

**JULY 5, 2015**  
**14<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**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 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.

**AVAILABLE** for free-will offering: Tables from the Activity Center are available on a first come, first serve basis for a free-will offering. If you are interested in obtaining a table(s), contact the Parish Office Monday thru Thursday. You are responsible for hauling the table. Tables will available until Saturday, July 11.

**IN RECENT WEEKS** – Community Service Workers have been cleaning, painting, sanding and staining throughout the Activity Center. The kitchen is sparkling, the pan and ice rooms are painted, rugs shampooed. The basement is cleaned out and all metal will be scrapped to help with expenses. They are doing a wonderful job. There is no charge for all their hard work but of course there were expenses for cleaning products, paint, and lunches. If anyone would like to make a donation to defray these expenses there will be a second collection the weekend of July 11 – 12.

**BOYS AND GIRLS**---Interested in becoming an Altar Server? If you have received your First Holy Communion and would like to learn more about this most worthy ministry, please call Cel Neiderer at 534-0602.

**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. Deadline for sign up: Sunday, July 5.



**PARISH PICNIC** will take place on Sunday, August 16 beginning with Mass at Noon at the ACRP Recreation Park on Knox Street in Tanneryville. Lunch will be served immediately following Mass. All food and beverages will be provided at no charge but we do ask that a small desert be brought to pass and share. There will be games for the children and activities for the adults. To properly prepare for this event, we are requesting that if you are interested in attending, that you please sign the attendance sheet provided in the vestibule.

**CASH BASH?** – The parish is considering sponsoring a Cash Bash in September. The only way this can happen is if we have commitments from YOU: selling tickets (we need to sell 400 tickets), kitchen help, selling chances at the Cash Bash itself (qualifiers, paddle tickets, pull tabs, basket tickets). Invite your family, friends, co-workers to enjoy an evening of good fun and great food. If you are willing to help in any way, please contact the Parish Office at 539-1632 or in the evening call 539-3128.

**SANCTUARY CANDLE** will burn this week for a Special Intention.

**CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR PARISH LAST WEEKEND:** Will be published next week. Thank you for your continued generosity to the parish.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

July 13 - 17 – Vacation Bible School

Sunday, August 16 – Family Picnic at ACRP Park, beginning with Mass at Noon

**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 June 22 - \$13,537.00 was pledged by 121 families/331 households for 31% participation. Thank you for your generosity!**

*Liturgical Reflection...*In the celebration of the Mass, the faithful form a holy people, a people of God’s own possession, so that they may give thanks to God and offer the unblemished sacrificial Victim not only by means of the hands of the Priest but also together with him and so that they may learn to offer their very selves. The people of God form one body, whether in hearing the Word of God, or taking part in the prayers and in the singing, or above all by the common offering of the Sacrifice and by participating together at the Lord’s table. This unity is beautifully apparent from the gestures and bodily postures observed together by the faithful throughout Mass. General Instruction of the Roman Missal, Numbers 95 and 96. 2015, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 S. Logan Blvd., Hollidaysburg, PA 16648.

**YEAR OF CONSECRATED LIFE** –“My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” If you think you may be called to serve Jesus as a Priest, Deacon or in the Consecrated Life, consider the power of His grace at work in you. Call the Diocesan 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).

*Families and the Gospel...*July 5 – MK 6:1-6 – Today’s Gospel is so familiar, it hurts! The home town folks couldn’t accept the presence of God in Jesus. After all, they had watched Him grow up. We can easily make the same mistake if we don’t see God present in the ordinary routines of our family. “The Lord be with You” is a statement of fact. Believe it. Live it.

#### FREEDOM – A SUMMONS TO PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY

Freedom is not only a gift, but also a summons to personal responsibility. Americans know this from experience – almost every town in this country has its monuments honoring those who sacrificed their lives in defense of freedom, both at home and abroad. The preservation of freedom calls for the cultivation of virtue, self-discipline, sacrifice for the common good and a sense of responsibility toward the less fortunate. It also demands the courage to engage in civic life and to bring one’s deepest beliefs and values to reasoned public debate. – Pope Benedict XVI.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK OR HOMEBOUND**

Bill Babik, Rose Blaschak, Geraldine Caddy, Mary Chamiok, Jean Chase, Sister Carol Jean Czynnik, 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 Sobecky, Leona Sutt, 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 Rovon**, 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 Donahay**, 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.

**ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA** – Windber, Annual Parish Festival, Friday July 10 (Bingo only), Doors open at 5PM early bird at 6:15PM, free meal served. Saturday, July 11 and Sunday, July 12 – Ethnic food, games, baskets, bake sale, \$1500 cash drawing.

**ST. JOAN OF ARC CHURCH** – Route 53, Frugality, PA will be holding their annual Festival, Sunday, July 19 from 11AM – 6PM. We are featuring Turkey and Noodle Dinner with all the trimmings. Dinner served Family Style from 11AM – 3PM. Adults/\$10, children 5-12/\$5, under 5/free. Music, Basket Auction at 5PM, Games, Bingo, Bake Sale, Refreshments, and Lots More.

**BUS TRIP** to Sight and Sound Theatre: Joseph, Sept, 18. Sponsored by Ss. Gregory & Barnabas. Show starts at 2:45PM, Cost: \$105/person, includes bus, ticket and dinner. Bus leaves Ss. Gregory & Barnabas at 9:30AM, lunch stop in Carlisle. For more information call 536-6818.

**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. Mass begins at 7:00PM every Sunday through Labor Day weekend. Please bring your own lawn chair. In case of inclement weather, Mass will be held inside the Basilica of the St. Michael the Archangel. For more information, please call the Diocesan Vocation Office at 514-472-5441.