

**MAY 1, 2016**  
*Sixth 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.



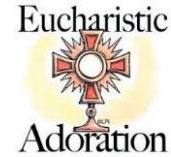
**GOD’S BLESSINGS** on the children of the Parish who will be receiving Our Lord for the first time on Sunday, May 1 at the 9:30AM Mass. Members of the class include: *Jordan Burns, Makaila Burns, Eliot Deskevich, Haley Eckenrod, Sara Maggs, Kaley Migut and Cassidy Newman.*

**ROSARY SOCIETY** - All are invited to take part in recitation of the Rosary and Benediction on Sunday, May 1 at 2:00PM.

**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.

**MONTHLY MEETING** of the Men’s Club will be held on Thursday, May 5 at 7:00PM in the Activity Center. Members are reminded to return all ticket stubs at this meeting. New members all always welcome.

**FRIDAY, MAY 6** is the First Friday of the month. Adoration will begin after the 8:00AM until 5:30PM. A signup sheet is in the vestibule of the Church. There should be at least two each time slot. (This is also a matter of safety for the Blessed Sacrament – adorers adore and



Mass and continue adorers present for protect.)

**ST. FRANCIS MEN’S CLUB** will be accepting donations for carnations on Mother’s Day at all Masses. Proceeds will benefit the Gabriel Project. May God Bless you for your support of this ministry.

weekend, May 7 & 8

**THE NEXT FISH FRY** will take place on Friday, May 13 from 11:00AM until 6:00PM. All help is greatly appreciated. We will once again accept donations of baked goods for the Fish Fry. Donations may be brought to the Activity Center on Thursday or Friday morning. This will be the last Fish Fry until September. Enjoy your summer! Profit for the April Fish Fry: \$2,478.75.

**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.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** has been scheduled for Monday, July 11 through Friday, July 15. Watch the bulletin for more details and registration information.

**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 In Memory of All Cancer Patients and Survivors. **CANDLE BY SACRED HEART OF JESUS** will burn for +Elizabeth Dadey by son, Jim & Sue Ellen Dadey.

**CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR PARISH LAST WEEKEND:** Loose - \$426.75; Adults - \$2,778.16; Children - \$28.00; Monthly - \$23.00; Candles - \$68.50; Missalettes - \$11.00; Catholic Home Mission - \$209.00; Misc. - \$500.00. Total Collection - \$3,844.41. Thank you for your continued generosity to the parish.

**THANK YOU** to all who have participated in the Annual Catholic Appeal. As of April 26, \$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](http://www.dioceseaj.org).

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- 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 6 – All day adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- 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)
- Monday, July 11 thru Friday, July 15 – Vacation Bible School



**COMING IN MAY:** In commemoration of the 75<sup>th</sup> 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.*

*Liturgical Reflection...* On this Sixth Sunday of Easter we look at the Spiritual Work of Mercy to **bear wrongs patiently**. Believers are called to be patient with those who annoy us and trespass against us. If it were not for Christ's Death and Resurrection, we would just as soon strike back at our trespassers and get even with those who have hurt us or those we love. The virtue of patience grounds us to endure hardships and turn to the merciful Lord for strength. By bearing our wrongs we witness to God's mercy. Christ patiently endured His suffering and Death on the Cross – from the Cross has come the source of all mercy, Jesus Christ. So the next time we are ready to respond in like fashion with a cruel word or harsh action, remember to patiently bear the wrong that has come your way. Your example of mercy will be a true witness as a Disciple of Christ. Be Merciful, Bill Huebsch, Twenty-Third Publications, 2015, pgs. 14-16. *Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 S. Logan Blvd., Hollidaysburg, PA 16648.*



*Stewardship Reflection...* "When we accept our lives as sheer gifts, the Spirit can use us as instruments for spreading the Gospel." [Stewardship: A Disciple's Response – 10<sup>th</sup> Anniv. Ed.; USCCB, 2002]

*Families and the Gospel* – May 1 – John 14:23-29 – Jesus gives us this advice today: "Do not let your hearts be troubled." Worry and anxiety can consume our lives preventing us from seeing the love which surrounds us and binds us to one another. Don't miss the forest for the trees. We are living today what we worried about yesterday.

**BISHOP MARK** will preside at three Diocesan prayer services for healing. All victims of abuse and their families, as well as the faithful of Altoona-Johnstown, are invited to join the Bishop in prayer for those who have been harmed. The schedule of services is as follows:

- May 16 at 7:00 p.m. – Saint Andrew Parish, 1621 Ferndale Avenue, Johnstown
- May 17 at 7:00 p.m. – Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, Altoona
- May 19 at 7:00 p.m. – Our Lady of Victory Parish, 820 Westerly Parkway, State College

Each prayer service will include Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Evening Prayer, and a homily. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will also be available.

**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 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> Class Maxwell Schutte**, F. E. Warren, WY; **Sgt. Bryan Maxwell Porath**, **1<sup>st</sup> Lt Aaron Donahey**, US Army, Fort Bliss, El Paso, Texas; **Petty Officer 1<sup>st</sup> 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, 193<sup>rd</sup> Special Operations Wing; **Lt. Col Steven Thomas**, USAF, deploying to the Middle East; **2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Colin Harrington**, US Army, Bethesda, MD; **2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**IN THIS JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY**, Pope Francis is calling Teens and Young Adults to return to their Faith and embrace the Catholic Church once again. Bishop Mark Bartchak and Sister Linda LaMagna CCW are inviting Teens and Young adults to join with them for a Holy Hour of Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament to prayerfully experience God Calling their hearts. This invitation to return will be held on **Thursday, May 12, 2016**, at **St. Clement Church**, located at 114 Lindberg Ave., Johnstown, Pa. from **6:00 – 7:00 p.m.** A Social time with refreshments will follow the Holy Hour and also provide a time for individuals to talk with either Bishop Mark or Sr. Linda if they desire. For more information, contact Sr. Linda LaMagna CCW @ 814-674-3712.

**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.

**ST. FRANCIS CHURCH GABRIEL PROJECT** Pro Life Catholic Outreach Ministry: "Bring Your Own Stuff Garage Sale!" St. Francis Church Activity Hall. Earn Some Extra Summer Cash and Help Our Babies too! Saturday, June 4, 2016, 8am-1pm; rent a Table for \$15, profits are yours, public vendors are welcome! Set up Day is Friday June 3, 2016; plus 1 Vendor will have a chance to win a \$15 Sheetz Gift Card on Sale Day! Call Stephanie, Gabriel Project Coordinator at 814-254-2211 - Tables Rent Fast! Food /Drinks Will also be sold; there will also be an in *The Tribune Democrat!* Free Parking, No Steps!