

APRIL 26, 2015
FOURTH 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

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.

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

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.)

WE REJOICE with the family and friends of the children of the Parish who will be receiving our Lord for the first time in Holy Communion on Sunday, May 3 at the 9:30 Mass: *Hayden Devico, Brooke Esposito, Dravyn Fabina, Nathaniel Mikula, Alyssa Ressler, Cassidy Stancombe, Jorja Stancombe, Ryan Stancombe, Margaret Sweeney, Kael Woodruff*. Keep in your prayers also the students who will be Confirmed on Tuesday, May 5 at St. John Gualbert Cathedral by Bishop Mark: *Alexis LaBuda, Andrew Konieczny*.

OUR NEXT FISH FRY will take place on Friday, May 8 from 11:00AM until 6:00PM. Once again, your help is needed and greatly appreciated. This will be the last Fish Fry until September. Profit from the April 10 Fish Fry: \$2,178.81

CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR PARISH LAST WEEKEND: Adults: \$3,001.06; Loose: \$412.25; Children: \$29.27; Candles: \$102.50; Monthly - \$182.00; St. Vincent de Paul - \$30.00; Missalettes - \$2.00; Good Friday - \$20.00; - Holy Thursday - \$9.00; Easter - \$205.00; Misc. - \$183.33. Total Collection: \$4,176.41. Envelopes used: Adult –202 out of 331; Children – 22 out of 92. Thank you for your continued generosity to the parish.

MONIES received from the Independent Catholic Foundation of the Diocese will be used toward the re-gilding of the candlesticks that are used on the Sacred Heart Altar.

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

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 your gift (made payable to the “Annual Catholic Appeal”) directly to the parish office. **As of April 20 - \$9,970 was pledged by 89 families/331 households for 23% participation. Thank you for your generosity!**

COPIES of Matthew Kelly’s *Rediscover Catholicism* are still available. Please contact the Parish Office to obtain your copy. A quote from the book – “In reference to the well-known fact that [Mahatma] Ghandi read from the New Testament every day and often quoted the Christian Scriptures, a reporter once asked him why he had never become a Christian. He answered, ‘If I had ever met one, I would have become one.’ In his own way, Ghandi was saying, don’t tell me – show me.” Matthew Kelly: *Rediscover Catholicism*, p. 33.

Liturgical Reflection... A Genuflection, made by bending the right knee to the ground, signifies adoration. Genuflection is reserved for the Most Blessed Sacrament. During Mass, three genuflections are made by the Priest Celebrant; following the elevation of the consecrated Host, after the elevation of the consecrated Chalice, and before Communion. If the Tabernacle is in the center of the Sanctuary, the Priest and all those in the Procession will genuflect before entering the Sanctuary and at the conclusion of Mass. A bow signifies reverence and honor shown to the persons themselves or to the signs that represent them. There are two kinds 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, a profound bow, is made to the altar and during the Creed. The General Instruction of the Roman Missal, Numbers 274 and 275. 2015, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 S. Logan Blvd., Hollidaysburg, PA 16648

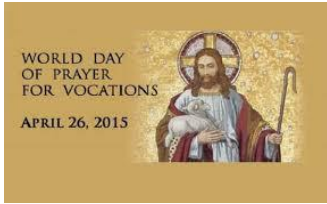
YEAR OF CONSECRATED LIFE – On this Good Shepherd Sunday we celebrate the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pray for holy vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate and Consecrated Life, especially for our Diocese. Also, please consider praying for vocations or spiritually adopting a Priest as a part of your daily prayers. 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.

Stewardship Reflection... The Good Shepherd loves His flock unconditionally, with no strings attached. May we, as the Body of Christ, reach out to others by sharing our God-given gifts in unconditional gratitude?

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.

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.



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS is observed today, Sunday, April 26. The purpose of this is to publicly fulfill the Lord’s instruction to, “Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into His harvest” (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord’s call to the Priesthood, Diaconate, and Consecrated Life. Pray for the Priests who have ministered to you throughout your life, both living and dead. Encourage your children, grandchildren, or other young people to consider a vocation as a Priest or Religious Brother or Sister. Pray a Rosary for more young men and women in our Diocese to respond to God’s call.

Prayer for Vocations

God our Father, You made each of us to use our gifts in the Body of Christ. We ask that You inspire young people whom You call to Priesthood and Consecrated Life to courageously follow Your will. Send workers into Your great harvest so that the Gospel is preached, the poor are served with love, the suffering are comforted, and Your people are strengthened by the Sacraments. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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, Bernard Picklo, Carly Rice, Doug Rice, James Schuster, Joanna Stone, Carol Sobacky, 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**, Lakenheath air Force Base, England; **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.

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

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.

ROAST BEEF DINNER AND BASKET RAFFLE to benefit fire victims, Deacon Michael Anna, his wife, Janine and family, Sunday, May 3 at St. Bernard Church Hall, 148 Seventh Ave., Hastings, PA, from 11:00AM – 2:00PM. Cost: \$10.00/person. Basket Raffle begins at 9:00AM and ends at time of drawing at 4:00PM. For more information please contact Sam & Mary Patterson at 814-247-6415 or 814-312-8772, or Lee Stanek at 814-523-8123.

ALADDIN, JR. – Cathedral Catholic Academy Drama Club will present the musical, *Aladdin, Jr.*, Friday, May 8 and Saturday, May 9 at 7:00PM at Bishop McCort Catholic High School. Adults - \$6.00, students grade 1-12 - \$4.00. Children kindergarten and under are free. Tickets available at the door.