

JULY 26, 2015
17th 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

Saturday –

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.

WE REJOICE in the Baptism of Lydia Keira Kmetz and congratulate her parents, Godparents and family as they celebrate the beginning of her new life with Christ.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS the family and friends of +Mary Louise Kristoff who was laid to rest last week. Welcoming God, receive from our hands the loved ones we return to You.

CONGRATULATIONS to Stephanie Szczur & John Maurizio who were joined in the Sacrament of Marriage. May God Bless them as they begin their new life together.

GOB icing will be made on Saturday, July 25 at 7:00AM and gobs filled on Monday, July 27 at 6:00PM. Your help is greatly appreciated. **GOB SALE will take place on Wednesday, July 29 from 3PM – 6PM.**

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7 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.)

MEN'S CLUB will selling Labor Day Chance Tickets beginning next weekend, Aug. 1 & 2 in the vestibule of the Church. Members are asked to please pick up your ticket 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.

CCD CLASSES will begin on Sunday, September 13, 2015 for students in pre-school through 8th 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.

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 +Jack Bazyk, birthday remembrance by brother, Frank. **CANDLE BY THE SACRED HEART** will burn this week for Dolores Gresik for successful cataract surgery and good recovery by Betty, Pansy & Margaret Scott. **CANDLE BY OUR LADY QUEEN OF HEAVEN** will burn this week for the gift of Francis Oleksak by sister, Dorothy Youchak. **CANDLE BY ST. THERESE** will burn for improved health of Betty Scott by Pansy & 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

Gob Icing - Saturday, July 25, Fill Gobs –Monday, July 27
Gob Sale – Wednesday, July 29 – 3PM-6PM
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 20 - \$14,765.00 was pledged by 134 families/331 households for 40% participation. Thank you for your generosity!**

THANK YOU – I want to express my appreciation for all the phone calls and many nice cards received during my hospital stay with pneumonia. Most of all your prayers during my recovery were very important. May God Bless you – John Kasper.

Liturgical Reflection... The faithful can proclaim the sacred readings at Mass, except for the Gospel. This person is truly suited to proclaim the reading and is carefully prepared. The reader's ministry aids the faithful to conceive in their hearts the sweet and living affection for Sacred Scripture. In the absence of the Deacon, the reader carries in the *Book of the Gospels*, slightly elevated. He or she places this book on the altar and takes his/her own place in the sanctuary. The reader proclaims Scripture from the ambo. The United States Bishops have recommended a separate reader for each reading. After the second reading, the readers return to their seats. Each faith community decides the age of the reader; the Diocese directs the reader to have received Baptism and Eucharist. General Instruction of the Roman Missal, Numbers 101 and 194. 2015, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 S. Logan Blvd., Hollidaysburg, PA 16648.

YEAR OF CONSECRATED LIFE – "Lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness." Have you considered a vocation to the Priesthood or 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.

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 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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK OR HOMEBOUND

Bill Babik, Rose Blaschak, Geraldine Caddy, Mary Chamiok, 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 Sobecky, Leona Sutt, Agnes Swarney, Jeanne Toth, Rose Trapanotto, 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 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, Wyo; **Sgt. Bryan Maxwell Porath**, 1st Lt **Aaron Donahey**, US Army, Fort Bliss, El Paso, Texas; **Petty Officer 1st Class Heather L. Dovala**, Bahrain.; **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.

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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.

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

WEST END IMPROVEMENT GROUP regular monthly meeting will held Wednesday, August 5 at 6PM at Grace Lutheran Church. Everyone is welcome.

RESURRECTION - Groovin' at the Grove, Saturday, August 15, 7PM – 10PM at the Picnic Grove in Tanneryville. Free parking and admission. Music by Flood City Brass. Gate opens at 6PM.

OMOS Ladies Auxiliary Basket Party, Sunday, August 16 @ Christ the Savior Hall, 12Noon, drawing at 2PM – more than 100 baskets, 50-50. \$10 admission ticket includes 25 tickets and light lunch. Call 535-7646 for tickets.

SAVE THE DATE – Society of St. Vincent de Paul presents Scott Hahn, Saturday, September 12 at Bishop Carroll High School, Ebensburg, PA from 8AM – 3PM. For information contact SVDP Council, PO Box 231, Altoona, PA 16602, 814-943-1981 or aosvdp@atlanticbbn.net, www.scotthahn.com.

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.