

**MAY 10, 2015**  
**SIXTH 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**PARISH OFFICE** will be closed on Monday, May 11.

**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS** the family and friends of +Donald Delich and +Francis Dukery who were laid to rest last week. Welcoming God, receive from our hands the loved ones we return to You.

**ROSARY SOCIETY** – Come: bring your mother to honor the Mother of God on Mother’s Day with Rosary and Benediction at 2:00PM.

**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.

**THANK YOU** to all who helped in any way with the Fish Fry last week. Our next Fish Fry will be held in September. Enjoy your long overdue rest!

**IT’S TIME TO MAKE THE GOBS!** Icing for Gobs will be made on Tuesday May 12 and Saturday, May 16 beginning at 7:00AM. Gobs will be filled on Wednesday, May 16 and Monday, May 18 at 6:00PM. All help is greatly appreciated.

**\*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!

**ATTENTION ALL GRADUATES:** We will be honoring our 2015 graduates (eighth grade, high school and college) at the 4:00PM Mass on Saturday, June 6. Please use the signup sheets in the vestibule so we can properly recognize your achievement!

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION** classes have ended for the year. A debt of gratitude to all who gave of their time and talent to instruct our children in the Faith: Marlys Harrington, Alexis LaBuda, Cecilia Neiderer, Alice Havers, Melanie Seback, Joseph Seback, Becky Deskevich, Kim Konieczny, Bill Stibich and Lou Deskevich.

**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. The theme for this year is “God’s Saving Plan.” 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!

**CANDLE BY OUR LADY, QUEEN OF HEAVEN** will burn this week for Birthday Remembrance for +Agnes Holtz by daughter, Mary Dugan.

**CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR PARISH LAST WEEKEND:** Adults: \$2,737.00; Loose: \$403.90; Children: \$28.00; Candles: \$100.76; Monthly - \$586.01; Missalettes - \$339.01; Easter - \$11.00; Catholic Home Mission - \$41.00; Ascension - \$17.00; Assumption - \$2.00; Holy Thursday - \$6.00; Good Friday - \$6.00; Mother’s Day - \$120.00; Misc. - \$243.61. Total Collection: \$4,641.29. Envelopes used: Adult –198 out of 331; Children – 15 out of 92. Thank you for your continued generosity to the parish.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Sunday, May 10 – Mother’s Day Treat after 7:30AM & 9:30AM Mass  
Wednesday, May 13 – Vigil  
Thursday, May 14 – Feast of the Ascension of the Lord –8:00AM & 5:30PM  
Wednesday, May 20 – Memorial Day Gob Sale  
July 13 - 17 – 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 you gift (made payable to the “Annual Catholic Appeal”) directly to the parish office. **As of May 4 - \$10,870 was pledged by 96 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...* On Sundays there are three readings and a psalm assigned to the Liturgy of the Word. The first reading is from a Prophet, the sung Psalm follows, the second reading is from an Apostle, and the third reading is always from one of the four Gospels. These scriptural selections instruct the Christian people in the continuity of the work of salvation according to God's wonderful design. These readings are to be followed strictly. In Easter Time, according to the tradition of the Church, instead of being from the Old Testament, the first reading is taken from the Acts of the Apostles. The General Instruction of the Roman Missal, Number 357. 2015, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 S. Logan Blvd., Hollidaysburg, PA 16648.

**YEAR OF CONSECRATED LIFE** – “God sent His only Son into the world so that we might live through Him.” Are you open to the call to be sent into the world as a Priest, Deacon, or Consecrated Religious, that others might live in Christ? Call the Vocation Office by contacting Fr. Matthew Reese, 814-472-5441, or email: [vocations@dioceseaj.org](mailto:vocations@dioceseaj.org), or call Our Lady of the Angels Province at Conventual Franciscan Friars 718-510-5822, or email [vocations@aolprovince.org](mailto:vocations@aolprovince.org).

*Stewardship Reflection...* As the Father loves Jesus and Jesus loves us, we are called to love others in His Name. St. John Paul II proclaims that, “In loving the poor the Christian imitates the attitude of the Lord, Who during His earthly life devoted Himself with special compassion to all those in spiritual and material need.” (*Ecclesia in America*, 1999).

### MOTHER'S DAY



*May she who is the mother of our Lord, and our Blessed Mother, intercede for all mothers on this special day.*  
Dear Blessed Mother: Intercede for all mothers on this special day. Please ask your Beloved Son to send special blessings to all mothers, grandmothers, godmothers, foster mothers, expectant mothers and all those in our lives we tenderly call Mother. May God give to all mothers the grace to carry on this very important vocation.

### 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 Sobacky, 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Izeke W. Pinkas, Okinawa, Japan; 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 Rovam, Lakenheath Air Force Base, England; HMC David Bakos, US Navy; PFC; Lance Corporal Jacob Taylor, USMC; Private 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> Class Maxwell Schutte, F. E. Warren, WY; Sgt. Bryan Maxwell Porath, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt Aaron Donahey, US Army, Fort Bliss, El Paso, Texas; 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Petty Officer Heather L. Dovala, USS William P. Lawrence, DDG 110, San Diego, Ca.; 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, 193<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**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.

**ST. CLARE OF ASSISI** will be holding their annual Festival on Saturday, June 6 from 5:00PM until 10:00PM and on Sunday, June 7 from Noon until 10:00PM. The Festival features live music, outdoor kitchen, baked goods, fried pitas, basket raffle each evening, spaghetti dinner on Sunday from 11:00AM until 5:00PM, Church tours, children's games, \$1,000 prize Sunday evening, and much more!

**CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION** Rocky Gap Casino Trip, Tuesday, June 23. First come! First serve! Cost: \$30.00, includes \$20.00 Free Slot Play. Lodestar bus will depart from Church of the Transfiguration School parking lot at 8:30AM and will depart from Rock Gap Casino at 5:00PM. Call Sharon at 536-1732 or Andy at 814-322-3287.

**CARMELITE COMMUNITY OF THE WORD** will hold their 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament on Monday, June 8 at Scotch Valley Country Club. Registration and Lunch at 11:00AM, a Shotgun Start at Noon. If you register before May 24, cost is \$125 per golfer; \$450 per foursome. After May 24, \$150 per golfer, \$600 per foursome. Final deadline for registration is June 1. To register, or for more information, contact Sr. Jane Miller at 814-886-4098 or email [jmseashell@msn.com](mailto:jmseashell@msn.com).