

**AUGUST 2, 2015**  
**18<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**

4:00PM / Sunday – 7:30AM / 9:30AM

**Parish Secretary – Carol Pisula**

**Office Hours – 9:00AM to 3:00PM – Mon. thru Thurs**

Saturday –

**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.

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 7** is the First Friday of the month. 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.)

**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(s).

**MEN'S CLUB** will selling Labor Day Chance Tickets this weekend, Aug. 1 & 2 in the vestibule of the Church. Members are asked to please pick up your tickets at that time. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

**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.

**DONATIONS** of baskets are being accepted to chance off at the Parish Picnic. Baskets may be brought to the Parish Office or contact Fran King at 536-3667. Donations must be in no later than Wednesday, August 12.

**PLEASE TAKE NOTE:** The Parish Office **WILL BE CLOSED** Monday, August 17 through Friday, August 21.

**FISH FRY** will take place on Friday, September 11 from 11AM – 6PM. Once again, your help is needed to ensure the success of this endeavor. Preparations will be made beginning on Tuesday, September 8. Please call Sandy Rager at 539-1632 if you would like to join in the fun!

**CASH BASH** – The parish is sponsoring a Cash Bash on Saturday, September 26 from 6PM-9PM, doors open at 5:15PM. Cost: \$12.00 includes roast beef sandwich, hamburgers, hot dogs, haluski, beer, coffee, and soda. \$100.00 cash prizes awarded every 15 minutes, qualifiers, paddle tickets, pull tabs galore, basket chances. 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. Tickets are available after the weekend Masses.

**SANCTUARY CANDLE** will burn this week for +Janice & Tim Guyer, 7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary by Cel Neiderer **CANDLE BY OUR LADY QUEEN OF HEAVEN** will burn this week for +Agnes Alverda Holtz by Daughter, Jeanne & Ray Toth and grandchildren, Michelle & Ray, Jr. **CANDLE BY SACRED HEART OF JESUS** will burn this week for +Cherry Ann Wolfe by Jeanne & Ray Toth, Jr. **CANDLE BY ST. THERESE** will burn this week for successful surgery for Cel Neiderer by Betty, Pansy and Margaret Scott.

**CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR PARISH LAST WEEKEND**– Loose - \$464.06; Adults - \$2,128.51; Children - \$18.00; Monthly - \$295.00; Candles - \$97.50; Peter's Pence - \$6.00; Father's Day - \$6.00; Catholic Communication - \$6.00; Missalettes - \$5.00. Total Collection - \$3,026.07. Envelopes used: Adult – 181 out of 331, children – 9 out of 92. Thank you for your continued generosity to the parish.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

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

Gob Icing – Tuesday, August 25

Fill Gobs – Thursday, August 27

Friday, September 11 - Fish Fry – 11AM – 6PM

Sunday, September 13 – Religious Education Classes begin

Saturday, September 26 – Cash Bash

**ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI YOUTH FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMS** – Our Faith Formation Goals are simple: We aim to grow in love of God and ourselves and to spread that love to those around us. We aim to have our young people find community with each other and feel part of our parish family. Faith formation is life long and ongoing. It is an important part of your child's life. She/he should be attending classes whether or not it is a sacramental year. Classes for our youth are held from September 13 until the beginning of May. Pre-K through eighth grade classes meet Sunday after the 9:30AM Mass until Noon. Grade 9 & 10 classes are held the second Sunday of each month. All classes meet in Resurrection Parish Center on Chestnut St.

**Sacramental Programs** – The following is recommended for all youth who will be preparing to receive any of the Sacraments listed below: They should be involved in the liturgical life of the church, receiving the Sacraments and attend Mass regularly. He/she should be enrolled in the parish Religious Education Program. We feel that sacramental preparation is a very special time. Parents are requested to take an active role as primary educators of their children in their Faith formation.

**First Reconciliation** – Children preparing for this Sacrament are usually in second grade or above. They also should have an elemental awareness of sin and Christ's forgiveness through the Sacrament of Penance. Students who are attending Catholic School are required to attend Religious Education Classes for sacramental preparation.

**First Communion** – Children preparing for this Sacrament are usually in second grade or above. They should also be able to distinguish between ordinary bread and the Eucharist. Students who are attending Catholic School are required to attend Religious Education Classes for sacramental preparation.

**Confirmation** – Candidates for Confirmation must be in ninth grade or above.

**Please note:** If you have a young person who was not enrolled last year and would like to have them be part of our Religious Education Program or have any questions please call Carol Pisula at 539-1632.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES will begin on Sunday, September 13, 2015** for students in pre-school through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Classes are held on Sunday mornings from 10:45AM – 12Noon at Resurrection Parish Center on Chestnut Street. *Parents are reminded of their obligation to see that their children are instructed in the Catholic Faith.* Registration forms are in the vestibule of the Church and may be returned via the collection basket. Please return forms as soon as possible so that supplies may be ordered. Students in Grade 2 that attend Catholic School are required to attend classes to prepare for reception of the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Communion in this Parish Family.

**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 July 27 - \$14,840.00 was pledged by 135 families/331 households for 40% participation. Thank you for your generosity!**