

**JANUARY 17, 2016**  
*2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**OUR NEXT FISH FRY** will take place on Ash Wednesday, February 10 and will continue on Friday, February 19, 26, March 4, March 11. A great deal of help will be needed to keep up the pace for Lent. **PLEASE:** *if you have not yet volunteered to lend a hand, any amount of time you can spare will make the job easier for all involved.* We will be missing quite a few of our “regulars” and this would be a good time to “learn the ropes.” This is also an opportunity for students needing service hours to fulfill that obligation.

**VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION PARTY** will take place on Sunday, January 24 beginning with a Holy Hour in the Church at 3:00PM followed by dinner at 4:00PM. All who volunteered their time in any way during the past year (Fish Fries, Gobs, Religious Education, Altar Servers, Lectors, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Oremus Ministry, Choir, Pastoral & Finance Council, Money Counters, Ushers, etc.) are invited to attend and spend some time relaxing with fellow co-workers. Please use the sign-up sheet in the vestibule. **DEADLINE FOR SIGN UP is Sunday, January 17, 2016.**

**SAN DAMIANO CRUCIFIX** donated by the family of Rudolph Janisko that will be placed in the Activities Center is available for viewing in front of the Altar. An explanation of the Crucifix is included with the bulletin this week.



**MARDI GRAS MADNESS** is scheduled for Saturday, January 30, 2016. Tickets are now available after the Masses or by **CALLING** the Parish Office. Doors will open at 5:15PM and festivities will be held from 6:00PM until 11:00PM. Tickets are \$18.00 for adults, \$10.00 for ages 6 thru 17 and under five – free. There will be a \$5.00 cover charge for beer if desired. No outside beverages allowed. Cash bar available for wine and mixed drinks. Admission includes: Appetizers, turkey dinner, jambalaya rice, soda, and coffee. Music by Flood City Brass.

**MEN'S CLUB** Valentine's Day tickets are now available in the vestibule of the Church. Cost: \$2.00. Your support is greatly appreciated. Winning number based on the first pick three evening drawing of the PA Lottery on February 14, 2016.

**CANDLE BY OUR LADY, QUEEN OF HEAVEN** will burn this week for +John L. Neiderer by Cel Neiderer. **CANDLE BY THE SACRED HEART** will burn this week for +Lucia & Wos Families by Cel Neiderer.

**CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR PARISH LAST WEEKEND:** Loose - \$405.00; Adults - \$2,204.27; Children - \$33.00; Monthly - \$324.01; Christmas - \$22.00; Candles - \$81.25; St. Vincent de Paul - \$10.00; First Offering - \$41.00; Holy Day - \$51.00; Missalettes - \$43.01; Retired Religious - \$6.00; Flowers - \$6.00 Misc. - \$64.52. Total Collection - \$3,291.06. Thank you for your continued generosity to the parish.

**SECOND COLLECTION** – For over a month now we have been witnessing the devastation caused by the tornados, the storms and floods in the Mid-West, the South, and the Southwest. Archbishop Joseph Kurtz, President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has asked, on behalf of those Bishops directly in the affected areas of these Natural Disasters, for our help in alleviating the suffering that these disasters have and are causing. Archbishop Kurtz is asking that collection be taken up on the weekend of January 23 & 24. All monies collected will be sent to Catholic Charities USA who will distribute these donations to those Dioceses that have been in the eye of the storms to help with the immediate and long term needs of their people. In this Year of Mercy, please be as generous as possible in responding to this request. Thank you for whatever you are able to do to be of help to our brothers and sisters in need.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, January 24 – Volunteer Appreciation Party – Holy Hour – 3:00PM – 4:00PM, Dinner – 4:00PM  
Saturday, January 30 – Mardi Gras Madness – 6:00PM – 11:00PM  
Wednesday, February 10 – Ash Wednesday, Lent Fish Fries begin!

*Liturgical Reflection...* God's mercy is evident in the Gospel today of the wedding at Cana in Galilee. In the midst of the wedding reception the wine runs out. The Mother of the Lord intercedes and seeks the help of Jesus. Mercy and understanding are pivotal in the Gospel story. To avoid embarrassment and, perhaps, shame, the Lord turns water into wine. This is an epiphany, that is, a manifestation of God's intervention on human affairs. The glory of God shines forth in His mercy and love of Jesus Christ at Cana in Galilee.  
2016, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 S. Logan Blvd., Hollidaysburg, PA 16648.

*Families and the Gospel...* January 17 – Jn 2:1-11 – at Cana we get a good insight into Mary's parenting style. She did not plead, argue, demand or manipulate. She merely pointed out the situation and trusted her Son would make the best decision.

