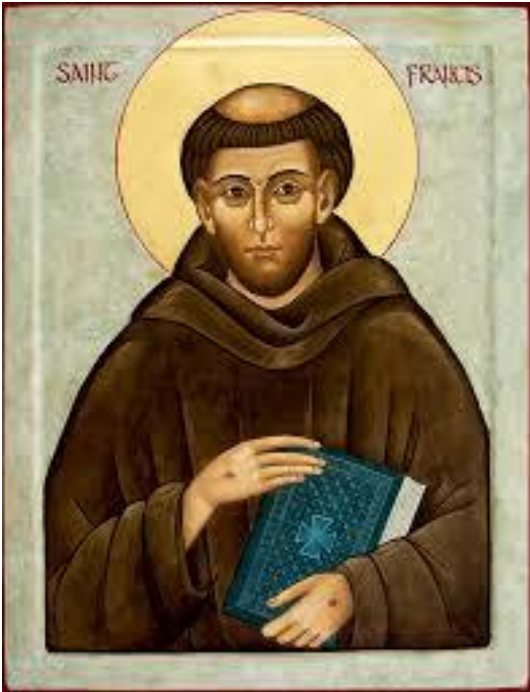


**AUGUST 23, 2015**  
**21<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**THE FAITH COMMUNITY OF**  
**ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI**

*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.

**ST. FRANCIS CHOIR** will begin practice on Wednesday, September 9 at 6:30PM in the Chapel portion of the sanctuary. New singer are always welcome.

**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 Thursday, September 10. 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 Cindy Shorto at 539-3128. Tickets are available after the weekend Masses.

**CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR PARISH LAST WEEKEND**– will be published next week. Thank you for your continued generosity to the parish.

**SACNTUARY CANDLE** will burn this week for +Kathy Bazyk, Birthday Remembrance by Husband, Frank. **CANDLE BY SACRED HEART OF JESUS** will burn this week for +Richard “dick” Collins by Raymond & Jeanne Toth.

**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 July 31 - \$15,060.00 was pledged by 138 families/331 households for 41% participation. Thank you for your generosity! If the remaining 192 households would pledge \$50.39, St. Francis of Assisi would make its goal.**

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

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 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.

**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 cites the ministry of those who take up the collection in the church for the upkeep of the parish plant and support of the pastoral needs of the Church, especially care for the poor. And where it is the custom, Faith Communities have ministers who welcome the faithful at the church doors, seat them appropriately, and direct them in processions. Parish bulletins are appropriately distributed as the faithful are leaving Mass. Emergencies that may occur in the church become the responsibility of ushers and greeters. General Instruction of the Roman Missal, Number 105c and 105d. 2015, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 S. Logan Blvd., Hollidaysburg, PA 16648.

*Stewardship Reflection...* Christian stewards eagerly decide to serve the Lord, not the destructive “gods” of society – materialism, relativism, individualism, and consumerism.

**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 Sobbecky, 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 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, Wv; **Sgt. Bryan Maxwell Porath**, **1<sup>st</sup> Lt Aaron Donahey**, US Army, Fort Bliss, El Paso, Texas; **Petty Officer 1<sup>st</sup> 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, 193<sup>rd</sup> Special Operations Wing – Deployed – Africa, Operation Enduring Freedom.; **Lt. Col Steven Thomas**, USAF, deploying to the Middle East; **2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**16TH ANNUAL LIGHT THE NIGHT WALK** for Leukemia & Lymphoma Society– Saturday, October 3, 2015. Registration at 5:30PM, Remembrance Ceremony at 6:15PM, Walk at 7:30PM. For more information contact Angelina at 1-800-726-2873, ext. 4332 or angelina@shilcosky@lls.org.

**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@atlanticbnn.net](mailto:aosvdp@atlanticbnn.net) or visit [www.scotthahn.com](http://www.scotthahn.com).

**BISHOP MARK BARTCHAK** and the Family Life Office cordially invite all couples celebrating their 1<sup>st</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50, 55<sup>th</sup> 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.**