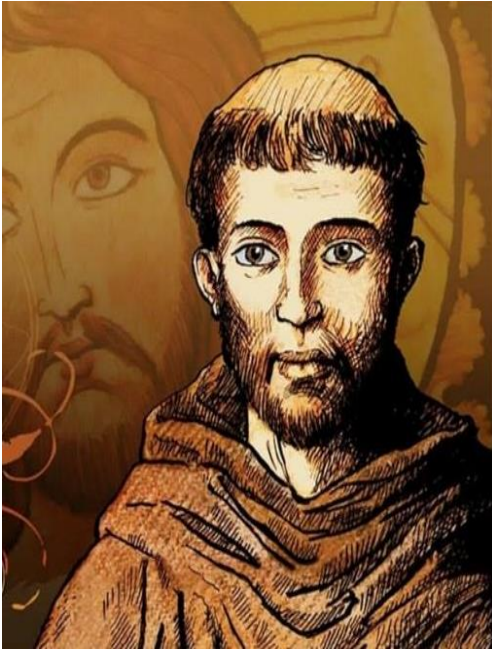


APRIL 10, 2016
Third Sunday of Easter
THE FAITH COMMUNITY OF
ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

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.

PLEASE KEEP in your prayers the family and friends of +Mary Lou Hodos who was laid to rest last week. Welcoming God, receive from our hands the loved ones we return to You.

THANK YOU to all who helped in any way with the Fish Fry last week. Your continued dedication is greatly appreciated.



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 this 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 this weekend 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. **CANDLE BY OUR LADY, QUEEN OF HEAVEN** will burn for God's blessings & return to good health for Michelle Maggs and Jeanne Toth by Ray Toth & family.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR PARISH LAST WEEKEND: Loose - \$320.23; Adults - \$1,940.01; Children - \$38.00; Monthly - \$710.01; Easter - \$325.00; Candles - \$426.25; Holy Thursday - \$15.00; Good Friday - \$15.00; Flowers - \$5.00; Missalettes - \$159.01; Misc. - \$169.79. Total Collection - \$4,123.30. Thank you for your continued generosity to the parish.

THANK YOU to all who have participated in the Annual Catholic Appeal. As of April 5, \$7,219.00 was pledged toward our goal of \$23,864.00 with 65 of 328 families contributing (20% 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

Sunday, April 17 – Volunteer Appreciation Party – Holy Hour – 3:00PM – 4:00PM, Dinner – 4:00PM
Tuesday, April 19 – Gob Icing – 7:00AM
Wednesday, April 20 – Pack Gobs – 6:00PM
Saturday, April 30 – First Eucharist Practice – 9:00AM, followed by breakfast
Sunday, May 1 – First Eucharist – 9:30AM Mass
Friday, May 13 – Fish Fry 11:00AM – 6:00PM
Friday, May 13 thru Sunday, May 15 – Relic 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... This Third Sunday of Easter, we look at the Spiritual Work of Mercy to instruct the ignorant or to **teach the uneducated**. Teaching the basics of life and the Faith is everyone's work, but it especially belongs to parents. Such parental teaching extends beyond religious instruction into all of life: how to relate with others; how to handle money; how to be generous, kind and loving toward neighbors; how to have a healthy sexuality; how to be morally upright; and how to listen to one's conscience in decision making. We teach mercy to each other in the coming and going of everyday life. When we live lives of integrity, we teach mercy. When we see injustice, selfishness, mean behavior, or dishonest activity, we teach those around us by our response. People see us turn the other cheek; do the honest thing; treat people with respect; and by watching us, they learn how to be merciful. Be Merciful, Bill Huebsch, Twenty-Third Publications, 2105, pgs. 9-10. *Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 S. Logan Blvd., Hollidaysburg, PA 16648.*



Stewardship Reflection... The Disciples caught an abundance of fish only with Jesus' help. May we recognize that everything in our "net" comes from God. Jesus sends us into the world to share these blessings with others.

Families and the Gospel... April 10 – John 21:1-19 – Jesus invited the Disciples to "Come and have breakfast." At this beach breakfast and the Last Supper, Jesus teaches us meals should be more than eating. Family meals are opportunities to share prayer, listen to each other's stories, understand and support one another.

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 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 Jarrad 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.

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!

BENEFIT SPAGHETTI DINNER/BASKET RAFFLE- Sunday, April 24, starting at Noon at St. Bartholomew Church Hall, Wilmore. Dinners are \$(/Adult, \$5/Children under 10. Takeout available. Baskets to be drawn at 4:00PM. Benefits Baby Patrick Munro, who at one month of age was diagnosed with retinoblastoma (cancer of the eye). He is currently in the middle of receiving laser treatments and chemotherapy once a month for 6 months.

SUPPORT CELEBRATE JOHNSTOWN by attending our Studio PM Guided Painting Fundraiser, Saturday, April 16, 6:30PM, St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 335 Locust St. "Spring Tulips", a great painting for all skill levels. This Painting Party Fundraiser will

include representatives from Pampered Chef and Nebula Formations by Jen (custom rhinestone jewelry). Come join us for a girls' night out of painting, food, jewelry and a lot of fun! Tickets are \$35 and are available by emailing us at celebratejohnstown@gmail.com or call 535-2499 or 539-0181.

50 DAYS FOR OUR DELIGHT: FOR CHRIST IS RISEN AS ALL THINGS
TELL . GOOD CHRISTIAN, SEE YE RISE AS WELL . 