

APRIL 19, 2015
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
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 family and friends of +Mary Sobecky who was laid to rest last week. Welcoming God, receive from our hands the loved ones we return to You.

WINNERS OF THE APRIL SPRING FLING TICKET: Monday, April 6 - #228, Eileen Malysko; Tuesday, April 7 - #396, Kathryn Carney; Wednesday, April 8 - #406, Ron Shorto; Thursday, April 9 - #981, Barb Dunham; Friday, April 10 - #583, Pat Deskevich, Saturday, April 11 - #060, no winner; Sunday, April 12 - #043, no winner. Thank you to all who participated in this endeavor. Profit from the ticket - \$1,236.00.

FRIDAY, MAY 1 is the First Friday of the month. Adoration will begin after the 8:30AM Mass and continue until 5:30PM. Signup sheets are in the vestibule of the Church. There should be at least two adorers present for each time slot. (This is also a matter of safety for the Blessed Sacrament – adorers adore and protect.)

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL planning meeting will be held in the very near future. Please consider assisting with this program for our children. Watch the bulletin for details.

SANCTUARY CANDLE burned last week for +Robert Curcio by Wife, Helen. **Sanctuary Candle** will burn this week for +Angela Toth by parents, Ray & Jeanne Toth.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR PARISH LAST WEEKEND: Adults: \$2,790.01; Loose: \$506.29; Children: \$36.23; Candles: \$112.06; Monthly - \$245.00; Flowers - \$15.00; St. Vincent de Paul - \$35.00; Missalettes - \$39.00; Good Friday - \$18.00; - Holy Thursday - \$24.00; Easter - \$220.00; Misc. - \$272.00. Total Collection: \$4,312.59. Envelopes used: Adult – 204 out of 331; Children – 24 out of 92. Thank you for your continued generosity to the parish.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, May 1 – First Friday – adoration following the 8:30AM Mass until 5:30PM

Saturday, May 2 – First Communion Rehearsal & Breakfast – 9:00AM

Sunday, May 3 – First Communion – 9:30AM Mass/Rite of Sending of Confirmation Candidates

Friday, May 8 – Fish Fry 11:00AM – 6:00PM

Coming in July – Vacation Bible School

YEAR OF CONSECRATED LIFE – “Now by this we may be sure that we know Him, if we obey His commandments.” Jesus wants to make Himself known to you through the vocation He chooses for you. Will you obey His call to the Priesthood or Consecrated Life? Call the Vocation Office by contacting Fr. Matthew Reese, 814-472-5441, or email: vocations@dioceseaj.org, or call Our Lady of the Angels Province at Conventual Franciscan Friars 718-510-5822, or email vocations@aolprovince.org.

COPIES of Matthew Kelly’s *Rediscover Catholicism* are still available. Please contact the Parish Office to obtain your copy. A quote from the book – “I sense it is because the people of today believe that Christian, Christianity, and perhaps Catholic in particular are as much part of this culture of appearance and deception as anyone else.” Matthew Kelly: *Rediscover Catholicism*, p. 31.

*Stewardship Reflection...*The joy experienced by the Disciples in the “upper room” continues to burn in our hearts today. Realizing that God loves you beyond all measure causes you to build up His Kingdom on earth with as much conviction as those first Disciples.

THE ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL has begun. Your gift supports more than 20 ministries that serve God’s people throughout our eight counties. All contributions received over our parish goal of \$24, 795 will be returned to the Parish. Thank you for supporting the Diocesan Church of Altoona-Johnstown. If you do not have a pledge card, you may send you gift (made payable to the “Annual Catholic Appeal”) directly to the parish office. **As of April 14 - \$9,255 was pledged by 82 families/331 households for 23% participation. Thank you for your generosity!**

Liturgical Reflection... The Homily is a central part of the Mass. It is necessary for the nurturing of the Christian life. It should be an explanation of some aspect of the readings from Sacred Scripture or of another text from the Roman Missal. The Homily should take into account both the mystery being celebrated and the particular needs of the listeners. The Homily is ordinarily given by the Priest Celebrant or can be entrusted to a concelebrating Priest or Deacon, but never to a lay person. It is especially recommended to have a Homily on the weekdays of Easter Time. The General Instruction of the Roman Missal, Numbers 65 & 66. 2015, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 S. Logan Blvd., Hollidaysburg, PA 16648

