



**NOVEMBER 9, 2014**  
*The Dedication of the  
Lateran Basilica*  
**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 Rovani  
**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 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 Nov. 2: 10,004.00 was pledged for 29% of goal by 96 families/342 households**

**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS** the family and friends of +Anna Vargo and +Stephen Kristoff who were laid to rest last week. Welcoming God, receive from our hands the loved ones we return to You.

**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. Thank you for your support of this event.

**FISH FRY** will be held on Friday, November 14 from 11:00AM – 6:00PM. All help is needed and greatly appreciated. The profit from the Fish Fry of October 10: \$2,716.65. Thank you to Sandy Rager and all those who help to ensure the success of the fish fries.

**JOE BARTKO MEMORIAL ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD KITCHEN DRIVE** – This weekend, November 8 & 9 begins our food and household items collection drive for the St. Vincent de Paul Food Kitchen. 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.

**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).

**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.

**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.

**SANCTUARY CANDLE** will burn this week for Living & Deceased Members of the Rosary Society by Rosary Society.

**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.

**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.

**CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR PARISH LAST WEEKEND:** Adults: \$2,566.09; Loose: \$447.31; Children: \$35.20; Candles: \$93.55; Monthly - \$649.01; All Souls: \$649.01; All Saints: \$327.01; Cemetery - \$58.00; Missalettes - \$151.00; World Mission - \$41.00; Catholic Charities - \$20.00; Feast Day - \$10.00. Total Collection: \$5,047.18. Thank you for your continued generosity to the parish.

## UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS – MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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  
Sunday, December 7 – Children’s Christmas Party  
Saturday, December 13 – 9:00AM – Noon – Pick up Christmas Gob Orders  
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.



The Cathedral Church of Rome and the Cathedral Church of the Bishop of Rome (the Pope). This Basilica is the “mother and head of all the churches of Rome and the world.” (“omnium ecclesiarum Urbis et Orbis et caput”).

### 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, 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> Class Maxwell Schutte**, F. E. Warren, WY; **Sgt. Bryan Maxwell Porath**, **1<sup>st</sup> Lt Aaron Donahey**, US Army, Fort Bliss, El Paso, Texas; **Spec Jacob T. Stone**, Army National Guard, Austin, Texas; **2<sup>nd</sup> Class Petty Officer Heather L. Dovala**, USS William P. Lawrence, DDG 110, San Diego, Ca., **Pvt. 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**VISITATION PARISH** – will be holding their Annual Turkey Raffle on Friday, November 14 at 7:00PM in the Church Social Hall. Doors open at 6:00PM. Admission of \$2.00 included food and refreshments.

**JEWELRY BASH** – St. John Vianney Church, Saturday, November 15. Doors open at 5:00PM. Tickets are \$20.00 that included \$7,500 on prizes, a buffet dinner and refreshments. Tickets are available by calling the rectory at 322-4789.

**DO NOT DELETE: DEFENDING LIFE AT RISK IN A THROWAWAY CULTURE** is a pro-life conference being held from 8:00AM – 4:00PM on Saturday, November 15 at the JFK Student Center at St. Francis College, Loretto, PA. This conference is sponsored by the Pro-Life Healthcare Alliance (PHA), a program of Human Life Alliance. The PHA is dedicated to promoting and developing concrete “pro-life healthcare” alternatives and advocating for those facing grave consequences of healthcare rationing and unethical practices, especially those at risk of euthanasia and assisted suicide. The conference is free of charge and is a wonderful opportunity for care givers, medical personnel, patient advocates and the pro- life community at large to get up to speed on the problems and grave risks facing not only our sick, vulnerable and elderly loved ones, but also healthcare consumers in general in our rapidly changing healthcare system. Admission is free. Register online at <http://www.prolifehealthcare.org> or by calling 651-484-1040.