

JULY 19, 2015
16th 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 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.

THANK YOU to all those who helped to make Vacation Bible School a Faith-filled and fun week! Thanks especially to the parents who encouraged their children to attend and to anyone who contributed in any way to this program. May God Bless you!

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 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 Marlys Harrington, successful surgery by Betty, Pansy, & Margaret Scott. **CANDLE BY THE SACRED HEART** will burn this week for +Saundra Maggs by Ray & Jeanne Toth and John & Michelle Maggs. **CANDLE BY OUR LADY QUEEN OF HEAVEN** will burn this week for the gift of Francis Oleksak by sister, Dorothy Youchak.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR PARISH LAST WEEKEND– Loose - \$266.91; Adults - \$2,898.26; Children - \$14.00; Monthly - \$78.51.00; Candles - \$67.80; Missalettes - \$20.01.00; Hall Cleaning - \$278.32; Misc. - \$114.96. Total Collection - \$3,738.77. Envelopes used: Adult – 197 out of 331, children – 11 out of 92. Thank you for your continued generosity.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Gob Icing – Tuesday, July 21, Saturday, July 22
Fill Gobs – Wednesday, July 11, Monday, July 27
Sunday, August 16 – Family Picnic at ACRP Park, beginning with Mass at Noon
Friday, September 11 - Fish Fry – 11AM – 6PM
Saturday, September 26 – Cash Bash

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 13 - \$14,507.00 was pledged by 131 families/331 households for 39% participation. Thank you for your generosity!**

*Liturgical Reflection...*In the absence of ordained Priests and Deacons, there may be a need for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to assist with the distribution of the consecrated elements. This Minister is a fully initiated Catholic, having received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. He or she possesses a keen love for the Eucharist. There must be appropriate training for this ministry. The Pastor must submit a formal request to the Bishop to acquire permission for this individual to exercise this ministry, and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion must be fully commissioned. Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion receive the Body and Blood of Christ from the ordained Priest or Deacon. General Instruction of the Roman Missal, Number 100. 2015, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 S. Logan Blvd., Hollidaysburg, PA 16648.

YEAR OF CONSECRATED LIFE –“He had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd.” Please pray for those called to be shepherds. 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.

*Families and the Gospel...*July 19 – Mk 6:30-34 – In today’s Gospel “the Apostles gathered around and told Jesus all they had done.” Listening allows the other person to express, understand and appreciate their experiences. Whether it is the excited chatter of a young child or the repetitious stories of an aging grandparent, listening is important. It is not just time well spent, it is sacred time.

*Stewardship Reflection...*How appropriate it is that the topic of today’s summertime Gospel is about the need for us to relax and renew ourselves. May we value our Faith enough to make time daily to go “rest a while” to renew ourselves in the Lord.

DIOCESAN NEWS

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.

THE DIOCESEAN OFFICE OF VOCATIONS will be sponsoring a Mass praying for an increase in Diocesan Priest Vocations within our Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown. This Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Mark Bartchak at the Shrine of Our Lady of Alleghenies in Loretto on Sunday, July 19 at 7PM. Please bring your own lawn chair. In case of inclement weather this Mass will be celebrated inside the Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel. All are welcomed and encouraged to attend.

THE ALTOONA-JOHNSTOWN Diocesan Family is invited to participate and to pray for those living the Sacrament of Marriage at an Outdoor Mass honoring Married Couples on Sunday, August 2 at 7PM at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Alleghenies in Loretto. Bring a lawn chair. Indoors if rain. Bishop Mark is the celebrant and homilist. This is a wonderful way to celebrate, encourage and support married couples. Come early, bring food and picnic together. Singers needed for the choir. One rehearsal at 6PM before the Mass. Contact choir director Kevin Luke by July 17 at 814-944-2044.

MASS FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS – Bishop Mark Bartchak will celebrate an outdoor Mass for students entering or returning to college this fall and their families. The Liturgy will be celebrated on Sunday, August 9 at 7PM at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Alleghenies in Loretto. The Bishop will offer a blessing to the students and enjoy fellowship with them after Mass. In the event of rain, Mass will be celebrated inside the Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel. Please email names and addresses of 2105 graduates to Colleen Krug at ckrug@dioceseaj.org nor later than Friday, July 31.

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 Sobbecky, Leona Sutt, Agnes Swarney, Jeanne Toth, Rose Trapanotto, 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, 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**, Tinker AFB, OK; **Senior Airman Daniel Christner**, USAF, 193rd Special Operations Wing – Deployed – Africa, Operation Enduring Freedom.; **Lt. Col Steven Thomas**, USAF, deploying to the Middle East; **2nd Lt. Colin Harrington**, US Army, Bethesda, MD.

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. 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 Bartchak as principal celebrant, 5:00PM on Saturday, July 25 and at 5:00PM on Sunday, July 26.

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.

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.