

MAY 3, 2015
FIFTH 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

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*.

GOD'S BLESSINGS on Raymond & Jeanne Toth as they celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary this weekend. May their marriage be a blessing for their families, their friends, and for all their neighbors.

CONGRATULATIONS to Monica Petak, who will be honored at the 29th Annual YWCA Tribute to Women on May 20. May God Bless you for your service to the Johnstown community.

MEN'S CLUB meeting will be held on Thursday, May 7 at 7:00PM in the Activity Center. New members are always welcome. All Mother's Day Tickets should be returned at this meeting.

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

MEN'S CLUB will sponsor a Mother's Day Treat on Sunday, May 10 after the 7:30AM and 9:30AM Masses. All are welcome to attend and join in honoring our mothers, grandmothers, godmothers and all who have been like a mother to us.

THURSDAY, MAY 14 is the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord and a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, May 13 at 5:30PM and on Thursday, May 14 at 8:00AM and 5:30PM.

MEMORIAL DAY Gob Sale will be held Wednesday, May 20 from 3:00PM to 6:00PM in the Activity Center. Get your gobs for the Memorial Day Weekend!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL has been scheduled for July 13 thru July 17 from 9:00AM until Noon. Classes will take place in the Activity Center. Registration forms are now available in the vestibule of the Church. Everyone had so much fun last year, we're going to do it again! Children from age 4 to fourth grade are invited to participate. Watch the bulletin for more details!

SANCTUARY CANDLE will burn this week for return of good health for Jeanne Toth, by husband, Ray. **CANDLE BY OUR LADY, QUEEN OF HEAVEN** will burn this week for birthday remembrance of Agnes Alverda Holtz, by daughter, Jeanne, Ray, Michelle and Ray Toth, Jr.

THANK YOU for your continued generous donations to our poor box. Thanks to you we are able to offer some assistance to those less fortunate. May God Bless you!

CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR PARISH LAST WEEKEND: Adults: \$2,764.66; Loose: \$276.24; Children: \$31.00; Candles: \$139.50; Monthly - \$45.00; St. Vincent de Paul - \$20.00; Missalette - \$13.00; Easter - \$2.00; Catholic Home Mission - \$179.00. Total Collection: \$3,470.40. Envelopes used: Adult - 192 out of 331; Children - 19 out of 92. Thank you for your continued generosity to the parish.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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

Sunday, May 10 – Mother's Day Treat after 7:30AM & 9:30AM Mass

Thursday, May 14 – Feast of the Ascension of the Lord

Wednesday, May 20 – Memorial Day Gob Sale

July 13 - 17 – Vacation Bible School

COPIES of Matthew Kelly's *Rediscover Catholicism* are available at the entrances of the Church. Feel free to take one home. A quote from the book – "Distracted by the sweet seduction of pleasure and possessions, we have wandered from the narrow path. We know the truth, but we lack the discipline and strength of character to align the actions of our lives with that truth." Matthew Kelly: *Rediscover Catholicism*, p. 33.

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 27 - \$10,620 was pledged by 93 families/331 households for 24% participation. Thank you for your generosity!**

MOTHER'S DAY WEEKEND CARNATIONS St. Francis Gabriel Project will once again provide the carnations for Mother's Day. The Men's Club will be distributing the flowers and proceeds will benefit the Gabriel Project. Thank you in advance for your support!

GABRIEL PROJECT PIZZA/SUB SALE FOR PAMPERS – 16 inch Italian Sub with/without onion - \$7.00; Medium cheese or pepperoni pizza - \$6.00 (made by Conzatti's Italian Food Store). Medium Italian white pizza and white pagach potato/cheese pizza with/without onions for \$8.00 (made by Parkway Restaurant in Portage). To order: call Stephanie Neighbors at 814-254-2211 by 7:00PM, Sunday, May 30. Pick up date: Saturday, June 6 at 11:00AM at the Activity Center.

Liturgical Reflection... The Church celebrates the Paschal Mystery on the first day of the week, known as the Lord's Day or Sunday. This follows a tradition handed down from the Apostles and having its origin from the day of Christ's Resurrection. The fifty days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost are celebrated in joyful exultation as one feast day, or better as one "great Sunday." These above all others are the days for the singing of the *Alleluia*. Throughout the Sundays of Easter Time, it is obligatory to celebrate the Masses for Easter. General Norms for the Liturgical Year and the Calendar, Numbers 4 and 22. The General Instruction of the Roman Missal, Numbers 353 and 354. 2015, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 S. Logan Blvd., Hollidaysburg, PA 16648.

YEAR OF CONSECRATED LIFE – "Let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action." Are you being called to love the Lord and His people as a Priest, Deacon, Sister or Brother? Love demands truth and action. 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... As branches of the vine that is Jesus Christ, we disciples are called to bear His fruit. We do this according to today's second reading, by believing in Jesus and in loving one another.

A **MASS** will be celebrated on Wednesday, May 6, the 175th anniversary of the passing of the Prince-Priest and Servant of God Demetrius Gallitzin, at 7:00PM at the Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel in Loretto. The Mass will include a healing service and anointing of the sick, with Father Bob Hilz, TOR, as celebrant. All are welcome.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK OR HOMEBOUND

Bill Babik, Rose Blaschak, Geraldine Caddy, Mary Chamiook, Jean Chase, Sister Carol Jean Czynnik, 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 Sobocky, Agnes Swarney, Jeanne Toth, Rose Trapanotto, Katherine Twardziak, Irene Virus, and Agnes Warhul.

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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**, Lakenheath Air Force Base, England; **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; **Senior Airman Daniel Christner**, USAF, 193rd Special Operations Wing – Deployed – Africa, Operation Enduring Freedom.

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.

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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 – 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.

WEST END IMPROVEMENT GROUP monthly meeting will take place on Wednesday, May 6 at Grace Lutheran Church. We will present an update on surveillance cameras. Everyone is welcome.

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.

WEST END IMPROVEMENT GROUP is sponsoring their annual neighborhood cleanup on Saturday, May 9. We will meet at the Johnstown Middle School Parking Lot at 9:00AM. Bags and gloves will be provided. Lunch will be provided at Grace Lutheran Church.

SPRING FLING TURKEY DINNER, Mother's Day, May 10 from 11:00AM – 2:00PM, St. Benedict Church Hall, Carrollton. Menu includes roasted turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, coleslaw, cranberry sauce and dessert. Cost: - \$9.00/adults, \$6/00/children ages 6 -12, children under 5 are free.