

OCTOBER 26, 2014
30th 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 Rovon
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: \$9,979.00 was pledged for 27% of goal by 95 families/342 households

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.

WE WOULD LIKE to extend a sincere THANK YOU to fr. Anthony Francis, Chairpersons Karen Kohan and Debbie Oliver and to everyone who donated baskets or money, helped and or attended Our First Annual Holiday Vendor Fair to make it a huge success. Special THANK YOU'S to ticket sellers, kitchen crew, bakers and sellers, children and young adult runners. Also, representatives from the Gabriel Project, Men's Club, Gob sellers, Candy Cane Ticket sellers and last, but not least, the vendors.

“THE MORE THE 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!

THE FEAST OF ALL SAINTS is NOT a Holyday of Obligation this year. Therefore, there will NOT be a vigil Mass for the Feast on Friday, October 31.

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.

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.

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.

DON'T FORGET – Daylight Savings Time ends next weekend. Turn your clocks back 1 hour Saturday, November 1 before going to bed!

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.

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 2 seats available.**

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.

SANCTUARY CANDLE will burn this week for +Donald Christner by Family.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR PARISH LAST WEEKEND: Adults: \$2,307.76; Loose: \$318.75; Children: \$28.00; Candles: \$65.75; Monthly - \$45.00; Feast Day - \$30.00; World Mission - \$427.01; Cemetery - \$10.00; Misc. - \$276.94; Total Collection: \$3,509.21. 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, November 2 – Annual Memorial Celebration of Deceased Parishioners - 9:30AM Mass
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

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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK OR HOMEBOUND

Rose Blaschak, Mary Chamioik, 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 Rován**, 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**, **1std 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.

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.

ST. CLEMENT PARISH and Cathedral Catholic Academy will hold a Pancake Breakfast and Basket Raffle, Saturday, November 1 in the social hall/cafeteria. All you can eat pancakes will be served from 7:00AM - 12Noon. Baskets will be raffled at 11:30AM. Winners need not be present to win. Tickets: \$5.00/adults, \$3.00/children 12 and under.

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.

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.

ST. CLARE OF ASSISI – is taking orders for Nut & Poppy Seed Rolls thru November 19. The cost is \$10.00 per roll. Call 535-1133 to place an order. Orders may be picked up daily beginning Thursday, December 4 from 10:00AM – 6:00PM thru Noon on Sunday, December 6.