

OCTOBER 11, 2015
28th 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 members of our Confirmation Class as they continue to prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation next April: *Amanda Johns, Lana Lee, Rebecca Scarff, Alysia Stanton, Julius Thomas, April Wincer.*

THANK YOU to all who helped to make our Feast Day Dinner a wonderful way to celebrate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. Thanks also to everyone who supported this event.

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI 2ND ANNUAL CRAFT/VENDOR FAIR will take place on Saturday, October 17 from 9AM – 4PM and Sunday, October 18 from 11AM – 3PM in the Activity Center located at the corner of D St. and Barron Ave. Free admission, over 55 vendors, door prizes given away hourly, basket and certificate chances available. Bake Sale and food available for purchase. Come and support our local friends and do some Christmas shopping!

ALL SOUL'S – If you would like to have a picture of a deceased loved one placed at the Altar for All Souls Day, please bring the picture to the Parish Office or the Church. All photos must be received no later than Thursday, October 29.

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 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. 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.

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.

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 a few of these tickets we could realize a profit of \$2,600.00 with minimal work.

CEMETERY CLEAN UP – All decorations should be removed from the cemetery between October 11 and October 24. Items remaining after October 24 will be discarded. Thank you for your cooperation.

SANCTUARY CANDLE will burn this week for Living & Deceased Members of the Rosary Society by the Rosary Society.

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 - \$372.16; Adults - \$2517.01; Children - \$34.00; Monthly - \$498.01; Candles - \$92.50; St. Vincent de Paul - \$20.00; Retired Priest - \$40.00; Feast Day - \$379.00; Misc. - \$211.97. Total Collection - \$4164.65. 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 5 - \$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.

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.

CHECK OUT the Rosary tab on the Parish website in honor of the month of the Rosary.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, October 11 – Basket Party for Babies – Doors open at 12:30PM
Saturday, October 17 – Vendor Fair – 9AM – 4PM
Sunday, October 18 – Vendor Fair – 11AM – 3PM
Monday, November 2 – All Soul’s Memorial Mass – 6:00PM
Sunday, November 8 – Men’s Club Turkey Raffle
Friday, November 13 – Fish Fry – 11AM – 6PM
Friday, November 20 – Bus trip to Sight & Sound

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. Tickets will be available at the door. Please come out and have a great time while supporting this worthwhile prolife cause.

Year of Consecrated Life ““Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” If you ask the Lord this question in prayer, are you ready to respond with a joyful “yes” or will you turn from Him with a heavy, unyielding heart. Consider following Christ more closely as a Priest or in 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 or Our Lady of the Angels Province at 718-510-5822 or email: vocations@aolprovince.org.

To the St. Francis of Assisi Family: Food for the Poor wishes to thank you for the welcome you extended to Deacon Williams on our recent visit to your parish. On behalf of our brothers and sisters throughout the Caribbean and Latin America, we thank you for your compassion and care. We are all blessed by and grateful for your generosity. *In Christ, The Food for the Poor Family*

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 Sobbecky, 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.

ROAST BEEF DINNER – with salad bar, 11AM – 2:30PM, Sunday, October 11 at St. John Gualbert Activity Center, corner of Railroad and Adams St. Adults - \$10; children 5 – 10 - \$6; under 5 – free. Take outs available.

KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 11066 of Resurrection Parish will hold a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, October 11 from 8:30AM – Noon in the Church Hall. Adults - \$6, children 6-12 - \$2, under 5, free.

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA, Windber – Cavatelli Dinner, Sunday, October 18 from 11AM – 2PM. Adults - \$9.00; children - \$4.50.

WEST END IMPROVEMENT GROUP is hosting a Basket Party on October 25 at St. Therese Social Hall, Decker Ave. Doors open at 11:00AM. You may come early, drop your tickets and leave your contact information. Basket drawing begins at 1:00PM. Tickets are \$7.00 and price includes lunch. Tickets can be purchased at the door. Call 535-2499 or 539-0181 for more information.

BASKET PARTY – St. Patrick’s Church, Sunday, October 25 from 1PM – 4PM. Doors open at noon. Tickets: \$8.00 includes 25 chances. Themed baskets, vendor sales, lottery tickets, 50/50, door prizes, and a hot meal.

27TH ANNUAL RESPECT LIFE MASS AND DINNER will be held on Sunday, October 25. Mass will be celebrated at 4:00PM at St. Andrew Church with a Turkey Dinner to follow in the school hall at 5:30PM. Guest speaker will be Representative Bryan Barbin, who is Co-Chair of the Pennsylvania House Committee on Pro-Life. Tickets for the Turkey Dinner can be purchased for \$10 at the Rectory or by contacting Tom Deibert at 288-1113 or Earl Birch at 288-4972.