

**MAY 29, 2016**  
*The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)*  
**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.

**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.

**PARISH OFFICE** will be CLOSED on Monday, May 30 for the Memorial Day Holiday.

**FRIDAY, JUNE 3** is the First Friday of the month. *Adoration will begin after the 8:00AM Mass and continue until 3:00PM. Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed at 3:00PM followed by Benediction. There will NOT be Confession at 5:00PM and NO MASS at 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.)

**WE WILL HONOR** our graduates from 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** has been scheduled for Monday, July 11 through Friday, July 15. The theme this year will center around the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. Registration forms are now available in the vestibule.



**SANCTUARY CANDLE** will burn this week for +Agnes Guzzi by Helen Curcio & Family. **CANDLE BY OUR LADY, QUEEN OF HEAVEN** will burn for Successful Surgery for Jeanne Toth by Husband Ray Toth and Family.

**CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR PARISH LAST WEEKEND:** Loose - \$374.66; Adults - \$2,362.02; Children - \$30.00; Monthly - \$15.00; Candles - \$115.83; St. Vincent de Paul - \$45.00; Holy Day - \$4.00; Pentecost - \$272.00; Cemetery - \$15.00; Misc. - \$175.00. Total Collection - \$3,408.51. Thank you for your continued generosity to the parish.

**THANK YOU** to all who have participated in the Annual Catholic Appeal. As of May 24, \$8,659.00 was pledged toward our goal of \$23,864.00 with 73 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](http://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!

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

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...* Today is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. Throughout the Catholic world, Christians gather to commemorate the great Sacrament of our Faith. At Mass bread and wine become the very Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. Our hungers are satisfied and our thirsts quenched with the compassion and mercy of God. And having gathered to participate at Mass, we are sent forth to share the Good News of God's great love for us. We leave Mass to share the strength, the love, and the mercy of God. This Jubilee Year of Mercy, filled with the graces of the Blessed Sacrament, go forth and share God's forgiveness and mercy with others. *Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 S. Logan Blvd., Hollidaysburg, PA 16648.*

*Stewardship Reflection...* Take note that the Faith community in today's Gospel ended up with a surplus after everyone shared their gifts in Jesus' name.

*Families and the Gospel* – May 29 – Luke 9:11b-17 – Today Jesus teaches we will find abundance by sharing the little we have. No matter how little time, money or food we have, it is enough to share.

**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.

### **ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI MEMORIAL BRICK PAVER PROJECT**

A permanent display of paver stones is being proposed to serve as a memorial for the loved ones of the St. Francis of Assisi Parish community. This landscaped memorial will be located at the Main Entrance to our Church in the currently landscaped island at the corner of "D" Street and Barron Avenue. This memorial area will contain over 800 engraveable 6" x 9" brick pavers and shrubbery. This project will truly commemorate those individuals who have served our parish and honor those loved ones that we have lost from our community.

Before we can proceed, it is necessary to know the support that we will receive from the parishioners that are interested in participating. This project is only feasible if there is support from our parishioners.

The cost of each brick paver is \$40.00 for the initial installation. Should you decide to participate after the installation of the bricks have begun, the cost will increase to \$75.00 to cover the labor to return and replace the brick pavers. Please complete the form included with the bulletin last week and return it to the Parish Office.

Please do not include payment at this time, as this is only a commitment form. Should we receive a commitment of 400 bricks for this project we will proceed and you will be notified by the Parish Office and payment arrangements can be made at that time. Commitment forms need to be returned to the church office by Sunday June 19, 2016. *Additional forms are available in the vestibule, at the Parish Office or on the Parish website.*

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK OR HOMEBOUND**

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 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 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, Wyo; **Sgt. Bryan Maxwell Porath**, **Captain 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; Deployed to Africa; **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; **Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class 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.

**HOLY FAMILY PARISH, PORTAGE, FIRST ANNUAL WINE TASTING EVENT** – Saturday, June 4 from 7PM – 10PM in the Parish Social Hall at 509 Caldwell Ave., Portage. Wine tasting, sales, food and merchandise. \$20 ticket includes wine bag and wine glass and food. \$10 ticket for designated driver. Must be 21 years of age or older. Valid ID required. No outside coolers, food or alcohol permitted. No refunds. For tickets and more information please contact Janet at 487-5106.

**ST. CLARE OF ASSISI FESTIVAL:** Woodvale, will hold its annual festival June 4 & 5. Hours on Saturday are from 5PM until 10PM and Sunday from Noon until 10PM. A spaghetti dinner will be served Sunday beginning at 11AM until 5PM. The festival features live music, Church tours, outdoor kitchen, Italian cookies and Frita Pitas, basket raffles, a \$1,000.00 drawing Sunday night, and much more.

**RESURRECTION PARISH** – 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Summerfest on Sunday, June 12 at the Picnic Grove in Tanneryville. The festival will begin with Mass at 10:30AM and conclude at 9:00PM. Music: 1PM-4PM – Ribbon Grass; 5PM – 9PM – Flood City Brass. Ethnic food, roasted lamb, bake sale, bar. There will be games of chance and much more.

**ST. PATRICK CHURCH FESTIVAL** – 609 Park Avenue, Friday, June 10 from 6PM - 10PM, Saturday, June 11 from 5PM – 10PM, Sunday, June 12 from 12PM – 7PM. Come enjoy great food, basement sale, bake sale, bingo, games, baskets, craft booth. Raffle tickets for cash prizes: \$500, \$450, \$400, \$350.