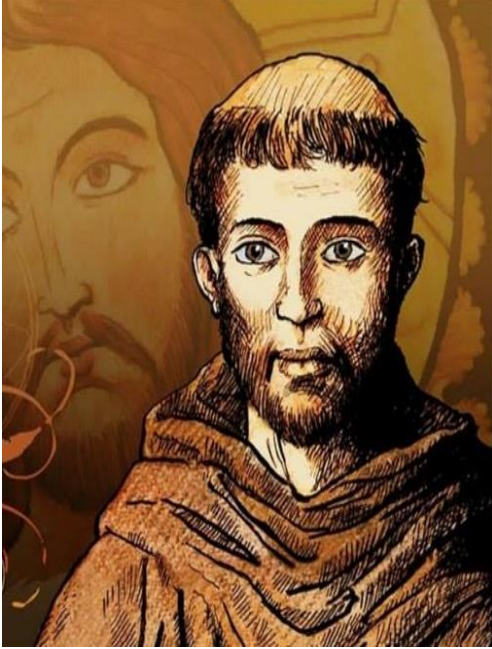


MARCH 27, 2016
The Resurrection of the Lord
THE FAITH COMMUNITY OF
ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

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. – 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

Saturday – 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 – 659-9781

Finance Council President – Robert Bimeal – 536-5114

Cemetery Council President - William Heim – 254-2942

Director of Religious Education – Carol Pisula – 254-1961

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.

Beginning on Monday, March 28 daily Mass will return to 8:00 am Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, Tuesday at 6:30 pm

PARISH OFFICE will be closed on Monday, March 28 and reopen on Tuesday, March 29.

ATTENTION: DIVINE MERCY NOVENA began on Good Friday, March 25 and will be prayed 15 *MINUTES BEFORE MASS AND ANY OTHER LITURGICAL EVENTS* until the Feast of Divine Mercy on Sunday, April 3.

FRIDAY, APRIL 1 is the First Friday of the month. Adoration will begin after the 8:00AM Mass and continue until 5:30PM. Signup sheets are in the vestibule of the Church. There should be at least two adorers present for each time slot. (This is also a matter of safety for the Blessed Sacrament – adorers adore and protect.)

MANY THANKS: to all who contributed in any way to the success of the Easter Egg Hunt, Seder Meal, Paska Bread Sale, Gob Sale and preparation of the Church for the Easter Season. The hard work and dedication of these committees is greatly appreciated. May God continue to Bless you for all you do for our Parish! **THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! YOU ARE GREAT!**

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 IN APRIL!!!* A profit of \$721.00 was realized from the Bake Sale held at the Fish Fries. May God Bless you for your generosity.



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.

RICE BOWLS –Please remember to return your Catholic Relief Services' Rice Bowls as soon as possible.

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 +M/M Albert Dadey, Sr. by James & Sue Ellen Dadey. **CANDLE BY THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS** will burn this week for +M/M Stephen J. Prebehalla by James & Sue Ellen Dadey. **CANDLE BY OUR LADY, QUEEN OF HEAVEN** will burn this week for God's blessings and quick recovery of Raymond Holtz by sister, Jeanne & Ray Toth.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR PARISH LAST WEEKEND: Loose - \$488.01; Adults - \$2,292.12; Children - \$33.00; Monthly -- \$247.00; Candles - \$372.50; Holy Thursday - \$37.00; Easter - \$140.00; Good Friday - \$42.00; Holy Day - \$6.00; Flowers - \$125.00; First Offering - \$5.00; Catholic Charities - \$25.00; Catholic Register - \$5.00; Total Collection: \$3817.63. Thank you for your continued generosity to the parish.

THANK YOU to all who have participated in the Annual Catholic Appeal. As of March 14, \$6,357.00 was pledged toward our goal of \$23,864.00 with 55 of 327 families contributing (17% 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

Friday, April 8 – Fish Fry – 11:00AM – 6:00PM

Sunday, April 17 – Volunteer Appreciation Party – Holy Hour – 3:00PM – 4:00PM, Dinner – 4:00PM

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. See the special insert of The Saint Anthony Companion.

Liturgical Reflection... The Lord Jesus died on the Cross, was buried in the tomb, and rose gloriously on the third day! God has acted in mercy towards His people. We are now people of the New Covenant which has been sealed by the Blood of the Lamb. As we stand today to renew our Baptismal Promises, we commit ourselves to be instruments of God's mercy and compassion. If we confess the Crucified to be the Risen Lord, then, especially in this Jubilee Year, we must live lives more fully centered in mercy. Jesus Christ is Risen! Alleluia! Our Easter joy is seen in our acts of mercy to others! *Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 S. Logan Blvd., Hollidaysburg, PA 16648.*

Stewardship Reflection... Rejoice and give thanks! The gift of Eternal Life is yours.

Families and the Gospel... March 27 – Luke 24:1-12 – Millions of Christians around the world celebrate the Resurrection today. It all began simply on the first Easter with one person telling another: “Mary told Peter” and “they believed.” Faith is passed one person to another; it is caught, not taught and parents are the most effective persons to pass Faith to their children.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK OR HOMEBOUND

Bill Babik, Rose Blaschak, Jean Chase, Sister Carol Jean Czyrnik, 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.

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, Wyo; **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.

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.

WINE FEST: St. Benedict Third Annual Grapes of Spring Wine Fest is on Saturday, April 2 from 7-10PM at the St. Benedict Gym. Wines by B&L Winery, Germantown Winery, Happy Valley Winery, and Starr Hill Winery. There are also vendors such as Kim's Sassy Sweets, Rieks, and more. Tickets are \$20 per person which includes a complimentary wine glass, light appetizers and music. For tickets please call 266-3837 or email toniclark@hol.com. You must be 21 to attend.

GNOCCHI 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.