

SEPTEMBER 13, 2015
24th 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

Parish Secretary – Carol Pisula

Office Hours – 9:00AM to 3:00PM – Mon. thru Thurs

Saturday

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 KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS the family and friends of +Margaret Janezic who was laid to rest last week. Welcoming God receive from our hands the loved ones we return to you.

THANK YOU to all who helped in any way with the Fish Fry last week. Your assistance is always greatly appreciated. Our next Fish Fry will take place on Friday, October 9 from 11AM until 6PM.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES begin Sunday, September 13 for students in pre-school thru 8th grade. *Parents are reminded of their obligation to see that their children are instructed in the Faith.* Classes are held at Resurrection Parish Center on Sunday morning from 10:45AM until Noon.

GOB ICING will be made on Tuesday, September 22 beginning at 7:00AM. Gobs will be filled on THURSDAY, September 24 at 6:00PM. We are grateful for any help you can offer.

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. WE MUST SELL AT LEAST 300 TICKETS FOR THIS TO BE A PROFITABLE EVENT.**

FEAST DAY DINNER is scheduled for Sunday, October 4 from 11AM until 2PM. Donation: \$9.00/adults, \$5.00/children, under 5/Free. Donations of Baked Goods may be brought to the hall on Saturday, October 3. Help will be needed with serving, assisting older patrons and busing tables. Thank you in advance for your help and support of this celebration.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR PARISH LAST WEEKEND – Loose - \$501.00; Adults - \$2,608.00; Children - \$14.00; Monthly - \$742.00.00; Candles - \$167.50; Holy Day - \$4.00; St. Vincent de Paul - \$49.00; Missalettes - \$148.00; Franciscan Mission - \$476.36; Misc. - \$355.00. Total Collection - \$5,064.86. 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 September 8 - \$15,600.00 was pledged by 142 families/331 households for 42% participation. Thank you for your generosity! If the remaining 192 households would pledge \$50.39, St. Francis of Assisi would make its goal.**

FOOD FOR THE POOR – A representative from Food for the Poor will be visiting St. Francis of Assisi on Saturday, September 19 and Sunday, September 20. They seek out the poorest of the poor in 16 countries, aiding some of the most destitute. In each face they see the living Christ, Who is hungry, thirsty, a stranger and naked. Their ministry focuses on the greatest need of the destitute. A second collection will be taken the weekend of September 19 & 20 to aid their endeavors. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Saturday, September 26 – Cash Bash
- Sunday, October 4 – Feast Day Dinner
- Friday, October 9 – Fish Fry
- Sunday, October 11 – Basket Party for Babies
- Saturday, October 17 – Vendor Fair, Sunday, October 18 – Vendor Fair
- Sunday, November 8 – Men’s Club Turkey Raffle
- Friday, November 20 – Bus trip to Sight & Sound

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH invites YOU, and those you invite, to come and see. Consider the following questions: *Are you interested in becoming Catholic? Are you a Baptized Catholic but have yet to receive the Sacraments of Holy Eucharist or Confirmation? Have you been Baptized into another Christian religion yet possess the desire to become a Catholic?* If you have answered YES to any of these questions the **RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS** is for you. RCIA is a loving and learning journey in which a conversion of heart will bring you to a deep relationship with Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Come and see what it means to become a Catholic, ask questions and meet others who are sharing you same intent. For more information please contact the Parish Office at 814-539-1632.

YEAR OF CONSECRATED LIFE “Who do you say that I am?” The One Who calls is the Messiah, the Son of the living God. Will you follow Him as a Priest, Deacon, or in the Consecrated Life? Call the Vocation Office by contacting Fr. Matthew Reese, 357 St. Mary, Street, P.O. Box 99, Loretto, PA 15940, 814-472-5441, or email: vocations@dioceseaj.org

Liturgical Reflection... The General Instruction of the Roman Missal directs that there be at least two candles for Mass. There may be four or six altar candles, reflecting the solemnity of the season or the day. The candlesticks with candles are appropriately placed either on the altar or around it, according to the design of the altar and sanctuary, so that the whole may be harmonious and the faithful should not be impeded from a clear view of what takes place on the altar or what is placed upon it. Candles may be used in the opening

procession and the Gospel procession. General Instruction of the Roman Missal, Numbers 117, 120, and 307. 2105, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 S. Logan Blvd., Hollidaysburg, PA 16648.

Stewardship Reflection... When we truly believe that all we have is a gift from God, then we must be willing to give up some things so that we can share our blessings as God intended. Living a stewardship lifestyle means not only being responsible for our own life, but the lives of others as well.

Families and the Gospel... September 13 – Mk 8:27-35 – If we want to be happy at home we must commit (“lose ourselves”) to our family. If we try to be independent from others (“save ourselves”) we end up lonely and alone. Happiness is found in commitments. The Gospel is true: We save our life by losing it!

PRAYER FOR GRANDPARENTS (Pope Benedict XVI: Lord Jesus, You were born of the Virgin Mary, the daughter of Ss. Joachim and Anne. Look with love on grandparents the world over. Protect them! They are a source of enrichment for families, for the Church and for all of society. Support them! As they grow older, may they continue to be for their families strong pillars of Gospel Faith, guardian of noble domestic ideals, living treasures of sound religious traditions. Make them teachers of wisdom and courage, that they may pass on to future generations the fruits of their mature human and spiritual experience. Lord Jesus, help families and society to value the presence and roles of grandparents. May they never be ignored or excluded, but also encounter respect and love. Help them to live serenely and to feel welcome in all the years of life which You give them. Mary, Mother of all the living, keep grandparents constantly in your care, accompany them on their earthly pilgrimage and by your prayers, grant that all families may one day be reunited in our Heavenly homeland, where You await all humanity for the great embrace of life without end. Amen

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK OR HOMEBOUND

Bill Babik, Rose Blaschak, Geraldine Caddy, Jean Chase, Sister Carol Jean Czzyrnik, 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, 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 Rován**, 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; **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.

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.

PROGRAM FOR GRANDPARENTS – A program entitled Celebrating the “Grand” in Grand-Parenting will be offered to grandparents of the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese on Wednesdays, Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28 from 6:00PM – 8:30PM at the Family Life Office, 5379 Portage St., Lilly. This four week DVD facilitated workshop will help grandparents embrace their roles at Torch Bearers, Legacy Leavers, and Blessing Givers as they strive to help lead their grandchildren in their Christian Faith. Cost is \$15 person/\$20 couple which includes a journal. Register by Sept. 24 by sending payment to the Family Life Office, 814-886-5551.

ST. FRANCIS UNIVERSITY along with the Pennsylvania Association of Catholic College Admissions Officers invites students and parents to attend a Catholic College Fair on Thursday, Oct 8, 2015 in the Maurice Stokes Athletic Center on the campus of St. Francis University. The college fair will be open from 9AM until 11AM. Participants will have an opportunity to speak with Catholic college representatives from over 15 Pennsylvania Catholic colleges. Two special interest sessions on “How to Navigate the College Search proves” will be held during fair hours. A special Mass at 11AM in the Immaculate Conception Chapel will be held following the college fair.