

**JUNE 14, 2015**  
**11<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.

**GOB ICING** will be made on Tuesday, June 16 beginning at 7:00AM and gobs will be filled on Wednesday, June 1 at 6:00PM. Icing will be made again on Saturday, June 20 at 7:00AM and gobs filled on Monday, June 22 at 6:00PM. This is in preparation for the Fourth of July Gob Sale. All help is greatly appreciated.

**GOB SALE** – There will be a Gob Sale on Wednesday, July 1 from 3:00PM until 6:00PM. Get your gobs for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July!

**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.

**PLEASE TAKE NOTE:** Before scheduling activities in the Hall, dates must be cleared through the Parish Office.



**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!

**CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR PARISH LAST WEEKEND:** Adults: \$2,438.00; Loose: \$316.39; Children: \$26.00; Candles: \$65.00; Monthly - \$656.00; Pentecost - \$5.00; Cemetery - \$45.00; St. Vincent de Paul - \$45.00; Father's Day - \$50.00; Catholic Communication - \$127.00; Martha & Mary House - \$890.00; Misc. - \$14.88. Total Collection: \$4,678.27. Envelopes used: Adult –188 out of 331; Children – 13 out of 92. Thank you for your continued generosity to the parish.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, June 27 & Sunday, June 28 – Sisters of St. Elisabeth Convent, Belarus Appeal  
Wednesday, July 1 – Gob Sale – 3:00PM – 6:00PM  
July 13 - 17 – Vacation Bible School  
Sunday, August 16 – Family Picnic at ACRP Park

**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 8 - \$13,462.00 was pledged by 118 families/331 households for 30% participation. Thank you for your generosity!**

*Liturgical Reflection...* Every celebration of the Mass is directed by the Bishop, either in person or through Priests who are his helpers. When the Bishop is present at Mass where the people are gathered, it is most fitting that he himself celebrates the Eucharist and the gathered Priests join him in the sacred action as concelebrants. This is done not for the sake of adding outward solemnity to the rite, but to signify more vividly the mystery of the Church, "the sacrament of unity." When the Bishop gathers with his Priests at Mass the fullness of the sign of unity is made visible, the Church is gathered with its Bishop, Priests and people. General Instruction of the Roman Missal, Number 92. 2015, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 S. Logan Blvd., Hollidaysburg, PA 16648.

**YEAR OF CONSECRATED LIFE** –"The Kingdom of God is like a mustard seed." God has sown the seed of your vocation within you. Might it be to grow in holiness as a Priest, Deacon or in the Consecrated Life? 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).

*Stewardship Reflection...* We are all accountable for the gifts God has given us on Earth – our time, Talent and treasure. One day each of us will be asked by God what we did with those gifts. How will you respond?

*Families and the Gospel...* June 14 – Mk 4:26-34 – Parenting is a lot like the story of the farmer in the Gospel parable today. All growth is the Lord's work. We have no control over the process. In fact the farmer doesn't even understand it, for the seed grows even when he sleeps. As parents we can influence our children but nothing we do can guarantee results.

**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 begin 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.

**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](http://www.dioceseaj.org).



**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, Nilay Parekh( Bishop McCort High School), Carly Rice, Doug Rice, James Schuster, Joanna Stone, Carol Sobacky, 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>d 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.

**RESURRECTION PARISH** will be having their 6<sup>th</sup> 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, 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 68<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL FESTIVAL** will take place on Friday, June 19 through Sunday, June 21 on the Church grounds. Come enjoy rides, games, new basket raffle, pizza, funnel cakes, ethnic food and music. On Sunday there will be a Spaghetti Dinner from 11AM – 3PM, music by the Rhythm Masters from 1-4PM, from 7-9PM music by Bite the Bullet, then at 10:30PM enjoy a spectacular Fireworks display.

**FATHER'S DAY CHICKEN BBQ** – Sunday, June 21, Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 711 Chestnut St from 11AM until 1:30PM (or until we run out!). Dinners include: ½ grilled chicken, grilled corn on the cob, choice of potato salad or baked potato, roll. Take out only! Tickets available by calling 539-0123.

**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.