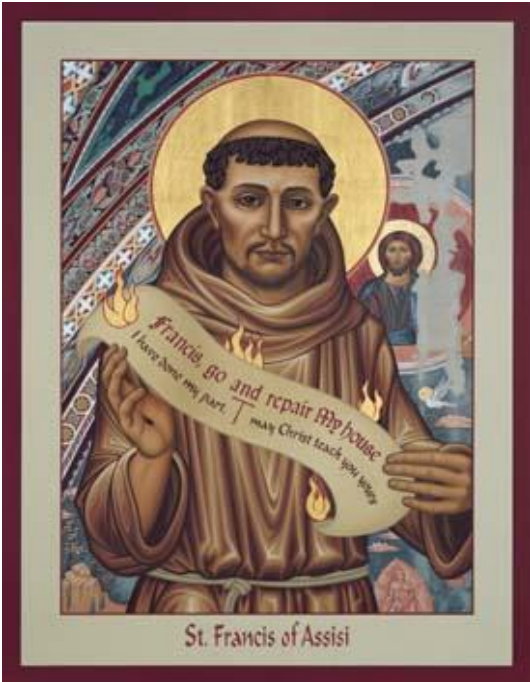


JUNE 21, 2015
12th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
THE FAITH COMMUNITY OF
ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

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.



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
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.

WE REJOICE in the Baptism of Lia Phi Deskevich and congratulate her parents, godparents and family as they celebrate her new life with Christ. May God bless you!

CONGRATULATIONS to Melinda Rován and Keith Corallo who were joined in the Sacrament of Marriage on Saturday, June 20. May God bless them as they begin their new life together.

MEN'S CLUB will sponsor a Father's Day Treat on Sunday, June 21 after the 7:30AM and 9:30AM Masses. All are welcome to attend and join in honoring our fathers, grandfathers, Godfathers and all who have been like a father to us.

GOBS will be filled on Monday, June 22 at 6:00PM. This is in preparation for the Fourth of July Gob Sale. All help is greatly appreciated.

PRAYER SHAWL meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 24 at 6:00PM in the Rectory. All are welcome to take part in this ministry.

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

FRIDAY, JULY 3 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.)

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, June 28. *If you are interested in helping with Vacation Bible School, please call Cel Neiderer at 534-0602 or the Parish Office at 539-1632. There will be a meeting for all volunteers on Thursday, June 25 at 10:00AM in the Activity Center.*

PARISH OFFICE will be CLOSED from Monday, June 29 through Friday, July 3.

LOOKING FOR: a copy of St. Francis of Assisi Parish 75th Anniversary cookbook. If you have a copy that you are willing to part with, please contact Rose at 525-1978.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR PARISH LAST WEEKEND: Adults: \$2,362.02; Loose: \$385.35; Children: \$33.00; Candles: \$126.75; Monthly - \$192.01; Cemetery - \$15.00; Father's Day - \$175.00; Catholic Communication - \$26.01; Martha & Mary House - \$25.00. Total Collection: \$3,340.14. Envelopes used: Adult –186 out of 331; Children – 18 out of 92. Thank you for your continued generosity to the parish.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, June 24 – Prayer Shawl Ministry – 6:00PM, Rectory
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, 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 15 - \$13,492.00 was pledged by 119 families/331 households for 30% participation. Thank you for your generosity!**

Liturgical Reflection... The Priest possesses within the Church the sacred power of Orders to offer Sacrifice in the person of Christ. The ordained Priest presides by this fact over the faithful people gathered here and now, presides over their prayer, proclaims to them the message of salvation, associates the people with himself in the offering of the Sacrifice through Christ in the Holy Spirit to God the Father, and gives his brothers and sisters the Bread of eternal life and partakes of It with them. The Priest by his bearing of dignity, humility and reverence conveys to the faithful the living Presence of Christ in our midst. General instruction of the Roman Missal, Number 93. 2015, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 S. Logan Blvd., Hollidaysburg, PA 16648.

YEAR OF CONSECRATED LIFE – "He indeed died for all, so that those who live might no longer live for themselves, but for Him Who for their sake died and was raised." Is Christ calling you to die to self and live for Him as 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, or call Our Lady of the Angels Province at Conventual Franciscan Friars 718-510-5822, or email vocations@aolprovince.org.

Stewardship Reflection... Christian stewards strive to follow Jesus Christ daily regardless of the consequences. They have Faith in Him even while enduring the storms in their lives.

Families and the Gospel... June 21 – Mk 4:34-41 – Just as the Apostles in today's Gospel were amazed at the power of Jesus so our children are amazed at our lack of fear of dark rooms or monsters in closets or under the bed. As the Apostles depended on Jesus, children depend on us to restore quiet to their lives. Getting out of bed at night to quiet a child's fears is the stuff of holiness.

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.

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 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 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 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 Rován**, 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, WY; **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. THERESE 68TH ANNUAL FESTIVAL will take place 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.

116th ANNUAL FOURTH OF JULY PICNIC – Immaculate Conception Church, New Germany Grove. Afternoon/Evening Entertainment. Cornhole Tournament at 2PM. Chicken & Ham Dinner 11AM – 3PM. Homemade Noodle Soup. Crafts, food, refreshments, games.