

APRIL 17, 2016
Fourth 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

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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 +Frances Sakmar who was laid to rest last week. Welcoming God, receive from our hands the loved ones we return to You.



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 **for those who have indicated that they will attend.** 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.

THANK YOU to all who helped in any way with the Lenten Fish Fries. Profit for Lent: \$19,074.04! See you on May 13.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS the young people of the parish who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on Tuesday, April 19 at St. John Gualbert Cathedral: *Amanda Johns, Lana Lee, Rebecca Scarff, Alysia Stanton, Julius Thomas, Apryl Wincer.*

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 are available in the vestibule of the Church. Cost: \$2.00. Winning number based on the first pick three evening drawing of the PA Lottery. Your support is greatly appreciated.

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

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 purchases 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 this weekend.*

CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR PARISH LAST WEEKEND: Loose - \$241.42; Adults - \$2,457.01; Children - \$32.00; Monthly - \$94.00; Easter - \$40.00; Candles - \$73.00; Rice Bowls - \$40.00; Missalettes - \$22.00; Catholic Schools - \$288.02 Misc. - \$164.88. Total Collection - \$3,452.33. Thank you for your continued generosity to the parish.

THANK YOU to all who have participated in the Annual Catholic Appeal. As of April 11, \$7,319.00 was pledged toward our goal of \$23,864.00 with 66 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 – Confirmation – 7:00PM, St. John Gualbert Cathedral
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. Maximilian 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... On the Fourth Sunday of Easter we look at the Spiritual Work of **doubtful**. We practice this work of mercy when we offer assurance to those around us Faith, and other matters. Also, mercy moves us to seek out such assurance from a friend, director. This work of mercy moves us to help our fellow travelers on the journey of themselves oriented toward holiness. We have each been given a summons to love; it is This call is offered to everyone; learning to hear this summons and understand it is the doubtful. Like a shepherd Who watches over His flock, our loving Lord assures us of shepherd, we assure others of God's mercy. Be Merciful, Bill Huebsch, Twenty-Third pgs. 11-12. *Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 S. Logan Blvd., 16648.*



Mercy to **advise the** about life decisions, spouse, and spiritual Faith to keep our call to holiness. key to being less His mercy. Like the Publications, 2105, Hollidaysburg, PA

Stewardship Reflection... Placing our trust in Jesus puts us in direct opposition to many acceptable. We can take comfort, however, in the assurance to today's readings that the reward of Eternal Life is ours when we commit ourselves to be wise stewards and disciples of the Risen Lord.

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Families and the Gospel... April 17 – John 10:27-30 – Today's Gospel reminds us to be shepherds for our children who depend on us to be their guides and role models. Where are we leading them? When they "hear our voice" what message do they hear?

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Today's Readings: Acts 13:14, 43-52; Psalm 100:1-2, 3, 5; Revelation 7:9, 14b-17; John 10:27-30. Having been raised in the country near many farms, I know the demanding work that a farmer/shepherd must put in to keep the flock or herd healthy and safe. Like our story, the farmer knows the herd and the herd knows him. My Uncle Jack knew each of his cattle and could tell if one was missing. Similarly, we have come to know Christ in Baptism, and He intimately knows us. In Baptism, Jesus calls us to be heralds of justice and compassion. We hope that during Lent our reflection led us to listen more carefully and heed Jesus' invitation. Paul and Barnabas, members of the flock, heeded Jesus' call and went forth preaching. The First Reading tells us about the abuse and persecution they suffered on one trip. When we pay attention and listen to Jesus' call, we are obedient to His will and are faithful disciples. When you pray, what does Jesus ask of you and to what does He invite you? The beauty in all this is that Jesus calls us from all races and nations to bear witness to God's love. We are a diverse flock with many diverse gifts to share. We are one with each other as Jesus is one with His Father and the Holy Spirit. Today's Gospel affirms that no matter what, Jesus will care for us and protect us. We truly are His people and forever joined to Him. Engage in some active imagination with the image of resting in God's hand. What comforts you or challenges you in this image?

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PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK OR HOMEBOUND

Bill Babik, Rose Blaschak, 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 Sobbecky, 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, Wv; **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.

BENEFIT SPAGHETTI DINNER/BASKET RAFFLE- Sunday, April 24, starting at Noon at St. Bartholomew Church Hall, Wilmore. Dinners are \$(\$9.00/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.

GUN BASH: at Our Lady Queen of Angels Church (738 Sunshine Ave., Central City) on April 24 starting at 1:00 PM. Doors will be open at 12:30 PM. Cost of tickets is \$25.00. Guest tickets are available for \$15.00. Plenty of food, drinks, and opportunity for “walk around” guns, etc. For more information, please call the Rectory at 814-754-5224.

DO YOU NEED HELP getting some things done around your home? Perhaps you need some yard clean up, minor repairs, painting or help moving things for the spring cleaning days ahead. The Webster Springs mission team would like to help and at the same time allow you to help in the Mission Trip cause. Here is how it work: Contact Terry Dietz at 255-6757 and let him know that you need help with projects around your home. A member of the mission team will be in contact with you to schedule a date to get the work done. You supply the materials needed and the mission team will do the work. The only requirement is that in exchange for the work being done, that you make a donation to this year’s mission trip to help continue our work in Webster Springs. Projects can not involve plumbing, electrical or other items requiring permits.