

NOVEMBER 1, 2015
SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS
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.

ANNUAL MEMORIAL CELEBRATION of Parishioners who were laid to rest this year (November 1, 2104 – October 31, 2015) will be celebrated at 6:00PM on Monday, November 2. Members of the families of the deceased are invited to take part in this Mass by lighting a candle in their memory. Please contact the Parish Office if you or a member of the family or friend of our departed loved ones are able to participate in this liturgy.

MEN’S CLUB meeting will take place on Thursday, November 5 at 7:00PM in the Activity Center. New members are always welcome.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6 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.)

GOB SALE on Saturday, November 7 from 9:00AM until Noon.

MEN’S CLUB ANNUAL TURKEY RAFFLE will take place on Sunday, November 8. Doors open at 1:00PM and raffle will take place from 2:00PM – 4:00PM. Members are asking for donations of door prizes. Prizes may be dropped off at the Parish Office or by calling Karen Kohan at 241-0741 or Dolores Kasper at 255-4159. There are also envelopes in the vestibule containing raffle tickets for each family. **Please pick up your envelope and return the tickets via the collection basket.** Thank you for your continued support of the Men’s Club.

FISH FRY – The next Fish Fry will be held on Friday, November 13 from 11:00AM until 6:00PM. All help is greatly appreciated. Profit from the Fish Fry held on October 9: \$3,266.07. There will NOT be a Fish Fry held in December.

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**. **THERE ARE THREE SEATS REMAINING.** Seating on the bus will be by order of reservation. Those who have already made a reservation are asked to please place their payment in the collection basket as soon as possible.



CANDY CANE CASH TICKETS for the month of December are now available. Donation of \$5.00 – chance to win \$100 on December 8; \$200 on December 24; \$500 on December 25; and \$250 on December 31; and \$50 for all other days in December. Winning number based on the first 7PM drawing of the PA 3 digit daily number (straight). *If each family would buy or sell 5 tickets we could realize a profit of \$2,600.00 with minimal work.*

JOE BARTKO MEMORIAL ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD KITCHEN DRIVE – beginning this weekend we will begin our non-perishable food and household items collection drive for the St. Vincent de Paul Food Kitchen. The collection will end on Sunday, November 22. Monetary donations will also be accepted. Parishioners are asked during this season of Thanksgiving to share their bounty from God with those less fortunate. Donations may be brought to the vestibule at all Masses. They may also be brought to the Parish Office during regular office hours. Last year’s drive was a huge success. Let’s build on our past achievements!

CHRISTMAS GOB TRAYS – Gobs will be sold in tray form (Baker’s Dozen (13)) decorated beautifully for that special Christmas gift. Cost: \$18.00 per tray. Chocolate gobs will be available with red, green and white icing. Order now by calling Margaret or Betty Scott at 539-7921 or Betty Spisak at 536-4934. You may also drop order forms (included with the bulletin) in the collection basket. Deadline for orders: Sunday, November 29. Pick up: Saturday, December 19 from 9AM – 12Noon.

THANKSGIVING MINISTRY SIGN UP sheet can be found in the vestibule of the Church. Please consider taking part in this Liturgy on Thanksgiving Day Mass at 9:00AM.

SANCTUARY CANDLE will burn this week for +Donald Christner by Family.

ALL ASSOCIATIONS AND GROUPS of the Parish are asked to please submit their 2016 meeting and event dates to add to the activity calendar as soon as possible to avoid conflicts with functions. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR PARISH LAST WEEKEND – Loose - \$321.30; Adults - \$2,621.01; Children - \$32.00; Monthly - \$72.00; Candles - \$84.50; Feast Day - \$5.00; Christmas - \$6.00; All Souls - \$68.00; Peter’s Pence - \$6.00; Cemetery - \$277.00; World Mission - \$1.00. Total Collection - \$3,493.81. 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 October 26 - \$15,837.00 was pledged by 144 families/331 households for 44% participation. Thank you for your generosity! If the remaining 187 households would pledge \$47.90, 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.

IF ANYONE is interested in signing the petition to grant St. Faustina the title of Doctor of the Church: the petition is in the front vestibule.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Monday, November 2 – All Soul’s Memorial Mass – 6:00PM
- Saturday, November 7 thru Sunday, November 22 – St. Vincent de Paul Food Drive
- Sunday, November 8 – Men’s Club Turkey Raffle
- Friday, November 13 – Fish Fry – 11AM – 6PM
- Friday, November 20 – Bus trip to Sight & Sound
- Sunday, November 29 – Deadline for Christmas Gob Sale Orders
- December 19 – Pickup for Christmas Gob Sale Orders

Liturgical Reflection... This Sunday the Church commemorates the Solemnity of All Saints. Because November 1st falls on a Sunday in Ordinary Time, All Saints is commemorated over the Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time. Today we remember the men, women, children who are in the Kingdom of God. From Heaven they intercede for us on earth. Sacred images of the Saints, in accordance with the most ancient tradition, should be displayed in the Church for veneration by the faithful and be so arranged as to lead the faithful toward the mysteries of Faith. There should usually be only one image of a Saint in the Church. General Instruction of the Roman Missal, Number 318. 2105, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 S. Logan Blvd., Hollidaysburg, PA 16648.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK OR HOMEBOUND

Bill Babik, Rose Blaschak, Geraldine Caddy, Jean Chase, Sister Carol Jean Czrynik, 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 Sobceky, 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**, **Major Melinda Rovon Corallo**, 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.

RESURRECTION PARISH Ladies Auxiliary will be sponsoring a Basket Party on Sunday, November 8 at Christ the Savior Hall, Garfield St. Doors open at 12:30PM. Cost: \$10.00 which includes lunch, 25 chances and eligibility for door prizes. Please call Resurrection Parish Office at 539-5788, ext. #3 and ask for Joann.

THE CARMELITE COMMUNITY OF THE WORD invites you to our Annual Pre-Christmas Fair and Spaghetti Dinner, Sunday, November 8, 2015, at Bishop Guilfoyle High School in Altoona. Festivities will begin at 11:00 a.m. and conclude at 3:00 p.m. with dinner service ending at 2:00 p.m. Dinner cost is \$7.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children under 12. There will be games to play, prizes to win, and items to buy at the Baked Goods and Handiwork Booths, as well as Santa's Flea Market. Don't forget to get your Cash Raffle ticket for a chance to win prizes from \$100 to \$1000! Contact any CCW sister to get your Cash Raffle ticket early. Raffle tickets are 3 for \$5. Everyone is sure to have a day of enjoyment at this event that supports the Carmelite Community of the Word sisters' spiritual, educational and ministerial needs.

STUDENT TRIP TO MARCH FOR LIFE: John Paul II Youth Group will again sponsor an overnight trip for students to the March for Life. The trip will include the Life is Very Good Youth Rally at the EagleBank Arena on the campus of Georgetown, the Youth Rally and Mass for Life, as well as the March for Life. Don't miss this amazing experience. We will leave at 2pm January 21st, and Return at 10pm January 22nd. Cost is \$10. Students from any parish, any school are welcome, Grades 7-12. Limited spaces for Chaperones with clearances are also available. For more information about the trip or to sign-up visit www.jpriyg.com