.86; Children: \$26.50; Candles: \$103.00; Monthly - \$80.00; All Souls: \$105.00; All Saints: \$15.00; Cemetery - \$287.01; Total Collection: \$3,186.39. Thank you for your continued generosity to the parish.

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. **ALL FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED BY SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9** so offering envelopes can be prepared for distribution.

PLEASE NOTE: Deadline for bulletin announcements is Wednesday at noon. Thank you for your cooperation.

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS – MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Sunday, November 9 – Commissioning of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion at the 9:30AM Mass

Sunday, November 9 – Men's Club Meat Raffle – 2:00PM – 4:00PM

Friday, November 14 – Fish Fry – 11:00AM until 6:00PM

Friday, November 21 – Bus Trip to American Music Theatre

Saturday, December 13 – 9:00AM – Noon – Pick up Christmas Gob Orders

FAUSTINA: MESSENGER OF DIVINE MERCY – St. Luke Productions’ inspiring LIVE multimedia production on the spirit and life of Polish Sister Faustina Kowalska, whose personal encounters with Jesus have inspired a world-wide zeal and devotion to Christ’s Divine Mercy will be touring our area November 18. Performance will take place at Bishop McCort High School at 7:00PM in the Guzzi Performing Arts Center. The cost of admission is \$5.00 and tickets are available at the Parish Office. High School Students attending Greater Johnstown have been given permission to attend a matinee at 12Noon on November 18 at Bishop McCort High School. Contact the parish office for more information.

Stewardship Reflection... “Even though discipleship and stewardship set the necessary terms of Christian life in this world, they have their ultimate reward in another life.” [*Stewardship: A Disciple’s Response*, USCCB 2002].

Families and the Gospel – November 2 – Jn 6:37-40 – Our loved ones, who have stepped through the door of death, are now at rest, free of all burdens. In going home to the Lord they brought their love and concern for us with them. Death cannot totally separate families; our love binds us together forever.

ALL SOULS commemorates the faithful departed. In Western Christianity, this day is observed principally in the Catholic Church, although some churches of the Anglican Communion and the Old Catholic Churches also celebrate it. The Eastern Orthodox churches observe several All Souls Days during the year. The Roman Catholic celebration is associated with the doctrine that the souls of the faithful who at death have not been cleansed from the temporal punishment due to venial sins and from attachment to mortal sins cannot immediately attain the beatific vision in Heaven, and that they may be helped to do so by prayer and by the Sacrifice of the Mass. In other words, when they died, they had not yet attained full sanctification and moral perfection, a requirement for entrance into Heaven. This sanctification is carried out posthumously in Purgatory. The office name of the celebration in the Roman Rite liturgy of the Roman Catholic Church is “The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed”.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK OR HOMEBOUND

Rose Blaschak, Mary Chamiok, Jean Chase, Sister Carol Jean Czynnik, 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 2nd Class Izeke W. Pinkas**, El Centro CA; **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 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 are welcome.

ALL SOULS REMEMBRANCE CONCERT – The Greater Johnstown Diocesan Festival Choir will present an All Souls Remembrance Concert, Sunday, November 2 at 2:00PM at St. John Gualbert Cathedral. This concert will feature excerpts from Requiems by Rutter, Webber and Mozart as well as other music commemorating the faithful departed. Admission is free and open to the public.

WEST END IMPROVEMENT GROUP regular monthly meeting will be held Wednesday, November 5th at 6:00PM at Grace Lutheran Church. Meeting is open to everyone. A representative from a security company will be on hand to talk about surveillance cameras for the West End and updates on funds raised will be discussed.

WEST END HYMN SING – Sunday, November 2 at 7:00PM at the Cambria City Mission.

RESURRECTION PARISH Ladies Auxiliary will be sponsoring a Basket Party on Sunday, November 9 at Christ the Savior Reception Hall. Doors open at 12:30PM. Cost: \$10.00 includes lunch, 25 chances and eligibility for door prizes. For tickets call Resurrection Parish Office at 539-5788.