OUTDOOR SUMMER MASSES – The Diocesan Vocation Office is once again holding Masses at the Outdoor Shrine of Our Lady of the Alleghenies in Loretto, PA this summer. Masses begin at 7:00PM on Memorial Day Weekend and finish on Labor Day Weekend. Please bring your own lawn chair. In case of inclement weather, Mass will be held inside the Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel. For more information, please call the Diocesan Vocation Office at 814-472-5441.

CONCERTS UNDER THE DOME – presents The Cathedral Musicians, performed on the 1931 Steinway organ and Yamaha grand piano, Sunday, April 26 at 7:00PM in the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, Altoona. A free will offering will be taken.

ST. BENEDICT CATHOLIC CHURCH – John Michael Talbot, Christian music legend, best-selling author and host of the Church Channel’s inspirational TV show “All Things are Possible” – May 6 – 8 at 7:00PM. A love offering will be received each evening to support the ministries of John Michael Talbot and the Brothers and Sisters of Charity. Suggested donation is \$15.00/person/per night. No one will be turned away for lack of funds. For more information please call the parish office at 266-9718.

We are those Disciples on the road to Emmaus, living our lives in the real world, walking along with Jesus Who is always there accompanying us on the road, whether we recognize Him or not. He listens to us, and understands us, because He became like us, in “all things but sin” as the author of the Letter to the Hebrews tells us. In Him, the entire human experience has become, in the words of the early Church Bishop and Father, Irenaeus of Lyons, “recapitulated.” In the Sacred Humanity of Jesus Christ we can also begin to see who we are called to become as we grow in continual communion with Him. In this encounter with the Risen Lord, made present at every Eucharist because it is outside of time, we receive the grace we need to begin to walk the road of our daily lives differently because we have seen the Risen Lord! He walks with us on our own road to Emmaus. We learn to recognize Him, in the breaking of the bread.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK OR HOMEBOUND

Bill Babik, Rose Blaschak, Geraldine Caddy, Mary Chamiok, Jean Chase, Sister Carol Jean Czyrnik, Mary Davis, Joan Delusa, Stephen Fabina, LeAnn Golby, Alicia Junghans, Susan Keselyak, Kathryn Legat, Helen Malysko, Marci Nickels, Bernard Picklo, Carly Rice, Doug Rice, James Schuster, Joanna Stone, Carol Sobecky, Agnes Swarney, Jeanne Toth, Rose Trapanotto, Katherine Twardziak, Irene Virus, 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; **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.

NIGHT AT THE RACES – St. Benedict School Gymnasium, Friday, April 24. Doors open at 6:30PM, races begin at 7:30PM. Price - \$15.00 included admission, food and ownership of a horse. Seating is limited, must be 21years of age. For tickets call Terri at 341-7311.

HUGE GARAGE SALE – Saturday, April 25 from 8:00AM – 2:00PM, Cathedral Catholic Academy. A Bake Sale will also be held. Proceeds benefit the 8th grade class trip. No early sales.

BASKET PARTY – Sunday, April 26, St. Anthony of Padua, Windber. Doors open at 11:30AM, drawing begins at 1:30PM. Tickets are \$8 and include an Italian lunch and 25 chances. Call 467-4756 or 467-7292.

CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION – Spaghetti Drive-By, Sunday, April 26 from 10:30AM – 1:30PM. Cost: \$7.00

MOM’S HOUSE - Spring Luncheon, Sunday, April 26 at Sunnehanna Country Club. \$25.00 admission includes lunch and entertainment by *Sounds of the Season* and Mark Ed. For reservations, call 535-4848.

BASKET PARTY – Church of the Transfiguration, Sunday, May 3. Doors open at 1:00PM, drawing begins at 2:30PM. Cost: \$5.00 for 25 chances and luncheon.