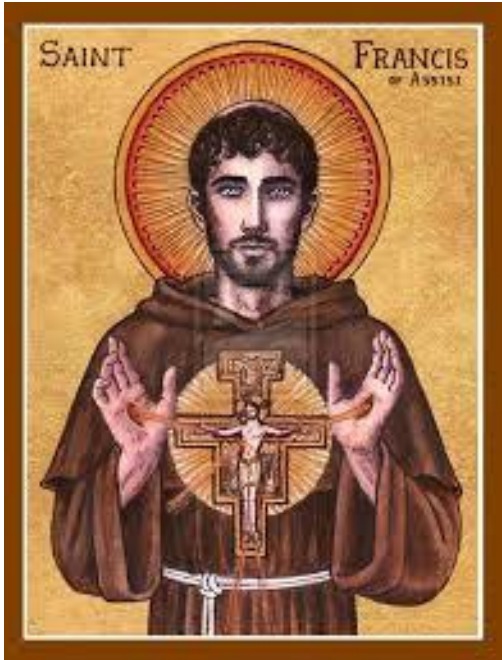


FEBRUARY 15, 2015
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
THE FAITH COMMUNITY OF
ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

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.

THE NEXT FISH FRY will take place on Ash Wednesday, February 18 from 11:00AM until 6:00PM. Lent Fish Fries will continue starting Friday, February 27 and continue each Friday thru March 27. Please plan to share some of your time and talent helping with this event. Your help is greatly appreciated. **THANK YOU** to all helped with the Fish Fry on Friday, February 6. *PROFIT from Fish Fry on February 6 - \$3,033.94*

THANK YOU to all who had any part with the success of the Mardi Gras! The response of party-goers was overwhelming.

“SPRING FLING” giveaway tickets will be available for purchase beginning at the Fish Fry on Ash Wednesday, February 18. Donation: \$3.00. Chance to win \$150.00 on April 6, 7, 8, 9 & 11. Good Friday, April 10 - \$250.00 and Easter Sunday, April 12 - \$500.00!

FRIDAY, MARCH 6 is the First Friday of the month. Adoration begins at 8:30AM Mass until the Noon Mass and then from 12:30PM until 5:30PM. Please plan to spend some time with Our Lord during the season of Lent. Sign-up sheet for adoration is located in the vestibule. At least two adorers are needed for each half hour time slot.

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. Thanks to the generosity of parishioners and two anonymous donors, the cost of re-gilding the Tabernacle has been met. May God Bless you for your kindness to the Parish.

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

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

Ash Wednesday, February 18 – Fish Fry- 11:00AM - 6:00PM

Friday, February 20 – Stations of the Cross – will continue all Fridays of Lent at 7:00PM

Sunday, February 22 – Lamentations – 3:00PM (every Sunday of Lent)

Friday, February 27, March 6, March 13, March 20, March 27, - Fish Fry – 11:00AM – 6:00PM

Friday, March 6 – First Friday, Adoration begins at 8:30AM until Noon and 12:30PM until 5:30PM.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR PARISH LAST WEEKEND: Adults: \$2,599.01; Loose: \$250.06; Children: \$40.00; Candles: \$327.00; Monthly - \$157.00; Holy Day: \$20.00; Missalettes - \$15.00; First Offering - \$5.00; Catholic Register - \$55.00; Misc. - \$243.61. Total Collection: \$3,861.68. Thank you for your continued generosity to the parish.

CANDLE BY OUR LADY, QUEEN OF HEAVEN will burn this week for +Theresa Spinda. **CANDLE BY SACRED HEART** will burn this week for +John Neiderer; **SANCTUARY CANDLE** will burn this week for +Eric Cavallucci by Ray & Jeanne Toth.

INCLUDED with the bulletin this week are the Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowls. Please drop your loose change into your bowl during the Lenten Season to help those less fortunate. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

YEAR OF CONSECRATED LIFE – “Moved with pity, Jesus stretched out His hand and touched him.” If the Lord is touching your heart with an invitation towards service in the Consecrated Life or Priesthood, call the 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, or call Our Lady of the Angels Province at 718-510-5822, or email vocations@aolprovince.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... Christian Stewards and Disciples strive to realize the ideal set forth by St. Paul in today’s second reading: “whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God.”

GABRIEL PROJECT – Next “Pizza and Subs for Pampers Sale” will be Saturday, March 7. Conzatti’s Italian Medium Pizzas are \$6.00, Cheese and/or Pepperoni; Italian Sub with/without onions are \$7.00. New for Lent – Medium Italian Style White Pizza and/or

Paguch Potato Pizza onion/no onion made by Parkway Restaurant in Portage are \$8.00. Call Stephanie to order by Sunday, March 1 at 7:00PM at 814-254-2211. Pick up on Saturday, March 7 at St. Francis of Assisi Activity Center. God Bless you for supporting our moms, families and babies. Profits from Sub/Pizza Sales help us to buy diapers, wipes, wash, and lotion every two weeks for our babies.

LENT SCHEDULE

Ash Wednesday, February 18 – Mass (with distribution of ashes) – 8:00AM, 12Noon & 6:30PM

Thursday February 19 and all weekdays of Lent, Mass will be celebrated at 12Noon

Tuesdays at 12Noon and 6:30PM, Saturdays at 8:00AM

Stations of the Cross – Fridays of Lent at 7:00PM

Lamentations on Sundays of Lent at 3:00PM



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 Sobecky, 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.

WEST END Pickers/Trash to Treasures Indoor Yard Sale, sponsored by the West End Improvement Group, Sat., Mar. 21 from 8AM to 1PM, Lower Yoder Fire Dept. Social Hall. Get your Spring cleaning going and donate your items. Every little bit helps (would prefer no clothing, large appliances or large furniture). Call 535-2499 or 539-0181 for pick-up of your items or drop off on Fri., March 20 (evening). Proceeds from this sale go towards our projects. This year's particular project is to obtain surveillance cameras in the West End.

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.

ST. THERESE LENTEN PIROGHI SALE- Hand-made/home-made potato and cheese piroghi made fresh each week during Lent. Call in orders Monday until March 23 from 9:00AM – 11:00AM. Cost is \$6.50 dozen (with or without onions). Pick up your order on Fridays from 9:00AM – 2:00PM at our Social Hall, Upper Decker Ave. No orders will be taken during Holy Week. Watch for our ad in the *Tribune Democrat* on Mondays.

THE DIOCESEAN COMMISSION for Life and Justice is sponsoring Immaculee Ilibagiza who will be a guest speaker on Thursday, March 19 at 7:00PM at St. Francis University. Immaculee is a sole survivor of her family during the Rwanda genocide where one

million of her family, friends and neighbors were brutally massacred. She is world renown Catholic author and speaker on faith, hope and forgiveness. Cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 for students. For reservations call the Family Life Office at 814-886-5551.