

OCTOBER 4, 2015
Our Holy Father, St. Francis of Assisi
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

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.

CONGRATULATIONS TO Jason Cieslo and Karen Kick who were joined in the Sacrament of Marriage this weekend. May God Bless them as they begin their new life together.

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.*

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.

FISH FRY has been scheduled for Friday, October 9 from 11AM until 6PM. All help is greatly appreciated.

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 45 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!

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 10 and October 24. Items remaining after October 24 will be discarded. Thank you for your cooperation.

SANCTUARY CANDLE will burn this week for +Don Havers by wife, Alice. **CANDLE BY SACRED HEART** will burn this week for +Charles “Chick” Lowes by Ray and Jeanne Toth.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR PARISH LAST WEEKEND – Loose - \$321.75; Adults - \$2,496.06; Children - \$17.00; Monthly - \$116.00; Candles - \$115.75; St. Vincent de Paul - \$10.00; Missalettes - \$6.00; Retired Priest - \$498.53; Holy Day - \$6.00; Food for the Poor - \$54.00. Total Collection - \$3,641.09. 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.

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.

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, October 4 – Feast Day Dinner – 11AM – 2PM
Friday, October 9 – Fish Fry - 11AM – 6PM
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
Sunday, November 8 – Men’s Club Turkey Raffle
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. 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 “Let the little children come to Me; do not stop them.” Are you being called to bring others to Christ and His Kingdom as a Priest, Deacon, Sister or Brother? 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...Moderation should be observed in the decoration of the altar. Flowers in Advent are marked with moderation in anticipation of Christmas; floral arrangements for the altar are forbidden in Lent in anticipation of Easter. Flowers and plants are always to be around the altar rather than on the altar table. During the Liturgy of the Word the *Book of Gospels* may be placed on the altar; for the Liturgy of the Eucharist, the chalice, paten, ciborium, corporal and purificator along with the *Roman Missal* are placed on the altar.

Arranged discreetly, there should be a microphone to amplify the Priest's voice. General Instruction of the Roman Missal, Numbers 305 and 306. 2015, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 S. Logan Blvd., Hollidaysburg, PA

This statement has been prepared for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia which is the Metropolitan Archdiocese of Pennsylvania: In the Catholic tradition marriage has always been a permanent and loving bond between one man and one woman. Marriage is the genesis of the family – an intimate community of Faith and love which reflects the love of Christ and serves as the building block of society. On occasion circumstances arise that can lead to the nullity of an attempted marriage and that is why a canonical process is in place to provide for annulment. The practice in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia has for several years been to ensure that no undue burdens would be imposed upon those seeking an annulment for valid reasons. The information released by the Vatican is being carefully studied by the Metropolitan Tribunal. Should there be a need to make adjustments to the current process, we will work to implement them in a timely fashion. We share the concern of our Holy Father for those who might struggle with this process and always seek to provide them with compassion and understanding.

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 Sobecky, 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 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, Wv; **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.

WEST END IMPROVEMENT GROUP regular monthly meeting will be held Wednesday, October 7 at 6:00PM at Grace Lutheran Church. Everyone is welcome.

ST. THERESE CHURCH 536 Decker Avenue, Oktoberfest, Saturday, Oct. 10 from 4:30PM – 8:30PM, Sunday, October 11 from 11AM – 4:30PM. Join us for delicious ethnic food including Kolbassi, German Potato Salad, Pigs, Halushki, Piroghi, Lamb, Apple Strudel, Apple Dumplings and much more. There will be a Large Raffle Wheel on Saturday evening, instant bingo, a theme basket raffle, music by the Rhythm Masters and a performance by the Fusion XI Dance Team.

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.

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

THERE ARE SEATS available for the Resurrection bus trip to the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC on Saturday, October 17. The bus will leave Cambria City at 8AM, have a brief stop in Breezewood and arrive at the Shrine approximately at noon. Lunch, and tour of the Shrine will be self-guided. Plan to attend the 5:15PM Mass, then we will leave between 6:30 & 7:00PM. Stop for supper in Frederick, MD. Cost is \$50 per person. Please respond by October 7 by calling Barb Dryzal at 814-536-3961. If no answer, leave message.