

NOVEMBER 16, 2014
33rd 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 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 Nov. 10: 10,004.00 was pledged for 29% of goal by 96 families/342 households

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: Mass on Friday, November 21 will be celebrated at 8:30AM.

AS PASTOR of St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Johnstown, PA, I am awed at the magnificent dedication of so many of the parishioners who volunteer at our famous fish fries, our gob making sessions that produce the best tasting gobs for the money, the turkey raffle, the annual Mardi Gras, the vendor fair, St. Nicholas Christmas Party, the annual Feast Day Dinner, Seder Meal, Easter Party for our children, the many volunteers of parish ministries (lectors, altar servers, ushers, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, choir). Did I miss any? I hope not but if I did, I apologize. To all of you, THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU and God Bless You All! *fr.*
Anthony Francis

JOE BARTKO MEMORIAL ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD KITCHEN DRIVE –Our food and household items collection drive for the St. Vincent de Paul Food Kitchen is in progress. The collection will end on Sunday, November 23. Monetary donations will also be accepted. Parishioners are asked during this season of Thanksgiving to share their bounty from God with those less fortunate. Donations may be brought to the Church vestibule at all Masses. They may also be brought to the Parish Office during regular office hours. A suggested list of items is attached to the bags for your donations. However, all other non-perishable items will be greatly appreciated. Envelopes for monetary donations are available in the vestibule along with the bags. Last year's drive was a huge success. Let's build on our past achievements! Thank you and God bless you for your continued generosity. A special thank you to Tony Sunseri Wholesale for donating the bags used for this collection.



BARGAIN OF THE MONTH – Chance to win 31 times! \$50.00 a day! \$100.00 on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception; \$200.00 for Christmas (what a great present); \$250.00 for New Year's Eve (what a way to start the year!). **CANDY CANE CASH TICKET** giveaway begins December 1. Tickets available before and after Masses. You may also purchase tickets at the Parish Office or call Cindy at 539-3128. Join the fun and get your ticket today. Only two weeks to go! Let's make this ticket fund raiser a success. Thanks to those who have already purchased their tickets.

CHRISTMAS GOB SALE – Get your gobs for Christmas! Gobs will be sold in tray form (12 gobs per tray) decorated beautifully for special Christmas gifts. Chocolate gobs will be available with red, green and white icing. Placed on decorative red & green doilies on a nice tray. Candy will be included on the tray. Cellophane wrapped and tied with a beautiful bow, these trays will make nice gifts for your "special" loved ones. Order now by calling: Margaret or Betty Scott – 539-7921; Betty Spisak – 539-4934 or the Parish Office at 539-1632. Deadline for orders is Sunday, November 23. Pick up for orders is Saturday, December 13 from 9AM – 12Noon. A sample tray is available for viewing in the vestibule of the church.

BUS TRIP – Friday, Nov. 21, 2014 to American Music Theatre has **FOUR SEATS AVAILABLE**. The bus will be departing St. Francis parking lot promptly at 7:00AM. We will be stopping for breakfast (on your own), at the Bird-in-Hand Farmer's Market, and will have dinner at Shady Maple Smorgasbord after the show. We should return home around midnight.

THANKSGIVING MINISTRY SIGN UP – There is sign-up sheet in the vestibule of the church for volunteers for the 9:00AM Mass on Thanksgiving Day. *Ministry schedule for the 9:30AM Mass on Sunday, November, 30 was omitted from the schedule. The schedule is as follows: Servers: Bobby Petak/Christian Grandinetti; Lector: Fran King; Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Diane Shoup, Linda Grandinetti, Bernie LaBuda.*

SECOND COLLECTION next weekend, November 22 & 23 will take place for Catholic Charities of Altoona-Johnstown. Since 1940, Catholic Charities has helped our neighbors throughout central Pennsylvania regardless of faith or background. Last year, fifteen counselors helped 5,612 families with emergency needs such as heat, rent, shelter, doctors visits and funerals. While the average request was a seemingly modest \$246, Catholic Charities had enough funds to help only 20% of those who sought assistance. Because the Annual Catholic Appeal helps cover operating expenses, 100% of this collections will directly help neighbors in need. Thank you for helping Catholic Charities of Altoona-Johnstown to reduce poverty in our communities.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY will be held on Sunday, December 7 in the Activity Center for children ages 12 and under. Festivities will be held from 12:30 – 3:30PM. A sign-up sheet will be available in the vestibule of the Church. Deadline for sign-up is Sunday, November 30.

FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLS will be celebrated on Sunday, December 14 at 2:00PM. A light social will take place in the Activity Center following Lessons and Carols. A sign- up sheet for the social is located in the vestibule.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES – It's almost time to distribute Church Offertory Envelopes. They are issued to all who are registered, contributing members of the Parish. When individuals do not use their Church envelopes for a one year period, those individuals are removed from the active membership of the Parish and are not issued envelopes for the next year. Diocesan assessments are based on

enrollment and the minimum responsibility of a member is to attend Sunday Mass faithfully and to support the Parish by using their envelopes. **ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE FOR PICK UP IN THE VESTIBULE.**

CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR PARISH LAST WEEKEND: Adults: \$2,393.01; Loose: \$252.01; Children: \$34.00; Candles: \$99.26; Monthly - \$110.00; All Souls: \$15.00; All Saints: \$17.00; Cemetery - \$20.00; Missalettes - \$22.00; Retired Priest: \$5.00; Misc.: \$258.49. Total Collection: \$3,225.77. Thank you for your continued generosity to the parish.

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS – MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Friday, November 21 – Bus Trip to American Music Theatre
Sunday, December 7 – Children’s Christmas Party
Saturday, December 13 – 9:00AM – Noon – Pick up Christmas Gob Orders
Sunday, December 14 – A Festival of Lessons and Carols, followed by social
Friday, January 9 – Fish Fry
Saturday, February 14 – Mardi Gras

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 by contacting Bishop McCort High School Office at 536-8991.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK OR HOMEBOUND

Rose Blaschak, Mary Chamio, 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 Sobocky, Veronica Smith, Agnes Swarney, Jeanne Toth, Rose Trapanotto, Emily Turkovich, 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**, **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.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY of St. Anthony of Padua Church, Windber is having a Roast Beef Dinner on Sunday, November 16 from 11:00AM – 1:30PM in the Church Hall. Tickets are \$10.00/adults and \$5.00/children.

CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION – Spaghetti Drive-By, Sunday, November 23. Cost: \$7.00.

OUR MOTHER OF SORROWS HOLIDAY ROLLS will be available Saturday, November 22 and Sunday, November 23. To order contact Jackie Isenberg at 536-1505. Nutroll, Apricot or Poppy seed are available for \$10.00 each. Please order by November 17.

RESERVATIONS are now being taken for the Annual March for Life 2015. The March will take place on Thursday, January 22, 2015. There will be a 6:30AM Mass at St. Francis of Assisi and the bus will leave at 7:00AM. The bus will be in front of the church at 6:00AM for those not wishing to go to Mass. Seats for the bus are \$15.00/adults, \$10.00/students and free will offering for families. Your seat will be held upon payment. You will be responsible for your own breakfast and lunch on the bus. We will make a pit stop or two as needed on the way down. The bus will stop in Frederick, MD for supper on the way back. The bus usually arrives back at St. Francis by 10:00PM depending on weather conditions. Please call Heidi at 536-7335 for more information or to reserve your seat.