

APRIL 5, 2015
EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
THE FAITH COMMUNITY OF
ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Mission Statement: St. Francis of Assisi is a Roman Catholic worshipping community, dedicated to ministering to our members and to the greater community in the image given to us by Jesus. This ministry is centered on the Sacraments and our Acts of Faith, Hope and Charity.



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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 – Robert Bimeal

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.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS the family and friends of +Veronica Smith who was laid to rest last week. Welcoming God, receive from our hands the loved ones we return to You.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: Daily Mass schedule will be as follows: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday at 8:00AM. Tuesday Mass will be celebrated at 6:30PM with the Novena to St. Anthony.

PARISH OFFICE will be **CLOSED** Easter Monday.

THANK YOU...

- to Sandy Rager for all her efforts in coordinating the Fish Fries and all who volunteered to make the Fish Fries a success. Regular Fish Fries will continue April 10 & May 8.
- to Fran King and all the volunteers who persevered to make the gobs for the Lenten Season!
- to the Konieczny Family for their efforts in making the Easter Egg Hunt a special time for the children of the Parish.
- to Robert Vlasaty as the interim organist while Jack Fabry was recuperating.
- to Doug Rager for his assistance while our maintenance worker was recuperating.
- to Daniel Maslo for his assistance while our maintenance worker was recuperating.
- to all who helped prepare the Church for our celebration of the Resurrection of the Lord.

May God Bless you for all your help!

“**SPRING FLING**” giveaway tickets will be available for purchase in the vestibule of the Church. Donation: \$3.00. Chance to win \$150.00 on April 6, 7, 8, 9 & 11. Friday, April 10 - \$250.00 and Sunday, April 12 - \$500.00! Please note: Due to a printing error, we will honor the DATES printed on the tickets for drawing. Parishioners are asked to please take a few tickets and sell them to your friends and relatives or give as an Easter gift!

MEN’S CLUB meeting will take place on Thursday, April 9 at 7:00PM in the Activity Center. New members are always welcome.

MOTHER’S DAY TICKETS will be available in the vestibule beginning next weekend. Donation: \$2.00 – three ways to win.

CANDLE BY OUR LADY, QUEEN OF HEAVEN will burn this week for +Richard Paul Holtz, Sr. (4th Anniversary) by Daughter, Jeanne & Ray Toth.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR PARISH LAST WEEKEND: Adults: \$,2914.01; Loose: \$40.850; Children: \$32.00; Candles: \$19.50; Monthly - \$166.00; Easter - \$135.00; Flowers - \$96.00; St. Vincent de Paul - \$716.01; Good Friday - \$15.00; - Holy Thursday - \$15.00; Catholic Relief - \$21.00. Total Collection: \$4,538.02. Envelopes used: Adult – 208 out of 331; Children – 18 out of 92. Thank you for your continued generosity to the parish.

THE ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL has begun. Your gift supports more than 20 ministries that serve God’s people throughout our eight counties. All contributions received over our parish goal of \$24, 795 will be returned to the Parish. Thank you for supporting the Diocesan Church of Altoona-Johnstown. If you do not have a pledge card, you may send you gift (made payable to the “Annual Catholic Appeal”) directly to the parish office. **As of March 31 - \$8,035 was pledged by 69 families/331 households for 21% participation. Thank you for your generosity!**

RICE BOWLS should be returned to the Parish Office as soon as possible. Thank you for your generosity to those less fortunate.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, April 10 - Fish Fry – 11:00AM – 6:00PM
Sunday, April 12 – Divine Mercy Sunday
Saturday, May 2 – First Communion Rehearsal & Breakfast – 9:00AM
Sunday, May 3 – First Communion – 9:30AM Mass
Friday, May 8 – Fish Fry 11:00AM – 6:00PM

YEAR OF CONSECRATED LIFE – “God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power.” Are you being called to proclaim the new life of the Resurrected Christ to the world with His Spirit and His Power? Call the Vocation Office by contacting Fr. Matthew Reese, 814-472-5441, or email: vocations@dioceseaj.org, or call Our Lady of the Angels Province at Conventual Franciscan Friars 718-510-5822, or email vocations@aolprovince.org.



Easter Water Prayer: Heavenly Father, You sent Your only Son to be our Savior. He died for us and was raised from the dead. During this Easter Feast, we remember His Life, Death, and Resurrection, and renew the promises of our Baptism. This is the day the Lord had made! Let us be glad and rejoice in it! Today we remember and celebrate that we have been Baptized in Christ. And we put on Christ! We are eager to fulfill all the promised we made at our Baptism to follow the teachings of the Church and to reject all sin. We believe and we promise! Using drops of this Easter water, we mark ourselves with the same sign with which we were marked at Baptism. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. This is the day that the Lord has made! Let us be glad and rejoice in it! Christ has risen! He is risen indeed!

Let us pray: Father, may all of our words and actions of this day give witness to the gift of Your Son Who is risen from the dead. Help us to show that we are Your family. Bless us and keep us safe from harm. We ask this through Jesus Christ Your Son and our Lord. Amen. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST'S DEATH

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK OR HOMEBOUND

Bill Babik, Rose Blaschak, Geraldine Caddy, Mary Chamiok, Jean Chase, Sister Carol Jean Czynnik, Mary Davis, Joan Delusa, Stephen Fabina, LeAnn Golby, Alicia Junghans, Susan Keselyak, Kathryn Legat, Helen Malysko, Marci Nickels, Bernard Picklo, Carly Rice, Doug Rice, James Schuster, Joanna Stone, Carol Sobecky, Agnes Swarney, Jeanne Toth, Rose Trapanotto, Katherine Twardziak, 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**, **1std Lt Aaron Donahey**, US Army, Fort Bliss, El Paso, 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; **Airman Devon Gilbert**, Lackland Air Force Base, Tx.

To add a name to our Salute to those in the Military, please call 539-1632. If a person is no longer serving on active or reserve duty, please call the Parish Office to remove his/her name.

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.

GNOCCHI DINNER will be held on Sunday, April 12, from 11:00AM – 2:00PM at St. Anthony of Padua Church in Windber. Dinners are \$9.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children. Eat in or take outs are available.

PRO-LIFE TOWN HALL MEETING – featuring Michael Ciccocioppo and Micaiah Bilger of the Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation. They will share the latest on important pro-life implications of the Affordable Care Act, abortion in Pennsylvania, the push for assisted suicide, and more. The meeting will be held on Monday, April 13, at the Holy Name of Jesus Church Hall, Ebensburg. For details, contact Ann Poole at 814-472-8584 or Poolefamily10@verizon.net.

THE ATRIUM – a proud Senior Choice Community, cordially invites Veterans and their spouses to join us for a special luncheon in recognition of their service and dedication on Wednesday, April 15 from 12:00PM – 1:30PM. The luncheon is free, but reservations are required by calling 535-5347 by April 6.

NIGHT AT THE RACES – St. Benedict School Gymnasium, Friday, April 24. Doors open at 6:30PM, races begin at 7:30PM. Price - \$15.00 included admission, food and ownership of a horse. Seating is limited, must be 21 years of age. For tickets call Terri at 341-7311.

BASKET PARTY – Sunday, April 26, St. Anthony of Padua, Windber. Doors open at 11:30AM, drawing begins at 1:30PM. Tickets are \$8 and include an Italian lunch and 25 chances. Call 467-4756 or 467-7292.