

JUNE 19, 2016
12TH 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
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.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS the family & friends of +Anna Ruth Thomas who was laid to rest last week. Anna is the mother of Fr. Alan Thomas, Vicar General of the Diocese. Welcoming God, receive from our hands the loved ones we return to You.

NOTE: Due to work being done in the main vestibule of the Church, the main entrance to the Church will be CLOSED this week and possibly next weekend. Please use the entrances on Barron Avenue and D St. Thank you for your cooperation.



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.

PARISH OFFICE will be open from 9:00AM until 12Noon from Monday, June 27 through Thursday, June 30. Please limit phone calls and visits to that time frame. Thank you for your cooperation.

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.

FRIDAY, JULY 1 is the First Friday of the month. Adoration will begin after the 8:00AM Mass and continue until 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.)

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 In Loving Memory of +Don Havers by Wife, Alice. **CANDLE BY OUR LADY, QUEEN OF HEAVEN** will burn this week for the Birthday of Agnes Sciullo. **CANDLE BY THE SACRED HEART** will burn for Good Health of Jeanne & Ray Toth & Family.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR PARISH LAST WEEKEND: Loose - \$309.25; Adults - \$2,593.01; Children - \$29.00; Monthly - \$116.00; Candles - \$114.14; St. Vincent de Paul - \$20.00; Cemetery - \$5.00; Pentecost - \$5.00; Father's Day - \$190.00; Catholic Communications - \$42.00; Missalettes - \$5.00. Total Collection - \$3,428.40. Thank you for your continued generosity to the parish.

THANK YOU to all who have participated in the Annual Catholic Appeal. As of June 14, \$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 –has been cancelled due to lack of interest. Thank you to all those who wanted to participate. All payments will be refunded.

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~~ **CANCELLED** 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, June 19 – Father's Day Tribute – after 7:30AM & 9:30AM Mass
Saturday, July 2 – Gob Sale – 9:00AM – 12Noon
Monday, July 11 thru Friday, July 15 – Vacation Bible School
Sunday, August 14 – Annual Parish Picnic at ACRP Picnic Grounds in Tanneryville – Mass at 12Noon

*Liturgical Reflection...*How do you answer Jesus' question, "Who do you say that I am?" Our answers are known more by how we live than by words alone. So the question today may be, "Who do people say that you are?" Do they see Christ clearly enough to answer, "One of the Baptized"? Can people see that we take up our cross to live the values of the Gospel? When people see us do they see the compassion, the love, and the mercy of God? This Jubilee Year we are invited to refrain from judgment and to live the mercy of God. Is there someone you need to offer mercy to this week? *Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 S. Logan Blvd., Hollidaysburg, PA 16648.*

*Stewardship Reflection...*Being a disciple is not just something else to do, alongside many other things suitable for Christians, it is a total way of life and requires continuing conversion. (Stewardship: A Disciple's Response)

*Families and the Gospel...*June 19 – Lk 9:18-24 – In today's Gospel Jesus asked "Who do people say I am?" We are often misunderstood. And at times we even misrepresent ourselves and get away with being who we aren't. In our family we are known, accepted and loved for who we really are. Today we honor dads for who they really are in our lives.

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. **WE NEED AT LEAST 100 MORE BRICKS TO MAKE THIS PROJECT FEASIBLE. THE DEADLINE HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO SUNDAY, JUNE 26, 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 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 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; 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.

ST. THERESE 69TH ANNUAL SUMMER FESTIVAL –Saturday, June 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, July 9/Boomer, August 13/Flood City Brass.

QUO VADIS DAYS – or “Where are you going”, is a retreat for single Catholic men ages 18 & up. It is a retreat that covers talks on prayer, discernment, marriage, priesthood, and religious life while offering a lot of time for recreation and prayer. This retreat will be held at St. Francis University in Loretto, Sunday, July 17 through Wednesday, July 20. For more information and an application form please contact Fr. Matthew Reese at 814-695-5579, ext. 2681 or Fr. Benedict Jurchak, TOR at 814-419-8889.

THE CHURCH lovingly desires to walk with and support families who are struggling with infertility or who have lost a child through miscarriage and early infant death recently or in the past. The Diocese invites all of those who are experiencing this heartbreak to celebrate a Mass of Healing and Remembrance with Bishop Mark. The Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, July 14 at 6:30PM at Holy Name Church, 500 North Julian, St., and Ebensburg, PA. A light reception will follow. Reservations are appreciated by July 12. Contact the Family Life Office at 814-886-5551; email familylife@dioceseaj.org.