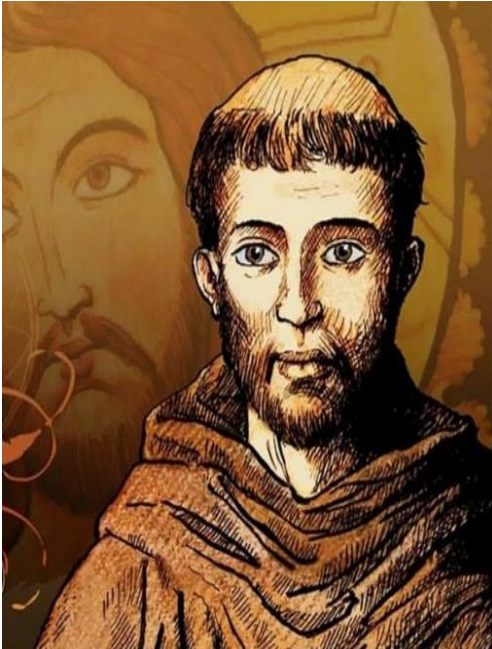


APRIL 3, 2016
Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)
THE FAITH COMMUNITY OF
ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

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.



Pastor – Fr. Anthony Francis Spilka, OFMConv

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Daily Mass Schedule at St. Francis of Assisi

Mon., Wed.; Thurs., Fri. – 8:00AM; Tues.–6:30PM;
Sat - 8:00AM

First Friday 8:00AM and 5:30 PM

Confession – Tues., 6:00PM, Sat. 3:15 – 3:45PM

First Friday 5:00PM

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 – 659-9781

Finance Council President – Robert Bimeal – 536-5114

Cemetery Council President - William Heim – 254-2942

Director of Religious Education – Carol Pisula – 254-1961

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.

DIVINE MERCY – Solemn chanting of the Divine Mercy Chaplet followed by Benediction will take place this Sunday, April 3 beginning at 3:00PM, the Hour of Divine Mercy. Please plan to take part in this celebration.

BIBLE STUDY – The final segment of the Bible Study will be held on Tuesday, April 5 from 3:30PM - 4:30PM in the Rectory.

OUR NEXT FISH FRY will take place on Friday, April 8. THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE TAKEN THE TIME TO VOLUNTEER FOR THE LENTEN FISH FRIES! A SPECIAL THANKS TO THE NEW VOLUNTEERS AND THANK YOU TO ALL WHO BAKED FOR THE BAKE SALE – IT WAS A HUGE SUCCESS!! WE COULD NOT HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT YOU! HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL ON FRIDAY!!! We will once again be accepting donations of baked goods for the Fish Fry. Please bring your items to the Activity Center on Thursday or Friday morning. There will also be frozen Paska Bread available for purchase.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION PARTY will take place on Sunday, April 17 beginning with a Holy Hour in the Church at 3:00 PM followed by dinner at 4:00 PM. 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, Vacation Bible School Teachers/Helpers, etc.) are invited to attend and spend time relaxing with fellow co-workers. Please use the sign-up sheet in the vestibule. Deadline: Sun., April 10.



GOB ICING will be made on Tuesday, April 19 beginning at 7:00AM. Gobs will be packed on Wednesday, April 20 at 6:00PM. All help is greatly appreciated!

MEN'S CLUB Mother's Day Tickets will be available in the vestibule of the Church beginning next weekend. Cost: \$2.00. Winning number based on the first pick three evening drawing of the PA Lottery. Your support is greatly appreciated.

SPECIAL COLLECTION – There will be a special collection the weekend of April 9 & 10 for Catholic Schools. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

SANCTUARY CANDLE will burn this week for the living and deceased members of the Rosary Society by Rosary Society.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR PARISH EASTER: Loose - \$978.00; Adults - \$2,627.01; Children - \$6.00; Monthly -- \$67.00; Candles - \$93.00; Flowers - \$404.00; St. Vincent de Paul - \$30.00; Catholic Register - \$10.00; Catholic Relief - \$6.00; Holy Day - \$5.00. Total Easter Collection - \$4,226.01.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR PARISH: Loose - \$100.00; Adults - \$3,436.00; Children - \$63.00; Holy Thursday - \$550.01; Good Friday - \$550.01. Total Collection - \$4,699.02. Thank you for your continued generosity to the parish.

