



OCTOBER 5, 2014
Solemnity of St. Francis of Assisi

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 September 30: \$9,829.00 was pledged for 27% of goal by 93 families/342 households

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.

CCD CLASSES will NOT be held on Sunday, October 5 in honor of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi.

PARISH OFFICE will be closed on Tuesday, October 7.

CEMETERY CLEAN UP –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).

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.

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.

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

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.

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.

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 +Donald Havers by wife, Alice.

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.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR PARISH LAST WEEKEND: Adults: \$2,409.01; Loose: \$423.10; Children: \$33.50; Candles: \$83.50; Monthly - \$23.00; Missalettes - \$6.00; Catholic University - \$6.00; Retired Priest Medical - \$527.11; Feast Day - \$35.00; Peter’s Pence - \$31.50; Total Collection: \$3,577.72. Thank you for your continued generosity to the parish.

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS – MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- 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
- 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

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 Steelers quilt. Tickets are available in the vestibule of the Church or by calling Stephanie at 254-2211.

Liturgical Reflection... The liturgy is above all things the worship of the Divine Majesty. At Mass honor and praise are directed to God our Father through Jesus Christ in the unity of the Holy Spirit. God is present every time we gather for Mass. The liturgy also contains rich instruction for the faithful. For in the liturgy God is speaking to His people and Christ is still proclaiming His Gospel. Throughout the liturgical year we remember key moments in salvation history and the Paschal Mystery. And the people are responding to God by both song and prayer. *Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy*, Number 33. Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, 925 S. Logan Blvd., Hollidaysburg, Pa 16648

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK OR HOMEBOUND

Rose Blaschak, Pauline Boldin, 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 Sobbecky, 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; **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.

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.

THE NATIONAL LIFE CHAIN will take place in the Johnstown area on Sunday, October 5th from 1:00PM – 2:00PM along Broad Street in the Cambria City section of Johnstown, next to Sheetz.

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.

CASH BASH – Ss. Gregory & Barnabas Social Hall, Saturday, October 18 from 7:00PM – 9:00PM. Doors open at 6:00PM for dinner. \$150.00 drawing every 15 minutes; 9:00PM drawing is for \$500.00. Cost: \$10.00 includes dinner, snacks, beer, and soda. Please call the parish office at 536-6888 for tickets - only 350 available.

FIRST ANNUAL ST. BENEDICT OKTOBERFEST – St. Benedict School Hall, Saturday, October 18. Doors open at 6:00PM, music by Rosie and the Jammers from 7:00PM – 10:00PM. \$25.00 per person includes food, soft drinks, complimentary draft beers and samples of seasonal & craft beers. Menu includes: kielbasa, bratwurst, sausage, hot dogs & sauerkraut, pigs in a blanket, pierogies. Must present ticket for admission, valid ID is required. Door prizes, instant bingo, 50/50 drawing. For tickets contact 266-9718, ext. 501.