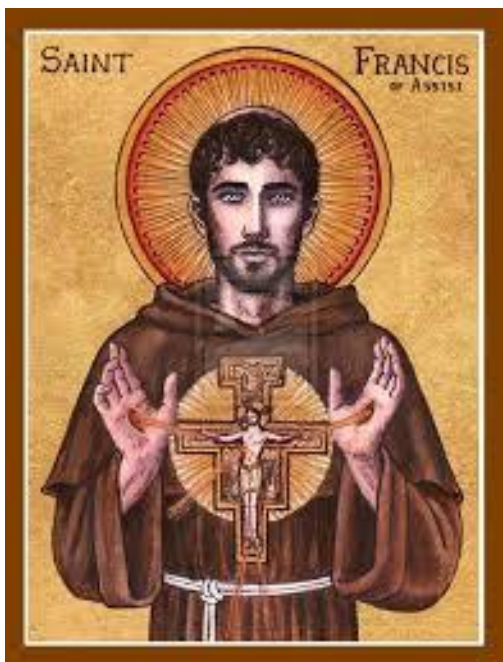


**FEBRUARY 1, 2015**  
*4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
**THE FAITH COMMUNITY OF**  
**ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI**

*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**

– 4:00PM / Sunday – 7:30AM / 9:30AM

**Parish Secretary – Carol Pisula**

**Office Hours – 9:00AM to 3:00PM – Mon. thru Thurs**

Saturday

**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 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.

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

**ROSARY SOCIETY** will meet on Sunday, February 1 at 2:00PM. New members are always welcome to join in praying the Rosary and Benediction.

**THANK YOU** to all who helped and took part in National Gob Day! Your support is greatly appreciated. Profit from Gob making August 2014 thru December of 2014: \$7,701.53.

**MEN'S CLUB** will meet on Thursday, Feb. 5 at 7:00PM in the Activity Center. New members are always welcome.

**FISH FRY** will take place on Friday, February 6 from 11:00AM until 6:00PM. Please plan to share some of your time and talent helping with this event. Your help is greatly appreciated. Profit from Fish Fry held in January: \$1,320.43.

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6** is the First Friday of the month. Adoration will take place following the 8:30AM Mass and continue until 5:30PM. Sign-up sheets for adoration are located in the vestibule of the Church. There should be two adorers present for each time slot.

**MADRI GRAS MADNESS** will take place on Saturday, February 14, 2015. Tickets are now on sale after the Masses or at the Parish Office. Doors will open at 5:15PM and festivities begin at 6:00PM until 11:00PM. Tickets are \$15.00 for adults, \$10.00 for ages 6 thru 17, and under 5, free. There will be a \$5.00 cover charge for beer if desired. Admission includes: appetizers, soda, a turkey dinner with all the fixings and eligibility for Grand Prizes. A cash bar will be available. Music by Flood City Brass.

**THE TABERNACLE**, as you may have noticed, has been temporarily replaced. The Tabernacle has been sent out (with the approval of the Finance Committee) for re-gilding at a cost of \$1,600.00. Anyone who would like to make a donation to offset the cost is encouraged to do so by contacting the Parish Office. **THANK YOU** to those who have contributed to date. The Tabernacle should be returned in approximately 4 weeks.

**LIMITED COPIES OF "Rediscover Catholicism"** by Matthew Kelly are now available for those who would like to discover the beauty, genius, and modern relevance of Catholicism. "*Rediscover Catholicism*" takes us on an adventure of life-changing proportions. Beginning with our common yearning for happiness, Kelly reveals the essence of authentic Catholic spirituality while addressing some of the most important questions we face today both as individuals and as a Church. The books have been donated to the Parish. Please call the Parish Office if you would like to reserve a copy.

**UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS – MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

Friday, February 6 – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30AM – 5:30PM

Friday, February 6 – Fish Fry – 11:00AM – 6:00PM

Saturday, February 14 – Mardi Gras – 6:00PM – 11:00PM

Ash Wednesday, February 18 – Mass times: 8:00AM, 12Noon & 6:30PM, Lent Fish Fries begin

Friday, February 23 – Stations of the Cross – will continue all Fridays of Lent

**THANK YOU** to Francis G. Ozog Funeral Home for the generous donation to the Parish for Christmas. May God Bless you for your kindness to the Parish.

**CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR PARISH LAST WEEKEND:** Adults: \$2,614.00; Loose: \$321.72; Children: \$40.36; Candles: \$124.76; Monthly - \$13.00; Holy Day: \$5.00; Missalettes - \$3.00; First Offering - \$25.00; Catholic Schools: \$306.00; Catholic Register - \$15.00; Missalettes - \$3.00; Tabernacle - \$100.00. Total Collection: \$3567.84. Thank you for your continued generosity to the parish.

