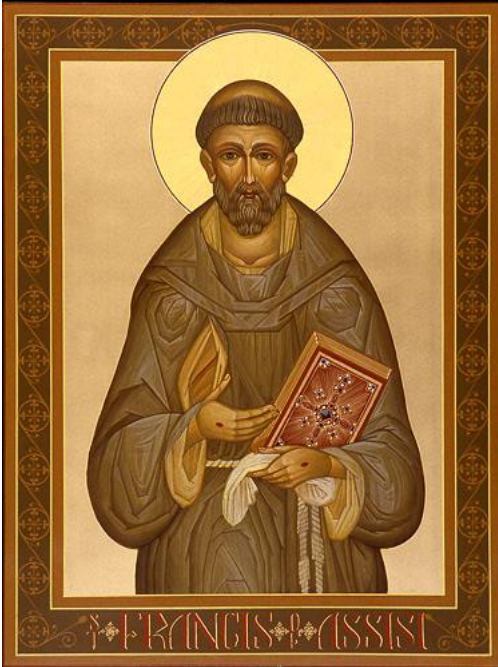


NOVEMBER 15, 2015
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
THE FAITH COMMUNITY OF
ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

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

President – Ryan Woodruff

Finance Council President – Robert Bimeal
Cemetery Council President - William Heim

Music Minister – Gale Bala

Director of Religion Education – Carol Pisula

Saturday –

Parish Council

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.

THANK YOU to the Men's Club for sponsoring the Meat Raffle last Sunday. Your continued dedication to the Parish is very much appreciated. Thanks for the workers who worked so hard and for the runners who ran so fast!

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.

FAMILY OR FRIENDS of +Florence Sakmar, Bernard Picklo and Mary Sobecky are asked to please pick up the remembrance cross for All Souls Day. Crosses can be picked up either in the main vestibule or at the Parish Office.

BUS TRIP to Sight and Sound Theatre in Lancaster is scheduled for Friday, November 20 to see *The Miracle of Christmas*. THE BUS IS FULL. Bus will be leaving at 7:30AM from the parking lot. We will be stopping for breakfast (on your own), stop at the Amish Farmer's Market and dinner after the show at Shady Maple Smorgasbord. 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 - Chance to win 31 times! *Donation of \$5.00 – chance December 8; \$200 on December 24; \$500 on December 25; and \$250 on December 31; and days in December. Winning number based on the first 7PM drawing of the PA 3 digit daily*
If each family would buy or sell 5 tickets we could realize a profit of \$2,600.00 with minimal those who have already done their part!



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PARISH OFFICE will be closed Monday, November 23 thru Friday, November 27.

JOE BARTKO MEMORIAL ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD KITCHEN DRIVE –we have begun 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!

MASS on Thursday, November 26, Thanksgiving Day, will be celebrated at **9:00AM**. Please plan on taking part in this liturgy with the distribution of the "fruits of the Mass" on this day of giving thanks to God for all that He has done for us.

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.

GIVING TREE for children is located in the rear of the Church. Please take a tag and sign the list next to the child's name. Gifts must be returned to the Church no later than Sunday, December 6. **GIANT EAGLE GIFT CARDS** should be returned as soon as possible and may be placed in the collection basket. Thank you for your generosity to those among us who are less fortunate.

PROFIT FOR the Feast Day Dinner held on Sunday, October 4 was \$983.88. **PROFIT FOR** the Vendor Fair held on Saturday, October 17 and Sunday October 18 was \$3,105.62. Thank you to all who helped and supported these events in any way.

SANCTUARY CANDLE will burn this week for Health of Jeanne Toth by Jim & Sue Ellen Dadey. **CANDLE BY OUR LADY, QUEEN OF HEAVEN** will burn this week for God's blessings and good health of the Raymond Toth Family by Ray & Jeanne Toth.

