



OCTOBER 19, 2014
29th 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 Rovano
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 14: \$9,929.00 was pledged for 27% of goal by 94families/342 households

“THE MORE THER MEERIER” CAMPAIGN – Gobs are flying out the doors. The demand is so great. Come join the Gob Crew! *AND bring a friend; school students – get your service hours.* Come for an hour, come for two, any amount of time will be appreciated. Can you help with any of these tasks? – measure powdered sugar (about 1 hour); cream Crisco and margarine (with lots of help takes 1 ½ hours); measure milk and flour; shake milk and flour; cook milk and flour; open zip loc and thank you bags; help with dishes; make icing and wrap it; pull cakes; distribute cakes on tables; fill gobs, wrap gobs, pack gobs. All these are simple tasks yet most important. **SAVE THESE DATES: Tuesday, October 28 – Icing at 8:00AM; Wednesday, October 29 – Fill gobs at 6:00PM; Saturday, November 1 – Icing at 8:00AM; Monday, November 3 – Fill gobs at 6:00PM.** Coffee, soda, water and goodies provided to all Gob Crew Workers!

ALL ASSOCIATIONS AND GROUPS in the parish are asked to submit their 2015 meeting and event dates to add to the activity calendar of the Parish as soon as possible. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY: TODAY, OCTOBER 19 – This day is set aside to Catholics worldwide to recommit themselves to the deepest identity of the Church in mission through prayer and sacrifices. It is a reminder that we are “one family in mission.” In this “one family” some are called to go to the missions; others support the missions in prayer and financial support. Without both there would be no Mission Church. On this special day let us keep missionaries and the mission church in our prayers. Please give to the second collection today in a spirit of generosity.

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.

CALLING ALL SAINTS – The children of the Parish are invited to dress as their favorite Saint and attend the 9:30AM Mass on Sunday, October 26. Costumes will be provided, however you are welcome to dress your child as the Saint of his/her choice. The children are asked to gather in the vestibule of the Church no later than 9:00AM so that we can dress them in costume. Plan on taking part in this tribute to All Saints! The children will also take part in the Offertory Procession at Mass. If you have any questions, please contact Cel Neiderer at 534-0602 or Carol Pisula at 539-1632 or 254-1961.

ALL SOULS – If you would like to have a picture of a deceased loved one placed at the Altar for All Souls Day, please bring the picture either to the Parish Office or the Church. All pictures must be received no later than Thursday, October 30.

THE ANNUAL MEMORIAL CELEBRATION of our Parishioners who died this year (November 1, 2013 thru October 31, 2014) will be celebrated at the 9:30AM Mass on Sunday, November 2, 2014. Members of the families of the deceased are invited to attend this celebration and participate in the lighting of candles in their memory. Please contact the Parish Office if you or a member of the family of our departed loved ones are able to participate in this liturgy.

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).

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. **As of this week, there are 5 seats available.**

SANCTUARY CANDLE will burn this week for +Mary “Haggerty” Bidelman by 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).

CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR PARISH LAST WEEKEND: Adults: \$2,171.01; Loose: \$365.00; Children: \$23.05; Candles: \$37.00; Monthly - \$88.00; Feast Day - \$32.00; Peter’s Pence - \$109.25; Total Collection: \$2,825.31. 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 as soon as possible. Thank you for your cooperation.

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS – MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Sunday, October 26 – Children’s participation in All Saints Celebration – 9:30AM Mass
Sunday, November 2 – Annual Memorial Celebration of Deceased Parishioners - 9:30AM Mass
Sunday, November 9 – Men’s Club Meat Raffle
Friday, November 14 – Fish Fry – 11:00AM until 6:00PM
Friday, November 21 – Bus Trip to American Music Theatre

FAUSTINA: MESSENGER OF DIVINE MERCY – St. Luke Productions’ inspiring LIVE multimedia production on the spirit and life of Polish nun 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.

ATTENTION – ALL YOUTH GRADES 9-12 – You won’t want to miss SHYCON 2014! Sunday, October 26, St. Francis University, Loretto. The day will consist of keynotes, a gym of inflatables, games/activities, and Liturgy with Bishop Mark. There will be lots of Faith, fun and friendship for all. For more information or to register, contact the Parish Office.

Stewardship Reflection... On this World Mission Sunday we may be missionaries of Faith by our prayer, participation in Liturgy and giving generously to the Annual Mission Sunday Appeal in supporting mission churches and missionaries throughout the world... and most recently the mission church of Mongolia.

Families and the Gospel... Mt 22:15-21 – Jesus was exasperated when He scolded: “Why do you put Me to the test?” It is natural for children to test parents; this is how they learn and how we teach limits, rules and values. Be like Jesus in today’s Gospel; He was firm, honest and direct.

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.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST – Sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council 1066, Sunday, October 19 from 8:30AM – 12Noon at Resurrection Church Hall. Adults - \$5.00, children under 12, free. Take outs available.

ST. CLARE OF ASSISI PARISH – Woodvale, will host their Annual Fall Spaghetti Dinner in the School Hall on Sunday, October 19th from 11:00AM – 5:00PM. Donation: Adults/\$9.00, children/\$5.00. Eat in or take out. Italian cookies also available for purchase.

BASKET PARTY & VENDOR FAIR – St. Patrick’s Church, Sunday, October 26 from 1:00PM – 4:00PM, doors open at noon. Tickets: \$8.00, includes 25 chances and a hot meal. Themed baskets, vendor sales, lottery tickets, door prizes.

OKTOBERFEST – St. Therese Church, Decker Ave., Annual Oktoberfest, Saturday, October 25 from 4:40PM – 8:30PM, and Sunday, October 26 from 11:00AM – 4:30PM. Ethnic food including: kolbassi, German potato salad, pigs, Halushki, pierogi, apple strudel, apple dumplings and more! Bingo, basket raffle, music by the Rhythm Master, and performance by Fusion XI Dance Team.

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.