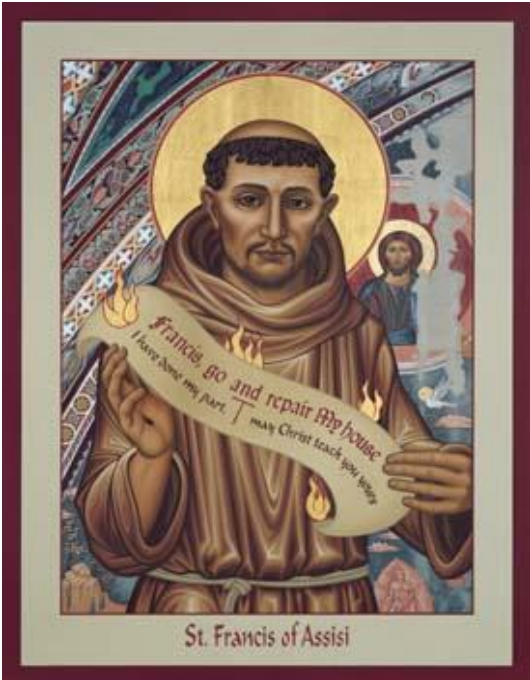


JUNE 7, 2015
THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST
THE FAITH COMMUNITY OF
ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

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
St. Francis of Assisi, 120 Barron Avenue
Johnstown (Hockeyville), PA 15906
Rectory Phone – 814-539-1632
Activity Center – 814 – 539-3518
Fax: 814 – 539-5888
Email – sfassisich@atlanticbbn.net
Oremus Ministry (Prayer Chain) – 814-539-1632
Web Site: <http://www.stfrancisofassisijohnstown.com>

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.

PLEASE keep in your prayers the family and friends of +Theodore Zajdel who was laid to rest last week. Welcoming God, receive from our hands the loved one we return to You.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES: Adam Britton – Bishop McCort High School; Jared Delich – St. Andrew’s School; Emmalee Dull – St. Andrew’s School; Maura Glennon – Westmont Hilltop High School; Noah Maslo – St. Andrew’s School; Kyra Miller – University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown; Alyssa Rock – St. Benedict’s School; Ian Rock – Bishop McCort High School; Nathan Scarff – St. Andrew’s School.

GOB ICING will be made on Saturday, June 13 beginning at 7:00AM and gobs will be filled on Monday, June 15 at 6:00PM. Icing will be made again on Tuesday, June 16 and gobs filled on Wednesday, June 17. This is in preparation for the Fourth of July Gob Sale. All help is greatly appreciated.

PROFIT from the Fish Fry held on Friday, May 8 - \$4,265.75. Many thanks to all who helped with the Fish Fries. See you in September!

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!

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

CANDLE BY THE SACRED HEART will burn this week in memory of +Pam Amstead by PA Family.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR PARISH LAST WEEKEND: Adults: \$2,520.01; Loose: \$410.30; Children: \$17.00; Candles: \$124.76; Monthly - \$240.00; Easter – \$10.00 Holy Day - \$3.00; Pentecost - \$38.00; Cemetery - \$208.00; St. Vincent de Paul - \$606.00; Missalettes - \$11.00; Mother’s Day - \$16.00 Misc. - \$293.61. Total Collection: \$4,725.68. Envelopes used: Adult –197 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 31 - \$12,822 was pledged by 116 families/331 households for 30% participation. Thank you for your generosity!**

*Liturgical Reflection...*The Eucharistic Prayer is the center and high point of the Mass. This is a prayer of thanksgiving and sanctification. With the *institution narrative and Consecration* of the Mass, by means of the words and actions of Christ, the Holy Sacrifice is effected which Christ Himself instituted at the Last Supper, when He offered His Body and Blood under the species of bread and wine, and gave them to the Apostles to eat and drink. The Apostles received the command to perpetuate this same mystery until the Lord returns in glory. Today we celebrate the gift of the Blessed Sacrament to the Church. General Instruction of the Roman Missal, Numbers 78 and 79d. 2015, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 S. Logan Blvd., Hollidaysburg, PA 16648.

YEAR OF CONSECRATED LIFE –“This is My Blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many.” Are you being chosen by Christ to be poured out for souls with Him as a Priest 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...”In the humble signs of bread and wine, changed into His Body and Blood, Christ walks beside us as our strength and our food for the journey, and He enables us to become, for everyone, witnesses of hope.” [*Ecclesia de Eucharistia*; Pope St. John Paul II; 2003]

*Families and the Gospel...*June 7 – Mk 14:12-16, 22-26 – One gets the impression there was always a lot of sharing, discussion and learning during the many meals Jesus and the Disciples ate together. How does this compare to the meals in your home? Today’s Gospel challenges us to make our meals more than physical functions and more a time for sharing.

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 of 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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK OR HOMEBOUND

Bill Babik, Rose Blaschak, Geraldine Caddy, Mary Chamio, Jean Chase, Sister Carol Jean Czrynik, 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 Sobbecky, 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 Rovin**, Lakenheath Air Force Base, England; **HMC David Bakos**, US Navy; **PFC; Lance Corporal Jacob Taylor**, USMC; **Private 1st Class Zack Taylor**, US Army; **Spec. 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.

=====

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. CLARE OF ASSISI will be holding their annual Festival on Saturday, June 6 from 5:00PM until 10:00PM and on Sunday, June 7 from Noon until 10:00PM. The Festival features live music, outdoor kitchen, baked goods, spaghetti dinner on Sunday from 11:00AM until 5:00PM, Church tours, children's games, \$1,000 prize Sunday evening, and much more!

BASKET PARTY – St. John Vianney Church Hall, Sunday, June 7. Doors open at Noon, drawings held at 2PM. Admission - \$5.00 includes 26 basket chances and luncheon.

SWISS STEAK DINNER – Church of the Transfiguration, Sunday, June 7 from 11AM – 2PM. Cost: \$9.00. Take outs available – 535-2698.

RESURRECTION PARISH will be having their 6th 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 68TH ANNUAL FESTIVAL will take place on Friday, June 19, Saturday, June 20 and Sunday June 21. More information will be available in the near future.