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.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR PARISH LAST WEEKEND – Loose - \$429.46; Adults - \$2,468.07; Children - \$24.00; Monthly - \$396.00; Candles - \$133.75; Feast Day - \$6.00; All Souls - \$126.00; All Saints - \$78.00; Thanksgiving - \$15.00; St. Vincent de Paul - \$5.00; Missalettes - \$20.00; Misc. - \$14.52. Total Collection - \$3,709.80. 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 November 9 - \$15,867.00 was pledged by 145 families/331 households for 44% 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. Monies not received thus not making the assigned goal becomes a bill.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, November 20 – Bus trip to Sight & Sound
Thursday, November 26 – Thanksgiving Mass at 9:00AM
Sunday, November 29 – Deadline for Christmas Gob Tray Orders
Sunday, December 6 – Children’s Christmas Party
December 19 – Pickup for Christmas Gob Tray Orders

SECOND COLLECTION FOR CATHOLIC CHARITIES – for 75 years, Catholic Charities has helped our neighbors throughout Central Pennsylvania regardless of faith or background. 100% of contributions received through next weekend’s second collection will directly help your neighbors in need. Please return your Catholic Charities envelope or make your gift online at www.catholiccharities.org. Thank you for helping Catholic Charities of Altoona-Johnstown to reduce poverty in communities throughout our Diocese.

Liturgical Reflection... In the Church, which is the Body of Christ, not all members have the same function. This diversity of offices is shown outwardly in the celebration of the Eucharist by the diversity of sacred vestments, which must therefore be a sign of the function proper to each minister. The ordained Priest wears a stole and chasuble unique to his liturgical role. The ordained Deacon wears a stole (over his left shoulder) and a dalmatic. In the Dioceses of the United States of America, altar servers may wear an alb of some appropriately dignified clothing. Other liturgical ministers wear clothes befitting the sacred rites. General Instruction of the Roman Missal, Numbers 335-337. 2105, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 S. Logan Blvd., Hollidaysburg, PA 16648.

Year of Consecrated Life “Heaven and earth will pass away, but My Words will not pass away.” How is Christ calling you to share His eternal words of salvation? Consider a vocation to the Priesthood or 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, Franciscan Friars Conventual.

A sincere thank you to all the good parishioners of St. Francis for thinking of me after my recent knee replacement surgery. Thanks for the phone calls, cards and to those who stopped to ask Ray how I was doing. – Jeanne Toth.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK OR HOMEBOUND

Bill Babik, Rose Blaschak, Geraldine Caddy, Jean Chase, Sister Carol Jean Czarnik, 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, 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; 2nd Lt. Ryan Powers, USMC, Camp Lejeune, NC; Anthony Rosage, USAF, Lackland AFB, TX.

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.

IN HONOR of National Care Giver Month, The Atrium is hosting a Care Giver Connection Tour and Talk on Wednesday, November 18 from 2:00PM – 3:30PM in the The Atrium’s Front Lounge. Join us for a Care Giving Connection session designed to provide you with support through various stages of caregiving. Reservations are necessary by November 15 by calling 814-535-5347 or email at receptionist@TheAtriumCommunity.com. On November 30, we will be hosting our first monthly Care Giver Support Group, which will subsequently be held every last Monday of the month from 5:30PM – 6:30PM. Come and find support, suggestions and encouragement through a private group sharing program.

ST. ANDREW 15TH ANNUAL TURKEY RAFFLE - Friday, November 20 at 7:00PM. Admission: \$2.00. Chancing off turkeys, hams, pork chops, American cheese, bacon, breakfast sausage and regular sausage.

BOTTLES FOR LIFE - John Paul II Youth Group, a regional Catholic Youth Group for the Johnstown area will be again sponsoring an overnight trip for Middle School and High School to the March for Life in January. To pay for the cost of the trip, we are running a "baby bottle" campaign. Please take them home, fill them with your spare change, and bring them back to your parish for the weekend of Dec 6-7 when we will collect them. Anything we raise above the cost of our trip will be donated to our pro-life organizations here in Johnstown who support women in their time of need. Your CHANGE can make a difference! For more info about our group visit <http://www.jpriyg.com>.