

SEPTEMBER 27, 2015
26th 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.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2 is the First Friday of the month. 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.)

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. If you are planning to attend the dinner, please use the signup sheet found in the vestibule of the Church. This will assist in knowing how many dinners to prepare.

ST. FRANCIS MEN’S CLUB will meet on Thursday, October 1 at 7:00PM. New members are all always welcome.

BLESSING OF ANIMALS will take place on Saturday, October 3 at 10:00AM under the front canopy of the Church.

BUS TRIP to Sight and Sound Theatre in Lancaster is scheduled for Friday, November 20 to see *The Miracle of Christmas*. We will be stopping for breakfast (on your own), dinner after the show at Shady Maple Smorgasbord. Cost of the trip (which includes bus, show and dinner): \$107.00. To make a reservation or for more information please contact Mary Frances King at 536-3667 **after 5:00PM**. A deposit of \$50.00 may be placed in the collection basket. Seating on the bus will be by order of reservation.

PROFIT for the Fish Fry held on September 11: \$1,375.04. Thank you to all helped in any way. The next Fish Fry has been scheduled for Friday, October 9 from 11AM until 6PM.

SANCTUARY CANDLE will burn this week for Living and Deceased Members of the Rosary Society by the Rosary Society. **CANDLE BY SACRED HEART** will burn this week for Frank DeLeo by Georgetta LaBuda.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR PARISH LAST WEEKEND – Loose - \$381.08; Adults - \$3,028.01; Children - \$26.00; Monthly - \$35.00; Candles - \$117.50; St. Vincent de Paul - \$30.00; Missalettes - \$10.00; Catholic University - \$40.00; Retired Priest - \$30.00; Holy Day - \$1.00; Food for the Poor - \$15.21; Misc. - \$50.00. Total Collection - \$3,763.80. 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 21 - \$15,617.00 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.** Monies received over goal will most likely be used toward the cost of the sign for the front of the Church.

THIS WEEKEND, all parishes in the Diocese will take up a special collection to support our Diocesan Priests’ medical and retirement needs. Donations will help subsidize the medical care of Parish Priests and the medical and living expenses of our senior Priests. Once a Priest achieves senior status, he no longer can depend upon a parish for basic needs even though he continues to celebrate Masses and perform other pastoral duties. Your generous support allows the Diocese to provide modest stipends to our senior Priests while keeping increases in the parish’s assessment for Priests’ medical care and retirement needs to a minimum.

VISITS TO THE HOMEBOUND – If you or someone you know would like to receive Communion at home, please contact the Parish Office so arrangements can be made for someone to visit.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, October 3 – Blessing of Animals – 10:00AM
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 your same intent. For more information please contact the Parish Office at 814-539-1632.

FAMILY MARIAN CELEBRATION – Mass & Rosary will be held on Sunday, October 4 at 3:00PM at St. Benedict’s Church, 2310 Bedford St. The theme for this year’s celebration is “Mary, Mother and Queen of Creation.” Bishop Mark Bartchak will be the principal celebrant and will give the homily. This Mass fulfills your Sunday obligation.

ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11 at 1:00PM, the Gabriel Project will be holding their newly themed and exciting Basket Party for Babies. Doors open at 12:30, tickets are \$8.00 and includes a spaghetti dinner. Tickets for the baskets will be sold for \$5.00 a sheet. There will be over 75 baskets along with other major prizes like a Kindle Fire and an American Girl Doll. Bring a pack of diapers and be entered for a chance to a \$25.00 gift card for Sheetz(First prize) and a large beautiful fall mum from Stuver's Nursery(second prize). Colette Weaver from C's Jewels, Justin Roxby from Justin's Creations and Mary Kay Sax from Avon will all be there with items on display. We are seeking donations of money, gift cards, or baskets to make this an even better event. Please contact Stephanie Neighbors at 254-2211, Kristen Weaver at 288-3346, Gale Bala at 539-0155 or see an Angel for pick up/drop off of donations or for tickets. Tickets will also be available at the door. Please come out and have a great time while supporting this worthwhile prolife cause.

Year of Consecrated Life "Would that all the Lord's people were prophets, and that the Lord would put His Spirit on them." All Catholics share the prophetic ministry of the Lord through Baptism. Is He calling you to bear witness to His truth 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...In keeping with the Church's traditional practice and with what the altar signifies, the table of the altar, that is, the top mensa, should be of natural stone. In the Dioceses of the United States of America, wood which is dignified, solid, and well-crafted may be used, provided that the altar is structurally immobile. As to the supports or base for supporting the table, these may be made of any material, provided it is dignified and solid. In building new Churches, it is preferable for a single altar to be placed, on that in the gathering of the faithful will signify the one Christ and the one Eucharist of the Church. General Instruction of the Roman Missal, Numbers 301 and 303. 2015, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 S. Logan Blvd., Hollidaysburg, PA

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK OR HOMEBOUND

Bill Babik, Rose Blaschak, Geraldine Caddy, 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 Sobczyk, 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; **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.

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. THERESE CHURCH will be holding their Annual Novena in honor of St. Therese of the Little Flower of Jesus starting Wednesday, September 23rd and will continue for 9 days. Masses will be held at 9AM and 7PM except on Saturday and Sunday, which will be Saturday at 9AM, 4PM, & 7PM and Sunday at 7:30AM, 10AM and 7PM. Sunday Sept. 27 will be the Anointing of the Sick Mass at 2PM. The closing of the Novena will be Thursday, October 1 with refreshments served after the 9AM & 7PM Mass in the Church Hall. To have your intentions placed on the altar during the Novena, send them to St. Therese Church rectory at 536 Decker Avenue.

CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION - Spaghetti Drive-By, Sunday, September 27 from 10:30AM - 1:30PM. Cost: \$7.00.

IN CELEBRATION of Polish Heritage Month, the Polish Heritage Choir is sponsoring its annual Pulaski Day Mass on Saturday, October 3 at 4:00PM at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church in Windber, PA. Please join us in this celebration of a Polish Mass and hymns.

THE NATIONAL LIFE CHAIN will take place in the Johnstown area on Sunday, October 4 from 1:00PM - 2:00PM along Broad St. in Cambria City, next to Sheetz. Feel free to bring lawn chairs if you cannot stand. We stand for one hour peacefully and quietly praying for an end to abortion, for those that have been hurt by abortion, for those involved in the abortion industry, and for an end of this holocaust. If you want to learn more about the National Life Chain you can go to www.nationallifechain.org. For more information call Heidi at 536-7335.