THANK YOU to all who have participated in the Annual Catholic Appeal. As of March 29, \$7,094.00 was pledged toward our goal of \$23,864.00 with 62 of 327 families contributing (19% participation). If you do not have a pledge card, you may place your gift (made payable to "Annual Catholic Appeal") in the collection basket, or you may make an online gift at www.dioceseaj.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, April 5 – Bible Study – 3:30PM – 4:30PM
Friday, April 8 – Fish Fry – 11:00AM – 6:00PM
Sunday, April 17 – Volunteer Appreciation Party – Holy Hour – 3:00PM – 4:00PM, Dinner – 4:00PM
Tuesday, April 19 – Gob Icing – 7:00AM
Saturday, April 30 – First Eucharist Rehearsal – 9:00AM, followed by breakfast
Wednesday, April 20 – Pack Gobs – 6:00PM
Sunday, May 1 – First Eucharist – 9:30AM Mass
Friday, May 13 – Fish Fry 11:00AM – 6:00PM
Friday, May 13 thru Sunday, May 15 – Relics of St. Maximillian Maria Kolbe



COMING IN MAY: In commemoration of the 75th Anniversary of the Martyrdom of Conventual Franciscan Friar, St. Maximillian Kolbe, Our Lady of the Angels Province has scheduled a pilgrimage of a relic throughout the province in the U. S and Canada. The relic will be present at St. Francis of Assisi Parish Friday, May 13 through Sunday, May 15. Watch the bulletin for details concerning this pilgrimage.

Liturgical Reflection... During the Jubilee of Mercy, the Church is looking more closely at the Corporal & Spiritual Works of Mercy. During Lent the Diocese reflected on the Corporal Works of Mercy. Throughout the Easter Season, these inserts will review the six Spiritual Works of Mercy. Today we look at the Spiritual Work to **convert sinners**. God's Face is the Face of a Merciful Father Who is always patient. Mercy moves us to learn how to caution others by looking inward to see our own faults and opens ourselves to being cautioned by others. Merciful Christians refrain from judging. One of the best ways to caution sinners is to simply live convincingly ourselves. When situations arise at work, school, home, or the Parish in which it is possible to act selfishly, mercy moves us to act in a loving way. By our action we show others to love by the self-giving love of the merciful Easter Lord. Be Merciful, Bill Huebsch, Twenty-Third Publications, 2015, pgs. 13-14. *Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 S. Logan Blvd., Hollidaysburg, PA 16648.*

Stewardship Reflection... "As the Father has sent Me, so I send you" (John 20:21). This week, reflect on how Jesus sends you forth to use wisely your unique combination of God-given talents.

Families and the Gospel... April 3 – John 20:19-31 – Jesus connects PEACE and FORGIVENESS in today's Gospel. In our families we will only experience peace to the extent we forgive one another. Peace is purchased with the currency of forgiveness. When we allow our anger and pride to lock out others, we also lock out peace and harmony.

LAND OF PEACE – is a nonprofit organization with the mission of helping and supporting Christian families in the Holy Land through the Patriarch of Jerusalem. When anyone purchase handmade arts they help our mission and help the Christians in the Holy Land. Representatives from Land of Peace will be visiting St. Francis of Assisi the weekend of April 16 and 17.

Please know how grateful I am for your Easter generosity to me and your Easter remembrances. I am especially pleased to see how many of you were present for the Triduum celebrations on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. May the Lord Bless You always! fr. Anthony Francis

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK OR HOMEBOUND

Bill Babik, Rose Blaschak, 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), Sophie Regula, Carly Rice, Doug Rice, James Schuster, Joanna Stone, Carol Sobacky, 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**, 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, 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.

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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.

GNOCCI DINNER: at St. Anthony of Padua Church, Windber on Sunday, April 3 from 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM in the Church Hall. Adults - \$10, Children - \$5.00. Take-outs available!

SPAGHETTI DINNER & BASKET RAFFLE – Sunday, April 3 from 11:30AM until 3:00PM at the St. Clement Church Social Hall. Dinners are \$7/adults, \$4/children ages 5-10 and tickets may be purchased at the door. Children under 5/free. Benefits Cathedral Catholic Academy drama program and the upcoming musical production of *Wizard of Oz*. Take-out meals will be available. Please call CCA at 814-255-1964 for more information.

WEST END PICKERS/TRASH TO TREASURES Indoor Yard Sales, sponsored by the West End Improvement Group, Saturday, April 9 from 8AM – 1PM, St. Therese Social Hall on Decker Avenue. Get your Spring cleaning going and donate your items. Every little bit helps (would prefer no clothing, large appliances or furniture). Call 535-2499 or 539-0181 for pickup of your items or drop off at Friday, April 8. Proceeds from this sale go towards our projects and gardens, as well as purchasing more surveillance cameras.

OUR MOTHER OF SORROWS Concert Series will feature the vocal group “Joyful Notes” on Sunday, April 10 at 2:30PM in the Church. Joyful Notes is a women’s vocal trio that originated in Bedford, PA. Their style is a mix of gospel, traditional and contemporary Sacred Music. Come out and enjoy the beautiful voices of Joyful Notes!