

MAY 31, 2015
THE MOST HOLY TRINITY
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.

THANK YOU to the Family of Milan & Elizabeth Lozanoff, Pamela Fraska and Nick Fraska for the donation of flowers for the Memorial Day weekend. May God Bless you for your generosity.

FRIDAY, JUNE 5 is First Friday. Adoration will begin after the 8:00AM 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.)

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 placed in an envelope marked “tea towels” 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.

INCLUDED with the bulletin this week is an envelope with an enclosure describing the work of the Martha & Mary House. You may return the envelope next weekend with your donation to help those less fortunate. May God Bless you in advance for your generosity.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR PARISH LAST WEEKEND: Adults: \$2,411.00; Loose: \$411.05; Children: \$28.25; Candles: \$78.00; Holy Day - \$10.00; Nepal Earthquake - \$20.00; Pentecost - \$543.00; Peter’s Pence - \$3.00; Memorial Day - \$36.00; Misc. - \$33.33. Total Collection: \$3,623.63. Envelopes used: Adult –184 out of 331; Children – 11 out of 92. Thank you for your continued generosity to the parish.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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 26 - \$12,542 was pledged by 112 families/331 households for 30% 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...*By an ancient tradition of the Church, the *Collect* or Opening Prayer is usually addressed to God the Father, through Christ, in the Holy Spirit, and is concluded with a Trinitarian ending, in the following manner: when the prayer is directed to the Father, “Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever”; when directed to the Son, “Who live and reign with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.” The people make this prayer their own by means of the acclamation *Amen*. General Instruction of the Roman Missal, Number 54. 2015, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 S. Logan Blvd., Hollidaysburg, PA 16648.

YEAR OF CONSECRATED LIFE – “We suffer with Him so that we may also be glorified with Him.” How are you being called to glorify the Lord in response to His love? Could God be inviting you to the Priesthood or Consecrated Life? Call the Diocesan 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...“Jesus not only calls people to Him but also forms them and sends them out in His service. Being sent on a mission is a consequence to being a disciple. Whoever wants to follow Christ will have much work to do on His behalf.” [*Stewardship: A Disciple’s Response – 10th Anniv. Ed., USCCB, 2002*]

*Families and the Gospel...*May 31 – Mt 28:16-20 – In today’s Gospel Jesus commands, “Teach them to carry out everything I have commanded you.” This command is meant for every Christian. In light of this command, parenting is not only the most difficult task

a person can take on, it is also one of the most apostolic and missionary tasks. Jesus commands all parents to teach their children “all that I have commanded you.”

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 or 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.