

MAY 24, 2015
PENTECOST SUNDAY
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.

Pastor – Fr. Anthony Francis Spilka, OFMConv

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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.

PARISH OFFICE will be closed on Monday, May 25 for the Memorial Day Holiday.

MEMORIAL DAY MASS on Monday, May 25 will be celebrated at 10:00AM at St. Francis Cemetery. In case of inclement weather, Mass will be celebrated in the Church. There will NOT be an 8:00AM Mass.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY will meet on Wednesday, May 27 at 6:00PM in the Rectory. New members are always welcome to share in this ministry.

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! Deadline for sign up is Sunday, May 31.

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!

WE ARE IN NEED of new tea towels for the Activity Center. Monetary donations to offset the cost may be placed in the collection basket. Thank you in advance for your generosity. Donations of soda and coffee for those who donate their time to make the gobs and prepare for the fish fry and other activities is also greatly appreciated.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR PARISH LAST WEEKEND: Adults: \$2,356.01; Loose: \$378.22; Children: \$27.28; Candles: \$91.35; Monthly - \$270.00; Mother's Day - \$70.00; Holy Day - \$832.01; Religious Retirement - \$1.00; Catholic Home Mission - \$5.00 Nepal Earthquake - \$10.00; Misc. - \$150.00. Total Collection: \$4,200.87. Envelopes used: Adult - 221 out of 331; Children - 18 out of 92. Thank you for your continued generosity to the parish.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, May 25 -- Memorial Day Mass at 10:00AM -- St. Francis Cemetery

Saturday, June 6 -- Congratulations to our Graduates -- 4:00PM Mass

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 your gift (made payable to the "Annual Catholic Appeal") directly to the parish office. **As of May 18 - \$12,242 was pledged by 107 families/331 households for 29% participation. Thank you for your generosity!**

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... Fifty days have passed since the celebration of Easter Sunday. Today the Church assigns a *Sequence* to be sung following the second reading. Every Sunday at Mass the Creed is prayed by all gathered in the assembly. The purpose of the Creed or Profession of Faith is that the whole gathered people may respond to the Word of God proclaimed in the readings taken from Sacred Scripture and explained in the Homily. Also, the Creed allows believers to honor and confess the great mysteries of the Faith. Today the Church particularly confesses the belief in the Holy Spirit, the giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and Son, Who with the Father and Son is adored and glorified. It is in the Spirit that the Church gives praise for these fifty days of Easter joy! The General Instruction of the Roman Missal, Numbers 67 and 68. 2015, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 S. Logan Blvd., Hollidaysburg, PA 16648.

YEAR OF CONSECRATED LIFE -- "When the Spirit of Truth comes, He will guide you into all the Truth." Are you inclined to let the Holy Spirit lead you to your true vocation in the Risen Lord...perhaps as a Priest or in the 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.

Stewardship Reflection... All that you do through the selfless giving of your time, your talent, and your treasure, you do by the power of the Holy Spirit. May our Faith community be nourished by your unique blend of *spiritual gifts, service and workings*.

Families and the Gospel... May 24 – Jn 20:19-23 – Today, on Pentecost, we remember Christ has given us the Holy Spirit to assist us in raising our family and He expects us to use this personal gift. Let's turn off the noise, apps, and distractions in our lives and let the Holy Spirit guide us to the Truth.

HEALING MASS – Monday, June 1 at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Altoona. Fr. Bill Kiel, from the Diocese of Greensburg, will be the main celebrant. All are welcome, especially those in need of physical, emotional, or spiritual healing, those who support and care for them as well. The Mass is being presented by the Cathedral Charismatic Prayer Group. For more information, please call 814-941-3832.

DIOCESE OF ALTOONA-JOHNSTOWN Annual Catholic Men's Conference will be held Saturday, June 13th at St. Francis University in Loretto. For 18 years, this day has provided a wonderful way to deepen the faith and fellowship with the men of our Diocese. It's truly a great day full of energy and renewal! For information see the posters/brochures in the vestibule of call Jeff Phillbin at 814-525-1818.

FORTNIGHT FOR FREEDOM - Bishop Bartchak will gather in the Altoona Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament on Thursday, June 25 at 7:00PM. Bishop will preside at a Holy Hour in observance of the annual Fortnight for Freedom. Sponsored by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, this year's theme is "**freedom to bear witness.**"

FAITH DAY at Del Gross's Amusement Park, Sunday, June 28, sponsored by the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown. Highlights of the day include – Liturgy at 3:00PM with Bishop Mark; a picnic in the Diocesan pavilion at 5:00PM; and over 30 different park rides, games, and the Tipton rapids waterslides and Tipton Waterworks. All day Ride & Slide passes are available for a reduced price of \$12 (a \$19.95 value) with a Diocesan Day voucher. \$3.00 of each pass will be donated back to the Angel Fund for Camp Zacchaeus and Camp Timothy. A nonperishable food item or free will offering for Catholic Charities will be collected. For more information, contact the Parish Office or Francine Swope in the Diocesan Youth Ministry Office at 814-317-2646 or on the web www.dioceseaj.org.

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, Nilay Parekh, Bishop McCort High School, 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 2nd 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 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, Wyo; **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.; **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.

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!

RESURRECTION PARISH will be having their 6th Annual Parish Summerfest on Sunday, June 14 at the Picnic Grove in Tanneryville. The festival will start at 10:30AM with an outdoor Mass and go until 9:00PM. Music: 1-4PM, Ribbongrass, 5-9PM – Flood City Brass. Ethnic food: Roasted Lamb, haluski, pierogi, pigs, hot sausage, funnel cakes, kielbasa, pulled pork, French fries, hamburgers, hot dogs, baked goods, games of chance, bar and much more.

RESURRECTION PARISH is sponsoring Groovin' at the Grove on Saturday, June 20 from 7:00PM – 10:00PM at the picnic grove in Tanneryville. Rain or shine. Music by Ground Zero. Gate opens at 6:00PM. Good music with food and drink. **NO COVER CHARGE.**

ST. THERESE 68TH ANNUAL FESTIVAL will take place on Friday, June 19, Saturday, June 20 and Sunday June 21. More information will be available in the near future.