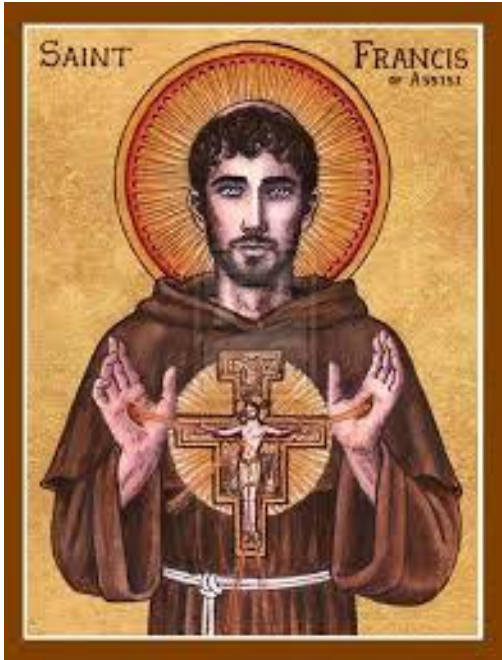


JANUARY 18, 2015
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
THE FAITH COMMUNITY OF
ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

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

President – Ryan Woodruff

Parish Council

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.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 22 – Mass will be celebrated at 6:30AM in preparation for the March for Life. Mass will be celebrated at 8:00AM as well.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION PARTY will take place on Sunday, January 18 beginning with a Holy Hour in the Church at 3:00PM followed by dinner at 4:00PM. All who volunteered their time in any way last year (Ministries, Fish Fries, Gobs, Religious Education, etc.) are invited to attend and spend some time relaxing with fellow co-workers.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY will meet on Wednesday, January 21 at 6:30PM in the rectory. New members are always welcome.

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.

NATIONAL GOB DAY will be held on Saturday, January 31 at the Galleria Mall from 10:00AM until 2:00PM. St. Francis of Assisi will be represented. Come out and support our Parish and vote for the Best Gobs in town!

OREMUS PRAYER MINISTRY – We are looking for volunteers for our Oremus Prayer Ministry. If you are willing to offer prayers for those in need and forward requests for prayer via the telephone, please contact Margaret Scott at 539-7921 by Friday, January 23. This is a wonderful ministry, especially for those who are unable to participate in the more physical ministries of the Parish.

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. The Tabernacle should be returned in approximately 4 weeks.

LOCAL CATHOLIC SCHOOLS COLLECTION – Next weekend (January 24 & 25) the second collection is specifically for our local Catholic Schools. Your donations will help financially qualified students attending either our four area's Catholic grade schools or Bishop McCort. Grade-school-age children attend St. Andrew's School, St. Benedict School, Cathedral Catholic Academy, Our Mother of Sorrows School. At Mass next weekend, a student and an adult will share the story of local Catholic education. If donating by check, please make your check payable to our parish and add the memo "*Catholic Education Fund.*" The bulletin features a special envelope that allows for your designation of specific school(s), should you want to direct your gift. Thank you for your generous response to this scholarship collection.

LIMITED COPIES OF "Rediscover Catholicism" by Matthew Kelly will be made available in the near future 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.

CANDLE BY OUR LADY, QUEEN OF HEAVEN will burn this week for Health of Jack Fabry by Jim & Sue Ellen Dadey.

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS – MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner – Sunday, January 18 – Holy Hour from 3:00PM – 4:00PM, Dinner – 4:00PM

National Gob Day – Saturday, January 31 at Galleria Mall from 10:00AM to 2:00PM

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

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

Ash Wednesday, February 18 – Lent Fish Fries begin

CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR PARISH LAST WEEKEND: Adults: \$4,249.01; Loose: \$265.50; Children: \$30.00; Candles: \$96.01; Monthly - \$513.00; Christmas - \$95.00 Christmas; Holy Day: \$77.00; Missalettes - \$43.01; First Offering - \$144.00; Oplatek: \$56.00; Catholic Register - \$20.00; Misc. - \$14.88. Total Collection: \$5,603.41. Thank you for your continued generosity to the parish.

YEAR OF CONSECRATED LIFE – "Follow Me and I will make you fishers of men." Are you considering a vocation to the Priesthood or Consecrated Life? Call the Vocation Office at 718-510-5822 or email: 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

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.

Liturgical Reflection... At Mass the People of God are called together, with a Priest presiding and acting in the person of Christ, to celebrate the memorial of the Lord in the Eucharistic Sacrifice. In an outstanding way there applies to such a local gathering of the holy Church the promise of Christ, "Where two or three are gathered in My Name, there am I in their midst" (Mt 18:20). For in the celebration of the Mass, in which the Sacrifice of the Cross is perpetuated, Christ is really present in the very assembly gathered in His Name, in the person of the ordained Priest, in the proclaimed Word of Scripture, and indeed substantially uninterruptedly under the Eucharistic species. The General Instruction of the Roman Missal, Number 27. 2015, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 S. Logan Blvd., Hollidaysburg, PA 16648.

When should we bow during Mass? The General Instruction of the Roman Missal No. 275 offers a helpful summary of this practice: "A bow signifies reverence and honor shown to the persons themselves or to the signs that represent them. There are two kind of bow: a bow of the head and a bow of the body. A bow of the head is made when the three Divine Persons are named together and at the Names of Jesus, of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and of the Saint in whose honor Mass is being celebrated. A bow of the body, that is to say, a profound bow, is made to the altar; during the prayers *Munda cor meum* (Cleanse my heart) and *In spiritu humilitatis* (With humble spirit); in the Creed at the words *et incarnatus est* (and by the Holy Spirit...and became man); in the Roman Canon at the *Supplices te rogamus* (In humble prayer we ask You, Almighty God). The same kind of bow is made by the Deacon when he asks for a blessing before the proclamation of the Gospel. In addition, the Priest bows slightly as he pronounces the words of the Lord at Consecration.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK OR HOMEBOUND

Rose Blaschak, Mary Chamiok, Jean Chase, Sister Carol Jean Czyrnik, 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, James Schuster, Carol Sobacky, Veronica Smith, Agnes Swarney, Jeanne Toth, Rose Trapanotto, Katherine Twardziak, Irene Virus, Charles Wisz, 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.

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.

KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS Council 1106 at Resurrection Roman Catholic Parish will hold a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, January 18 from 8:30AM until 12Noon in the Church Hall. Adults - \$5.00, children 12 and under, free. Take outs available.

THE CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION – 201 Third St, Conemaugh, Turkey Dinner, Sunday, January 18, 2015, 11:00am – 2:00pm. Take-Outs Available. Call (814)535-2698. Cost: \$9.00/meal.

BISHOP MARK BARTCHAK will preside at a prayer service on January 21 at 7:00PM at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Altoona. The Bishop will offer a special blessing to those in our Diocese who will travel to the March for Life the following day. The service is also an opportunity for all individuals – whether or not they are able to attend the March for Life – to come together to remember the victims of abortion and to pray for the sanctity of human life.

ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 25, Bishop Mark Bartchak of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown will host an Ecumenical Service at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, Altoona, PA. The service begins at 3:00PM. All are invited to participate in this Ecumenical prayer service.

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.