

MAY 15, 2016

Pentecost

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.

GOB ICING – Help is needed to make Gob icing on Monday, May 23 and Tuesday, May 24 beginning at 7:00AM. Gobs will be packed on Wednesday, May 25 at 6:00PM. All help is greatly appreciated.

WE WILL HONOR our graduates from 8th grade, High School and college at the 9:30AM Mass on Sunday, June 12. Please use the signup sheet in the vestibule if you are planning to attend or wish to be acknowledged even if not attending the Mass in honor of graduates.

THANK YOU to all who helped in any way with the Fish Fry last week. Your dedication is greatly appreciated. The next Fish Fry is scheduled for Friday, September 9. Have a great summer!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL MEETING for those who would like to assist will take place on Thursday, May 19 at 3:00PM in the Rectory. Vacation Bible School has been scheduled for Monday, July 11 through Friday, July 15.



MEMORIAL DAY Mass will be celebrated at 10:00AM at St. Francis Cemetery. Please bring a lawn chair. In case of inclement weather Mass will be held in the Church.



GOB SALE – Saturday, May 28 from 9:00AM until 12Noon just in time for your Memorial Day Picnic!

SANCTUARY CANDLE will burn this week for Living & Deceased of the Rosary Society by Rosary Society. **CANDLE BY OUR LADY, QUEEN OF HEAVEN** will burn for +Raymond John Holtz by sister, Jeanne Ann & Ray Toth & Family.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR PARISH LAST WEEKEND: Loose - \$472.50; Adults - \$2,431.01; Children - \$20.00; Monthly - \$112.00; Candles - \$141.25; Missalettes - \$21.00; Mother's Day - \$628.90; Holy Day - \$863.32; St. Vincent DePaul - \$5.00; Misc. – 485.44. Total Collection - \$5,180.42. Thank you for your continued generosity to the parish.

OUR THANKS to the Independent Catholic Foundation. They awarded our Parish a grant of \$500.00 that we will use for tuition assistance for a student attending Bishop McCort Catholic High School. The Foundation located in Altoona supports the ministries of our Diocese. They also work with families who want to include our Parish or favorite Catholic ministry in their estate planning. Information can be found at www.icfdaj.org or at 814-201-2080.

THANK YOU to all who have participated in the Annual Catholic Appeal. As of May 10, \$8,499.00 was pledged toward our goal of \$23,864.00 with 71 of 328 families contributing (22% 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.



PIE SALE – We are now taking orders for a Pie Sale to be held in June. The pies are prepared by The Pie Shoppe in Laughlintown, PA. They are also offering Cinnamon Rolls, Pumpkin Rolls and Snails in addition to pies. Order forms were included with the bulletin last week and additional forms are available in the vestibule or by contacting the Parish Office. Order forms **along with payment** are due in the Parish Office Monday, June 13 (NO ORDERS ACCEPTED after June 13). Orders may be dropped in the collection basket at all Masses. Pies may be picked up at the Activity Center on Thursday, June 23 from 11:00AM until 6:00PM. Plan to take part in this "easy as pie" fundraiser!

THANK YOU to the Men's Club for the Mother's Day Tribute. What a beautiful celebration on honor of Mothers.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, May 19 – Vacation Bible School Meeting – 3:00PM in the Rectory
Monday, May 23 – Gob Icing – 7:00AM
Tuesday, May 24 – Gob Icing – 7:00AM
Wednesday, May 25 – Pack Gobs – 6:00PM
Saturday, May 28 – Gob Sale – 9:00AM – 12Noon
Monday, May 30 – Memorial Day – Mass – 10:00AM – St. Francis Cemetery (weather permitting)
Sunday, June 12 – Graduate Recognition Mass – 9:30AM
Thursday, June 23 – Pie Pick up – 11:00AM until 6:00PM
Monday, July 11 thru Friday, July 15 – Vacation Bible School



Liturgical Reflection... On this Pentecost Sunday and the close of the Easter Season, we look at the last Spiritual Work of Mercy to pray for the living and dead. It is the Holy Spirit that leads us to prayer. And prayer leads us to tend to and care for the Body of Christ with tremendous mercy. This work requires a quiet heart and the ability to recall those around us, both living and dead, and to hold them simply before the Lord. We bring to mind the people we encounter: friends, family, neighbors, coworkers, even strangers we encounter while traveling, shopping, or walking. We believe we can help those who have died with prayers of mercy. Our prayer brings that person in the presence of the mercy of God. Easter time comes to an end, and our Spiritual Works of Mercy continue throughout our lives. Be Merciful, Bill Huebsch, Twenty-Third Publications, 2015, pages 19-20. Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 S. Logan Blvd., Hollidaysburg, PA 16648.

Stewardship Reflection... "Holy Spirit is the fire of Jesus. The Spirit, the first gift of the Risen Christ to His people, gives us both the ability to receive the Gospel of Jesus and, in response, the power to proclaim it" (Go and Makes Disciples – Tenth Anniversary Edition; USCCB; 2002).

Families and the Gospel - May 15 – John 14:15-16, 23-26 – Today’s Gospel tells us God actually wants to take up residence in your family, “We will come and make our home with you.” Every family is called to be a tabernacle where God dwells. Is Jesus a permanent member of your family or a temporary guest? Today the promise is given. The choice is ours.

BISHOP MARK will preside at a Diocesan prayer service 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. May 16 at 7:00 p.m. – Saint Andrew Parish, 1621 Ferndale Avenue, Johnstown. The prayer service will include Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Evening Prayer, and a homily. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will also be available.

WE EXTEND A WARM WELCOME to all those who are joining us this weekend for the pilgrimage of the Relic of St. Maximilian Kolbe. May God keep you safe in your travels.

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, WY; Sgt. Bryan Maxwell Porath, Captain 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.

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!

OUTDOOR SUMMER MASSES – Fr. John D. Byrnes, Rector, and the Parish Family of St. Michael the Archangel Basilica, Loretto, invite the faithful to join us each Sunday at 7:00PM for the outdoor Sunday Mass at the beautiful Shrine of Our Lady of the Alleghenies in Loretto. The first Mass of the season will be celebrated on Sunday, May 29, 2016, and will continue through Labor Day Weekend, September 4, 2016. Please bring a lawn chair. In the event of inclement weather, the Mass will be held on the Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel.