*Stewardship Reflection...* God has abundantly blessed each of us with a unique set of gifts. By recognizing our gifts and subsequently sharing them gratefully, we help create that for which we pray in the Lord's Prayer: *Thy Kingdom come on earth as it is in Heaven.*

**ON THURSDAY**, January 21, at 7:00PM in the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, Altoona, Bishop Mark Bartchak will lead a prayer service for the anniversary of the Supreme Court decision of *Roe vs. Wade* (1973). There will be a blessing for the pilgrims attending

the March for Life in Washington, D.C. the next day, Friday, January 22. All are welcome to participate in this prayer service. All who have a respect for life from conception to natural death are welcome to join our brothers and sisters at the Altoona Cathedral.

**Consider this:** We currently have 58 active Diocesan Priests in our diocese (under the age of retirement of 75). We have 88 churches in our diocese. At the present moment we have 6 men preparing to become priests for our diocese. If these men all persevere they will be ordained by the year 2023. However, by that same year at least 14 of our active priests will reach the age of retirement. That is a net loss of 8, which does not take into account extraordinary circumstances like unexpected deaths, etc. These are the numbers we face in our diocese, and everyone will be affected by the dwindling number of diocesan priests here in Altoona-Johnstown. Ultimately, a call to priesthood is God's grace, but we need to cooperate with that grace! All clergy and laity must be challenged to do vocational work in their own ministries and parish communities and not rely on others to do it for them! If we are not actively seeking new vocations to the priesthood, how do we expect these numbers to change for the better? *From Rev. Matthew A. Reese, Vocation Director, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown*

**CALLING ALL STUDENTS GRADE PRE-K – 8** – Exciting new changes await for the new Johnstown Catholic Regional School System beginning fall 2016. Be a part of this exciting new educational initiative with advanced learning, tech labs, and so much more! An informational meeting will be held Sunday, January 11, at St. Andrew School at 6:30PM. All are welcome to attend the following Open House-Registration Details/Informational Meetings at these locations and dates: January 17<sup>th</sup> from 2:00PM – 4:00PM at East Campus Pre-K thru 5<sup>th</sup> grade, 2306 Bedford St. (St. Benedict School Building), contact: 814-266-3837, ext. 210. West Campus Pre-K thru 5<sup>th</sup> grade, 430 Tioga Street (Our Mother of Sorrows School Building, contact: 814-539-5315. Middle School 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades, 1621 Ferndale Ave. (St. Andrew School Building), contact: 814-288-2811 or 814-255-1964. Website: [www.JohnstownCatholicRegional.org](http://www.JohnstownCatholicRegional.org). *Congratulations* to Keith Kuckenbrod (principal of the 3 school system; Patty Gable (assoc. principal of the middle school); Rose Batzel (assoc. principal of the east elementary school); and Mary Jo Podrasky (assoc. principal of the west elementary school).

#### **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 Sobacky, 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> Class Maxwell Schutte**, F. E. Warren, WY; **Sgt. Bryan Maxwell Porath**, **1<sup>st</sup> Lt Aaron Donahey**, US Army, Fort Bliss, El Paso, Texas; **Petty Officer 1<sup>st</sup> 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, 193<sup>rd</sup> Special Operations Wing; **Lt. Col Steven Thomas**, USAF, deploying to the Middle East; **2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Colin Harrington**, US Army, Bethesda, MD; **2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Ryan Powers**, USMC, Camp Lejeune, NC; **Anthony Rosage**, USAF, The Presidio, Monterey, CA.

*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.

**CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION** – Turkey Dinner, Sunday, January 17 from 11:00AM – 2:00PM. Cost: \$9.00. For take outs call 535-2698.

A “**SUPER BOWL**” **PORKETTE SALE**” will be held on Saturday, February 6 at St. Anthony of Padua, Windber. Porkettes are \$3.00 each and orders are due by January 24. To place an order, call the Parish Office at 467-7292. Sandwiches can be picked up from 9AM – Noon on February 6 in the Church Hall. Get ready for the Super Bowl and order your porkettes today!

**VALENTINE’S PRAYER AND LUNCHEON** for Widows and Widowers throughout our Diocese – Remember your loved ones on Wednesday, February 3 with Mass at 11:00AM. All spouses will be mentioned and remembered at Mass. Luncheon at Noon, followed by a special musical presentation. A \$5.00 donation is suggested. Widows and widowers throughout our Altoona-Johnstown Diocese are invited to attend. Sponsored by the Diocesan Family Life Office and hosted by the Immaculate Conception Church, 1640 New Germany Road, Summerhill. Reservations required by January 26. Contact the Family Life Office at 814-886-5551 or [familylife@dioceseaj.org](mailto:familylife@dioceseaj.org).