

**JULY 12, 2015**  
**15<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.

**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS** the family and friends of +Katherine Twardziak who was laid to rest. Welcoming God, receive from our hands the loved ones we return to You.

**IT WAS** heartwarming to see so many adorers for First Friday last week. Continue to pray for our country and the events that are upcoming. May God watch over and protect us.

**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 this weekend, July 11 – 12.

**GOB** icing will be made on Tuesday, July 21 beginning at 7:00AM. Gobs will be filled on Wednesday, July 22 at 6:00PM. Icing will also be made on Saturday, July 25 at 7:00AM and gobs filled on Monday, July 27 at 6:00PM. Your help is greatly appreciated.

**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.



**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.

**CASH BASH?** – The parish is considering sponsoring a Cash Bash in September. The only way this can happen is if we have commitments from YOU: selling tickets (we need to sell 400 tickets), kitchen help, selling chances at the Cash Bash itself (qualifiers, paddle tickets, pull tabs, basket tickets). 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.

**SANCTUARY CANDLE** will burn this week for +Kathy Bazyk by Frank Bazyk.

**CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR PARISH WEEK OF JUNE 29:** Loose - \$291.78; Adults - \$2,298.01; Children - \$29.00; Monthly - \$10.00; Candles - \$88.00; Father's Day - \$38.00; Peter's Pence - \$331.66. Total Collection - \$2,886.45. Envelopes used: Adult – 190 out of 331, children – 17 out of 92. Thank you for your continued generosity.

**CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR PARISH WEEK OF JULY 5** – Loose - \$544.52; Adults - \$2,275.00; Children - \$23.00; Monthly - \$855.00; Candles - \$88.80; St. Vincent de Paul - \$10.00; Missalettes - \$177.00; Peter's Pence - \$15.00. Total Collection - \$3,988.32. Envelopes used: Adult – 180 out of 331, children – 11 out of 92. Thank you for your continued generosity.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

Vacation Bible School – July 13 thru July 17 – 9:00AM - Noon

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 July 6 - \$14,302.00 was pledged by 128 families/331 households for 38% participation. Thank you for your generosity!**

*Liturgical Reflection...* The faithful should not refuse to serve the People of God in gladness whenever they are asked to perform some particular service of function at Mass. The faithful are called upon to serve as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Reader, Psalmist, Cantor, Choir Member, Organist, Pianist, and Instrumentalist, Greeter and Usher, Altar Server, Presenting the Bread, Wine, and Monetary Gifts, Commentator, Sacristan, Decorating the Church, and Scheduling the Various Liturgical Ministries. The faithful are called upon to be stewards of their time and talent. General Instruction of the Roman Missal, Number 97. 2015, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 S. Logan Blvd., Hollidaysburg, PA 16648.

**YEAR OF CONSECRATED LIFE** –“Before the foundation of the world God chose us in Christ.” Are you discerning that the vocation which God has chosen for you in Christ may be to serve the Church in the Consecrated Life or Priesthood? 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).

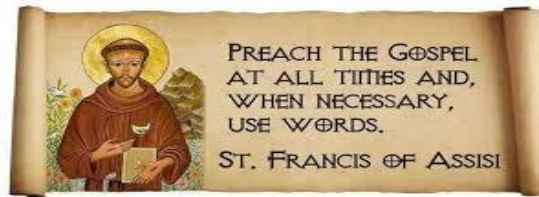
*Families and the Gospel...* July 12 – Mk 6:7-13 – Jesus sent out His Apostles without a lot of “things” because *things* distract. We collect, argue about and protect our “things.” We even ignore each other because we have “things” to do. What “things” are separating you from your family?

### ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY NEWS

**PILGRIMAGE AND PIRATES** – John Paul II Youth Group of St. Benedict’s Parish is sponsoring a Pilgrimage to St. Anthony’s Chapel, the largest collection of relics outside of the Vatican followed by a Pirate game. The trip will be Thursday, July 23. Any students who completed grades 6-12 this spring at any school/parish are invited to attend. Parents and siblings of those student are also invited. Cost is \$25 and includes the trip, a boxed dinner, and ticket to the game. More info and registration forms are available at <http://ipji.stbenedictchurch.org>. Registration is due no later than July 14. Join us for an amazing experience at an incredible price!

**OMOS** –Annual Used Book Sale – Friday, July 24 from 9AM – 4PM and Saturday, July 25 from 9AM – 1PM in the OMOS School Hall, 430 Tioga Street. Many fiction, non-fiction, children’s, self-help, cooking and all types of books.

**CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION** – Spaghetti Drive-By, Sunday, July 26 from 10:30AM – 1:30PM. Cost - \$7.00/meal.



### PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK OR HOMEBOUND

Bill Babik, Rose Blaschak, Geraldine Caddy, Mary Chamiok, Jean Chase, Sister Carol Jean Czyrnik, 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> Lt Aaron Donahey**, 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.; **Lt. Col Steven Thomas**, USAF, deploying to the Middle East.

*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. 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.

**ST. ANNE TRIDUUM** – A Triduum devotion in honor of St. Anne will be held July 24 – 26 at St. John Gualbert Cathedral, Johnstown. Mass and veneration of the St. Anne relic will be held at 7:00PM Friday, July 24, with Bishop Mark Barchak as principal celebrant, 5:00PM on Saturday, July 25 and at 5:00PM on Sunday, July 26.

**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.