

MAY 8, 2016
Seventh 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.



COMING NEXT WEEK: 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. *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.*

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS the family and friends of +Louis Fabina who was laid to rest last week. Welcoming God, receive from our hands the loved ones we return to You.

ST. FRANCIS MEN'S CLUB will be accepting donations for carnations on Mother's Day weekend, May 7 & 8 at all Masses. Proceeds will benefit the Gabriel Project. May God Bless you for your support of this ministry.

MOTHER'S DAY TREAT sponsored by the Men's Club will be held in the Activity Center following the 7:30 & 9:30AM Masses this Sunday. Door prizes will be given away. All are invited to attend.

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.

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.

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.

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 Mothers: Marion Torchia & Mary Cononie by Children, Joseph & Paulette Torchia. **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 Health of Rose Trapanotto by Family.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR PARISH LAST WEEKEND: Loose - \$333.60; Adults - \$2,478.01; Children - \$29.00; Monthly - \$550.01; Candles - \$132.75; Missalettes - \$188.26; Catholic Home Mission - \$21.00.; Mother's Day - \$100.00. Total Collection - \$3,832.63. Thank you for your continued generosity to the parish.

THANK YOU to all who have participated in the Annual Catholic Appeal. As of April 30, \$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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, May 13 – Fish Fry 11:00AM – 6:00PM
 Friday, May 13– Welcoming of the Relic of St. Maximilian Maria Kolbe – 7:00PM
 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

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 are included with the bulletin 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). 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!





Liturgical Reflection... On the Seventh Sunday of Easter we look at the Spiritual Work of Mercy to **forgive injuries**. A follower of Christ is called not only to forgive, but to forgive generously. This act of mercy can be extremely challenging. Forgiveness is a divine gift rooted in the mercy of God. From a human perspective forgiveness can sometimes be more than challenging. Hurt and anger sometimes lead to thoughts of revenge and hate. On the Cross, Jesus forgave His trespassers. To those who hurt us and offend us, we offer mercy. To those who show no remorse or accept no responsibility for causing injury, we offer mercy. Many times we must turn to the Lord of mercy to forgive the injuries we ourselves have caused. May the Easter Christ gift us with mercy to forgive those who cause hurt and injury. *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... May you allow Jesus to serve others through the sharing of your time, abilities, and resources. [*Stewardship: A Disciple's Response – 10th Anniv. Ed.; USCCB, 2002*]

Families and the Gospel – May 8 – John 17:20-26 – Jesus speaks of unity, not uniformity. With uniformity everything is the same. Unity requires recognition and reconciliation of difference. How do you reconcile differences in your home? Do you listen respectfully or do you try to manipulate or impose your opinion? The seeds of unity and division are in every family. What we sow, we reap. What is your family harvest?

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 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.

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 Rován 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.

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!