

JUNE 28, 2015
13th 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
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.

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

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.)

THANK YOU to the Men’s Club for the wonderful Father’s Day celebration last weekend. May God Bless you for all you do for the Parish.

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.

THANK YOU to all who contributed in any way to the plea for tea towels for the hall. Your generosity was overwhelming!

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, June 28.

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.

SANCTUARY CANDLE will burn this week for +Agnes Guzzi by Daughter, Helen Curcio and Son, Sam Guzzi. **CANDLE BY OUR LADY, QUEEN OF HEAVEN** will burn this week for a special intention.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR PARISH LAST WEEKEND: Adults: \$2,497.85; Loose: \$449.70; Children: \$26.00; Candles: \$147.25; Monthly - \$145.00; Cemetery - \$3.00; Father’s Day - \$514.51; Catholic Communication - \$5.00; Martha & Mary House - \$20.00; Catholic Register - \$5.00; Misc. – 121.84. Total Collection: \$3,957.15. 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, 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...After the Priest, the Deacon, in virtue of the Sacred Ordination he has received, holds first place among those who minister in the celebration of the Eucharist. The Order of Deacon has been held in high honor in the Church from the early time of the Apostles. At Mass the Deacon has his own part in proclaiming the Gospel, from time to time in preaching God’s Word, in announcing the intentions of the Universal Prayer, in ministering to the Priest, in preparing the altar and in serving the celebration of the Sacrifice, in distributing the Eucharist to the faithful, especially under the species of wine, and from time to time in giving instructions regarding the people’s gestures and postures. General Instruction of the Roman Missal, Number 94. 2015, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 S. Logan Blvd., Hollidaysburg, PA 16648.

YEAR OF CONSECRATED LIFE –“The measure that you measure will be measured back to you.” If you think you may be called to serve Jesus as a Priest, Deacon, or in the Consecrated life, consider the measure of God’s mercy you will give and receive. 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... Today’s second reading speaks clearly of Christian stewardship: share all your gifts in justice and love. You allow others to meet their needs by denying yourself of your wants.

A CLARIFICATION

In regard to a picture on page A7
The Tribune Democrat
Sunday, June 21, 2015

The article **FATHER’S DAY TIMES TWO** with an accompanying picture of a Father Jim St. George needs further clarification.

1. Father Jim St. George **IS NOT A ROMAN CATHOLIC PRIEST**. He is a clergy man of the Old Catholic Church – a breakaway group that is not in league with the Roman Catholic Church with Pope Francis as the Vicar of Christ. They have established themselves years ago after they severed ties with the Roman See. They do not have any relations with the Archdiocese of Philadelphia in which they are physically located. They have their “own” diocese.

2. While they claim to be Franciscan Friars Conventual, they are a renegade group with no canonical, official ties to the Orders of Friars Minor Conventual to which fr. Anthony Francis is a member. The habit color of the Franciscan Friars Conventual has been either gray or black **NOT** brown that this renegade group wears.

I do not want you to accept what the newspaper displayed as “Father Jim”, in Mass vestments, that this clergy person is an authentic Roman Catholic Priest. He is **NOT**.

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.

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, Wv; **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.

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.

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.

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.