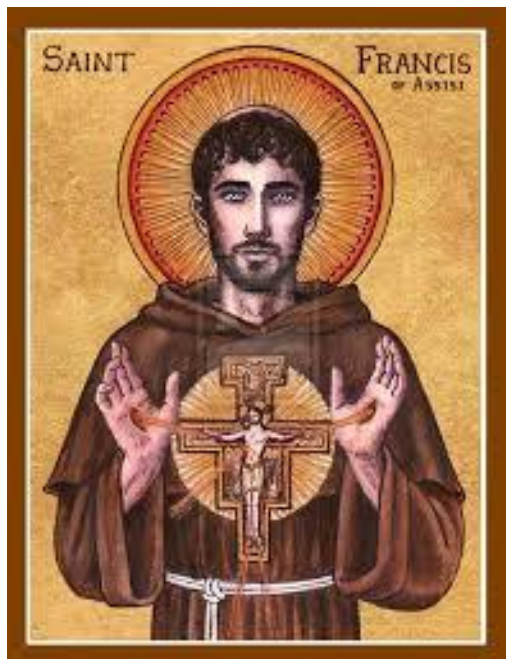


FEBRUARY 8, 2015
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
THE FAITH COMMUNITY OF
ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

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
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 – 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.

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



WE'RE NUMBER ONE! We took first place in the Commercial/Traditional Gob Category at National Gob Day last weekend. **THANK YOU** to all who helped and took part in National Gob Day! Your support is greatly appreciated. May God Bless you for your continued dedication to the gobs!

GOBS will be filled on Wednesday, February 11 beginning at 6:00PM. All help is appreciated.

THE NEXT FISH FRY will take place on Ash Wednesday, February 18 from 11:00AM 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 event. Your help is greatly appreciated.



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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. 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

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: \$2,230.01; Loose: \$274.40; Children: \$28.00; Candles: \$97.00; Monthly - \$764.01; Holy Day: \$11.00; Missalettes - \$11.00; First Offering - \$6.00; Catholic Schools: \$142.25; Catholic Register - \$282.01; Donation: \$300.00; Misc. - \$150.00. Total Collection: \$4,295.68. 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 – "Do everything for the glory of God." Your vocation is the call to give God glory in your very being. Is He choosing you to be a Priest or Consecrated Religious? 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

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.

Gospel Reflection... At the conclusion of last Sunday's Gospel we heard of the rapid expansion of Jesus' reputation based on His healing of the man with an unclean spirit. Today's Gospel is another passage about healing which begins with the individual healing of Simon's mother-in-law and then narrates the healing of many in the entire town. After doing this work, Jesus prays alone in a deserted place, yet Simon and the others follow Him, telling Him that everyone is looking for Him. Jesus knows He must continue to preach and heal, and so He goes forth from His short-lived place of solitude.

Families and the Gospel... Mk 1:29-39 – Jesus went to the “house of Andrew and Simon” to relax but discovered that Simon's mother-in-law was very ill. Like Jesus we come home to relax but are confronted with problems. Take a tip from Andrew and Simon who “told Jesus about it at once.”

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 7th. 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.

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 celebrated at 12Noon

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

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



PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK OR HOMEBOUND

Rose Blaschak, Mary Chamiook, 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, 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 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**, **1std 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.

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.

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.