

APRIL 24, 2016
Fifth 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 +Elsie Andreoni and +Jean Slezak who were laid to rest last week. Welcoming God, receive from our hands the loved ones we return to You.

BIBLE STUDY will conclude on Tuesday, April 26 from 3:30PM to 4:30PM in the Rectory. The final segment of the video will be presented. Thank you to Deacon Bruce for this enlightening experience...



CONGRATULATIONS to the children of the Parish who will be receiving Our Lord for the first time on Sunday, May 1. Members of the class include: *Jordan Burns, Makaila Burns, Eliot Deskevich, Haley Eckenrod, Sara Maggs, Kaley Migut and Cassidy Newman.*

THURSDAY, MAY 5 is the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord. Vigil Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, May 4 at 5:30PM. Mass on May 5 will be celebrated at 8:00AM and 5:30PM. This Feast is a Holy Day of Obligation for all Catholics.

FRIDAY, MAY 6 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.)

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES will end this Sunday, April 24. A world of gratitude is extended to all the teachers and aides who selflessly gave of their time and talent to instruct our children in the Faith. May God Bless you for your dedication. *Parents are once again reminded of their obligation to instruct their children, bring them to Mass at least weekly and encourage them to receive the Sacraments.*

THE NEXT FISH FRY will take place on Friday, May 13 from 11:00AM until 6:00PM. All help is greatly appreciated. This will be the last Fish Fry until September. Enjoy your summer!

THANK YOU to the Men's Club for the generous donation to the Parish for Easter and for the donation to help defray expenses for the Easter Egg Hunt. May God Bless you for your efforts on behalf of the Parish!

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 Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi by the Men's Club. **CANDLE BY OUR LADY, QUEEN OF HEAVEN** will burn for the repose of the soul of +Darl Teeter by Ray & Jeanne Toth & Family.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR PARISH LAST WEEKEND: Loose - \$400.14; Adults - \$3,243.01; Children - \$27.00; Monthly - \$109.00; Easter - \$160.00; Candles - \$132.44; Missalettes - \$3.00; Catholic Home Mission - \$2.00; Holy Land - \$3.00 Misc. - \$350.00. Total Collection - \$4,429.59. Thank you for your continued generosity to the parish.

THANK YOU to all who have participated in the Annual Catholic Appeal. As of April 19, \$7,419.00 was pledged toward our goal of \$23,864.00 with 67 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.



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. *A special welcoming service along with Veneration of the Relic and Benediction will take place on Friday, May 13 at 7:00PM. Plan to participate on this very special occasion for our Parish. Veneration of the Relic will also take place at all the weekend Masses*

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, April 30 – First Eucharist Practice – 9:00AM, followed by breakfast
Sunday, May 1 – First Eucharist – 9:30AM Mass
Wednesday, May 4 – Vigil of the Ascension of the Lord – Mass – 5:30PM
Thursday, May 5 – Feast of the Ascension of the Lord – Mass – 8:00AM, 5:30PM
Friday, May 13 – Fish Fry 11:00AM – 6:00PM
Friday, May 13– Welcoming of the Relic of St. Maximillian Maria Kolbe – 7:00PM
Monday, May 30 – Memorial Day – Mass – 10:00AM – St. Francis Cemetery (weather permitting)

Liturgical Reflection... This Fifth Week of Easter we look at the Spiritual Work of Mercy to **comfort the sorrowful**. In our lives we experience sadness and sorrow, difficulty and affliction. Through all the twists and turns of life, Christians are called to be a merciful presence to one another. Mercy moves us to pay attention to those around us. We console one another and stand firm with each other. The secret to this Work of Mercy is to give of our time. Do you know someone who has lost a loved one recently or several months ago? Do you know someone who has suffered a tragedy? Take time to make a visit or call them. Your presence will be a merciful comfort. Mercy moves us away from judgment and toward sympathy and compassion; it does not question what went wrong but simply and lovingly reaches out to help. Be Merciful, Bill Huebsch, Twenty-Third Publications, 2105, pgs. 17-19. *Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 S. Logan Blvd., Hollidaysburg, PA 16648.*



Stewardship Reflection... "This is how you will know that you are My Disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:35). How can you respond to Jesus this week by giving of your time, talent, and treasure?

Families and the Gospel... April 24 – John 13:31-33a, 34-35 – In today's Gospel Jesus tell us: "Love one another." Love holds a family together. It is not what a family does which makes it outstanding, rather it is what it has, love for one another.

ON TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 2016, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place after the 12:05 p.m. Mass until 6:50 p.m. at Saint Benedict Parish, 2310 Bedford Street, Johnstown. Mass will also be celebrated at 7:00 p.m. Adoration and Mass will be offered for the healing of victims of abuse, healing for our Diocese, and for the protection of all people, especially children. All are invited to offer prayers before the Blessed Sacrament and/or to attend Mass.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK OR HOMEBOUND

Bill Babik, Rose Blaschak, 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 Sobecky, 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, 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.

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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.

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.

WIZARD OF OZ- Cathedral Catholic Academy Drama Club will present the musical, *Wizard of Oz* at 7:00PM on Friday, May 20 and Saturday, May 21 at Bishop McCort Catholic High School. Adults: \$6 and students grades 1-12: \$4. Children kindergarten and under are free. Tickets are available at the door.

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.