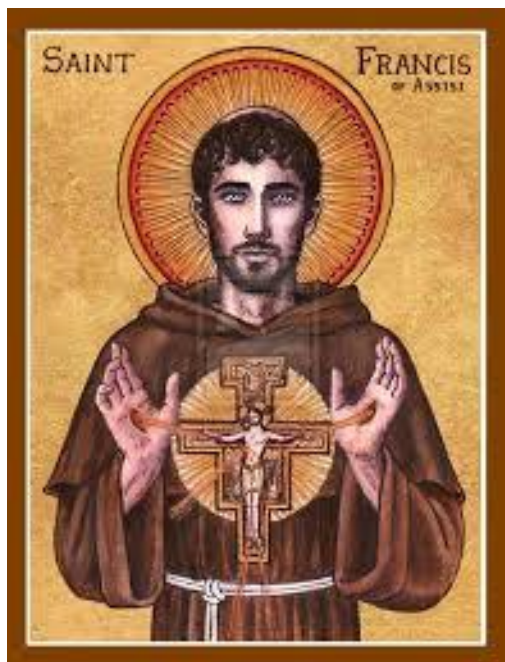


JANUARY 25, 2015
3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
THE FAITH COMMUNITY OF
ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

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

President – Ryan Woodruff

Finance Council President – Robert Bimeal

Cemetery Council President - William Heim

Music Minister – Gale Bala

Director of Religion Education – Carol Pisula

Saturday

Parish Council

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.

GOBS will be filled on Monday, January 26 beginning at 6:00PM. All help is greatly appreciated.

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!

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.

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. The Tabernacle should be returned in approximately 4 weeks.

LOCAL CATHOLIC SCHOOLS COLLECTION – This 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 this 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.*" 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. Please call the Parish Office if you would like to reserve a copy.

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS – MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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

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

CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR PARISH LAST WEEKEND: Adults: \$2,574.00; Loose: \$219.20; Children: \$20.00; Candles: \$113.50; Monthly - \$93.00; Holy Day: \$47.00; Missalettes - \$47.00; First Offering - \$50.00; Christmas - \$12.00; Misc. - \$183.33. Total Collection: \$3,359.03. Thank you for your continued generosity to the parish.

CANDLES BY THE SANCTUARY, OUR LADY, QUEEN OF HEAVEN, and SACRED HEART will burn this week for Special Intentions.

YEAR OF CONSECRATED LIFE – "Let each of you lead the life that the Lord has assigned, to which God has called you." 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.



THE DIOCESE OF ALTOONA-JOHNSTOWN will mark the national observance of Catholic Schools Week January 25 – 31. This year’s theme is “Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge, and Service.” The Johnstown Catholic Schools offer a complete education for the mind, body and spirit. Our Catholic Schools provide an atmosphere of growth where students can develop academically, emotionally, socially, physically, and spiritually. In the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, there are 20 Catholic elementary schools with an enrollment of 2,925. Registration at the four independent Catholic High Schools is 1,062. Pre-school enrollment is 475, for a total Catholic school enrollment of 4,462 this academic year. Visit one of our Catholic Schools today: Bishop

McCort Catholic High School - 536-8991 – Thursday, February 12 from 6:00PM – 8:00PM; St. Benedict Catholic School – 266-3837 ext. 201 – Thursday, January 29 from 8:30AM – 3:00PM; Our Mother of Sorrow – 539-5315 – Tuesday, February 3 from 10:00AM – 2:00PM & 6:00PM – 8:00PM; Cathedral Catholic Academy – 255-1964, Thursday, February 5 from 9:00AM – 2:00PM and 5:30PM – 7:30PM; St. Andrew Catholic School – 288-2811, Sunday, February 8 from 1:00PM – 3:00PM.

Stewardship Reflection... All three readings today speak of repenting – the act of changing our hearts and minds for the better. If we find ourselves succumbing to dominant secular culture that often contradicts values of the Judeo-Christian tradition, we only need to “repent” by making a conscious decision of becoming disciples of Jesus Christ, no matter what the cost.

Gospel Reflection... Leave your job and family. Follow Jesus, not alone, but with others. Repent. Accept and live the message that the Kingdom of God is at hand. These are summary statements of the call to discipleship found in Mark. We, like the first Disciples, come after Jesus, believing that in Him God’s Kingdom is present. This is the Kingdom we proclaim to the world by virtue of our Baptism and our repentance.

NOTE: The person who purchased Marine Corp Ticket #932, please contact Ron Shorto with your name and address.



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, 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 Rován**, 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; **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.

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.

ANNUAL L-C-R FUNDRAISER – Bishop McCort Boys Basketball – Saturday, January 31, Bishop McCort Cafeteria. Doors open at 7:00PM, Food/Games open at 7:30PM. Free Food & Beverages, Raffles, Lottery Tree, Prizes. For more information call Jerry Murphy at 814-322-5509. ADULT EVENT.

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.

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.