**CANDLE BY OUR LADY, QUEEN OF HEAVEN** will burn this week for the Health of all Cancer Patients and Survivors.

**YEAR OF CONSECRATED LIFE** – "Everyone is searching for You." If your search for the Lord is leading you to a vocation to the Priesthood or Consecrated Life, call the Vocation Office at 718-510-5822 or email: [vocations@olaprovince.org](mailto:vocations@olaprovince.org), or the Diocesan Vocation Office by contacting Fr. Matthew Reese, 357 St. Mary, Street, P.O. Box 99, Loretto, PA 15940, 814-472-5441, or email: [vocations@dioceseaj.org](mailto:vocations@dioceseaj.org)

**FROM THE BISHOP** – Because of the seriousness of this flu season, Bishop Bartchak has asked that the Precious Blood of the Lord not be offered at Mass temporarily. It is the belief of the Catholic Church that the whole Body of Christ is present under either form of Consecrated Bread and Wine. Also, the exchange of the Sign of Peace should avoid bodily contact. A reverent nod with eye contact and a smile will be the temporary practice. Reception of Holy Communion on the hand is encouraged; however, reception on the tongue may not be denied. These norms are in effect throughout the winter months or until the flu season is over.

*Stewardship Reflection*... Are you not filled with a sense of wonder whenever Jesus speaks to you? May your astonishment cause Jesus' fame to spread wherever you go.

*Gospel Reflection*... The newly called Disciples follow Jesus to Capernaum, where they begin to witness firsthand Who He is. Jesus enters the synagogue and teaches with an authority different from that of the scribes. He exorcises an unclean spirit who, even before Jesus cast out the demon, proclaimed Him as the Holy One of God.

*Families and the Gospel*... Mk 1:29-39 – Today's Gospel reminds us "unclean spirits" still haunt our families. These spirits thrive inside our grudges, punishing silence, impatience and abruptness. Jesus offers you the authority to cast out these spirits from your life and your family.

**FROM MSGR. TIMOTHY SWOPE** – On May 6, 2015, I will be leading a tour to the Holy Land from Loretto. We will fly out of Pittsburgh and arrive in Tel Aviv on the 7<sup>th</sup>. Booking the tour soon, for the nine days will cost \$4049.00. This includes airfare, hotels, breakfast and dinners, expert tour director and local guides, and of course daily Mass at the sites. Included are sites like the Church of the Annunciation; Mount of Beatitudes; Transfiguration; the Way of the Cross; Holy Sepulchre and many more. An optional excursion will be offered to Masada and the Dead Sea; and Jerusalem at Night. An extension to Petra and beyond is also available. This is a great time of year to be in the Holy Land after the winter and the beginning of summer. If you're interested please notify me at Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel, 321 Mary Street, P.O. Box 10, Loretto, PA 15940 or call 814-472-8551.

**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, Carly Rice, Doug Rice, James Schuster, Carol Sobocky, Veronica Smith, Agnes Swarney, Jeanne Toth, Rose Trapanotto, Katherine Twardziak, Irene Virus, Charles Wisz, and Agnes Warhul.

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**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; **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.*

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**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.

**HAM DINNER** with a side of Rigatoni will be held on Sunday, February 8 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.

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8** – Bishop Gregory of Nyssa of the American Carpatho-Russian Orthodox tradition will host an Ecumenical Service at Christ the Savior Cathedral, Garfield St., Johnstown, PA. The service begins at 3:00PM. Bishop Mark Bartchak will be in attendance. All are invited to participate in this Ecumenical Prayer Service.

**THE HEART OF GOD** – Valentine's Morning Prayer and Breakfast for Widows and Widowers. Remember your loved ones on Wed., Feb. 11 with Mass at 10:00AM. All spouses will be mentioned and remembered at Mass. Brunch at 11:00AM followed by a special presentation on St. Paul's Life – an actor's portrayal by Glen Smith. Sponsored by the Diocesan Family Life Office and hosted by the Immaculate Conception Church, 1640 New Germany Road, Summerhill. A \$5 donation is suggested. Reservations required by Feb. 3. Call the Family Life Office at 814-886-5551.

**MARDI GRAS DINNER** – St. Therese Church, Sunday, February 15 from 11:00AM – 4:00PM. Food will be available for purchase. Games of Chance and dancing to the music of the Rhythm Masters.