JUNE 12, 2016 11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

Fax: 814 - 539-5888

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.

WE WILL HONOR our graduates from 8th grade, High School and college at the 9:30AM Mass on Sunday, June 12. This year's honorees include: Ashely Delic, Andrew Konieczny, Alexis LaBuda, Bishop McCort Catholic High School, Jacklin Scarff, Greater Johnstown High School, Emily Sauro, Cathedral Catholic Academy, Christian Grandinetti, Our Mother of Sorrows. God's' Blessings as you begin the next chapter in your lives.

FATHER'S DAY TRIBUTE sponsored by the Men's Club will take place in the Activity Center on Sunday, June 19 after the 7:30AM and 9:30AM Masses. Door prizes will be given away. All are invited to attend.

IN PREPARATION for the Gob Sale on Saturday, July 2, icing will be made on Tuesday, June 28 beginning at 7:00AM. Gobs will be packed on Wednesday, June 29 at 6:00PM. If anyone would like to donate soda or water for the workers, please drop off your donation at the Activity Center Monday thru Friday from 8:00AM - 12Noon.

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. **DEADLINE FOR SIGNUP: SUNDAY, JUNE 26.**

SANCTUARY CANDLE will burn this week for Living and Deceased Members of the Rosary Society by Rosary Society.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR PARISH LAST WEEKEND: Loose - \$355.00; Adults - \$2,045.02; Children - \$21.00; Monthly - \$708.01; Candles - \$90.06; St. Vincent de Paul - \$115.00; Holy Day - \$7.00; Cemetery - \$30.00; Pentecost - \$7.00; Mother's Day - \$5.00; Father's Day - \$40.00; Catholic Communications - \$116.00; Peter's Pence - \$20.00; Missalettes - \$20.00; Misc. - \$219.79. Total Collection - \$3,968.88. Thank you for your continued generosity to the parish.

THANK YOU to all who have participated in the Annual Catholic Appeal. As of June 7, \$8,768.44 was pledged toward our goal of \$23,864.00 with 74 of 328 families contributing (23% 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, June 19 - Father's Day Tribute - after 7:30AM & 9:30AM Mass

Thursday, June 23 – Pie Pick up – 11:00AM until 6:00PM

Saturday, July 2 – Gob Sale – 9:00AM – 12Noon

Monday, July 11 thru Friday, July 15 – Vacation Bible School

PLEASE JOIN the 2016 Public Square Rosary for Marriage Crusade in support of Traditional Marriage. We must ask God to save America through the Rosary of His Most Holy Mother and through the intercession of St. Joseph. Please join us in praying for our nation on Saturday, June 25 at 12Noon at the former St. Columba Church on Broad St. Please contact Paulette Torchia at 814-255-1801 for more information.

Liturgical Reflection... There was a sinful woman who learned that Jesus was at table in a certain Pharisee's house. Bringing a flask of ointment, she stood behind Him as His feet weeping and began to bathe His feet with her tears. We have been given an example of forgiveness when Jesus says to her, "Your sins are forgiven." Forgiveness and mercy lead us to be more loving. When we show forgiveness we show the Face of God. This Jubilee Year of Mercy may we be open to the varied opportunities to offer forgiveness and mercy to those who trespass against us. We pray to be instruments of God's mercy. Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 S. Logan Blvd., Hollidaysburg, PA 16648.

Stewardship Reflection... Following the lead of David and the woman in the Gospel, you can be a steward of your Faith by reconciling yourself with God and others through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Families and the Gospel – June 12 – Luke 7:36-50 – Jesus sat down for a meal and was caught between the weeping woman and the indignant Pharisee. Why is it tough issues always pop up at meals? No wonder we need antacids! Jesus focused on the positives, offering forgiveness to the woman and understanding to the Pharisee.

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI MEMORIAL BRICK PAVER PROJECT – LIVING AND DECEASED

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 along with anyone you would like to recognize, living or deceased.

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 that was included with the bulletin a few weeks ago 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.*

YEAR OF MERCY SUMMER ROAD TRIPS!

What better way to spend a summer afternoon as a "pilgrim" visiting three churches celebrating their 200th Anniversary founded by our own saint-in-progress, Servant of God, Reverend Demetrius Gallitzin. Plan to take a Sunday drive to Holy Name, Ebensburg, St. Patrick, Newry, and St. Thomas the Apostle, Bedford, the designated sites for the Holy Doors of the Jubilee of Mercy.

Prayer times have been scheduled at all three churches on June 12, June 26, July 10, July 24, August 14 and August 28. Prayers will be led in half hour intervals from 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM, beginning at 1:30 PM. You may even want to include a visit to St. Michael of the Archangel Basilica, Loretto the site of the tomb of Father Gallitzin to top off your day! An added bonus is an opportunity to grow spiritually and gain a Plenary Indulgence of the Church during this special time.

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.

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 Rovan 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; Deployed to Africa; 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; Airman 1st 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.

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.

RESURRECTION PARISH – 7th 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, 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.

ST. THERESE 69TH ANNUAL SUMMER FESTIVAL – Friday, June 17 from 7:00PM – 10:30PM, Saturday, 18 from 5:00PM – 10:30PM, Sunday, June 19 from 1:00PM – 10:30PM on Church grounds, Upper Decker Avenue. Come enjoy the rides, games, prizes, themed basket chances, ethnic foods and music. On Sunday – Spaghetti Dinner 11:00AM – 3:00PM. Cash drawing at 10:00PM and at 10:30PM enjoy a spectacular Fireworks display.

GROOVIN' AT THE GROVE sponsored by Resurrection Parish at the Picnic Grove in Tanneryville. Each Groovin' will start with an Outdoor Mass at 5:30PM, food will be available after Mass. Music from 7:00PM – 10:00PM. June 18/Ground Zero, July 9/Boomer, August 13/Flood City Brass.