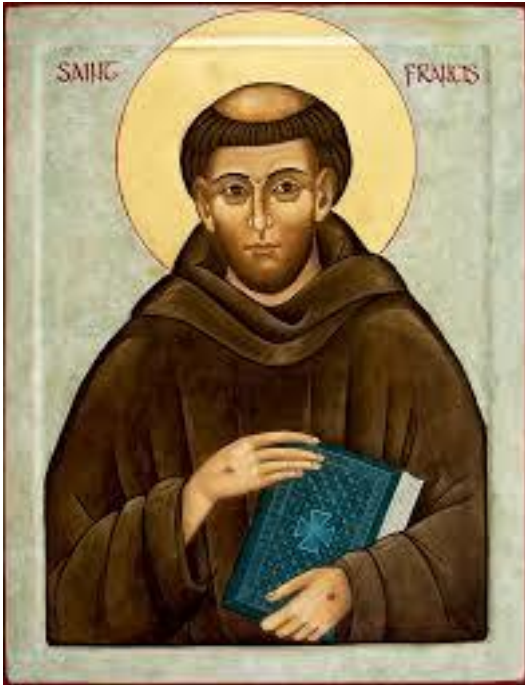


AUGUST 16, 2015
20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
THE FAITH COMMUNITY OF
ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

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.



Pastor – Fr. Anthony Francis Spilka, OFMConv
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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.

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

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

WE REJOICE in the Baptism of Michael Anthony Bruce Jeske and congratulate his parents, Godparents and family as they celebrate the beginning of his new life with Christ.

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 are selling Labor Day Chance Tickets 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.

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.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR PARISH LAST WEEKEND– Loose - \$347.50; Adults - \$2,537.01; Children - \$26.00; Monthly - \$165.00; Candles - \$107.05; Holy Day - \$53.00; St. Vincent de Paul - \$20.00; Missalettes - \$10.00; Misc. - \$115.23. Total Collection - \$3,380.79. Envelopes used: Adult – 199 out of 331, children – 15 out of 92. Thank you for your continued generosity to the parish.

THE ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL is ongoing until December. 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 August 10 - \$15,120.00 was pledged by 139 families/331 households for 41% participation. Thank you for your generosity!**

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
Sunday, October 4 – Feast Day Dinner
Friday, November 20 – Bus trip to Sight & Sound

GABRIEL PROJECT PIZZA/SUB SALE FOR PAMPERS – 16in. Italian Subs with/without onions - \$7.00; Medium Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza - \$6.00 made by Conzatti’s. Medium Italian White Pizza - \$8.00; Medium Polish Pagach with/without onions - \$8.00. Please call Stephanie Neighbors at 814-254-2211 to place an order no later than Sunday, August 23 at 7PM. Orders may be picked up on Saturday, August 29 at 11:00AM at the Activity Center.

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 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 in this Parish Family.

ATTENTION PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS IN GRADES 9, 10, 11 – An invitation has been extended for you to attend Religious Education Classes on Wednesday evenings at Resurrection Parish Center from 6:15PM to 7:30PM. This is NOT obligatory. If you are interested in attending, please contact Marcy Olek at 536-1480.

Liturgical Reflection... The Church encourages the ministry of Commentator. In the absence of the Deacon, the commentator assists with the Universal Prayer. Where it is the custom, the commentator may provide the faithful with brief explanations and exhortations so as to direct their attention to the celebration and ensure that they are better disposed for understanding it. These remarks should be thoroughly prepared and notable for their restraint. Also, he/she may make the parish announcements at the appropriate time. The commentator stands in a suitable place within the sight of the faithful, but not at the ambo. General Instruction of the Roman Missal, Number 105b. 2015, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 S. Logan Blvd., Hollidaysburg, PA 16648.

Stewardship Reflection... Christian stewards recognize their “possessions” are only on loan from God. They recognize these gifts, cherish them, cultivate them with others while “*giving thanks always and for everything in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ.*” (Eph. 5:20).

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 Sobczyk, 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, WY; **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.

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 DePaul presents Scott Hahn, Saturday, September 12 at Bishop Carroll High School, Ebensburg, PA from 8:00AM – 3:00PM. For information, call SVDP Council at 814-943-1981 or aosvdp@atlanticbbn.net or visit www.scotthahn.com.

BISHOP MARK BARTCHAK and the Family Life Office cordially invite all couples celebrating their 1st, 5th, 10th, 25th, 40th, 50, 55th and 60+ Wedding Anniversary in 2015 (and their families) to attend the Annual Wedding Anniversary Liturgy. Couples may attend Sunday, September 13 in Johnstown at St. John Gualbert Cathedral or Sunday, September 20 in Altoona at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament. Both locations are handicap accessible. Liturgies in each location begin at 2PM. Bishop Mark will be the celebrant and homilist at each celebration. Punch and cookies will be available after the Mass for anniversary couples and their families. **Reservations must be made through your parish for either celebration by Tuesday, August 25.**