

JUNE 26, 2016
13TH 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.

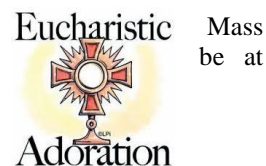
PLEASE NOTE: Mass on Monday, July 4 will be celebrated at **9:00AM**. The Parish Office will be closed for the Holiday.

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.

THANK YOU to the Men's Club for the tribute to Fathers last weekend and for your assistance in painting the convent garage. May God Bless you for all you do!

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 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.**



ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH PICNIC – will take place on Sunday, August 14 at ACRP Picnic Grounds in Tanneryville. The day will begin with Mass at Noon followed by lunch. All food and beverages will be provided at no charge but we do ask that a dessert be brought to share. There will be games for the children and activities for the adults. To properly prepare for this event, we are requesting that if you are interested in attending, that you please use the signup sheet provided in the vestibule.

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

CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR PARISH LAST WEEKEND: Loose - \$376.00; Adults - \$2,434.51; Children - \$23.00; Monthly - \$54.00; Candles - \$115.47; St. Vincent de Paul - \$15.00; Cemetery - \$10.00; Father's Day - \$525.00.00; Catholic Communications - \$10.00; Holy Day - \$12.00; Misc. - \$16.16. Total Collection - \$3,591.14. Thank you for your continued generosity to the parish.

THANK YOU to all who have participated in the Annual Catholic Appeal. As of June 21, \$8,888.64 was pledged toward our goal of \$23,864.00 with 77 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, July 1 – First Friday – Adoration from 8:30AM until 5:30PM, Confessions at 5:00PM, Mass at 5:30PM
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... Jesus is resolutely determined to journey to Jerusalem. But on the way there are some who are not so resolute. “Let me go first and bury my father” or “First let me say farewell to my family at home”. Jesus demands a definite, clear, and absolute commitment to follow Him. Today the Lord calls us to follow. May we follow Jesus resolutely. We live our commitments to the Lord today, not later or somewhere down the road. As we set ourselves towards God’s Kingdom, may we do so with hearts full of mercy. James and John wanted to call down fire from Heaven on the Samaritans. Jesus rebuked them. When on the road with the Lord, show mercy. Mercy alone is all we need as followers of Christ. May *Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 S. Logan Blvd., Hollidaysburg, PA 16648.*



Stewardship Reflection... In today’s Gospel, two Disciples agreed to follow Jesus, but only on the condition that they first take care of supposedly more important matters. Let us resolve – from this very moment – to better understand what it takes to be a Christian steward and disciple of Jesus Christ in today’s culture.

Families and the Gospel... June 26 – Luke 9:51-62 – The Gospel reports Jesus “set His face to Jerusalem” and His Disciples could not dissuade Him from the commitment. The life changing commitments of marriage and parenting bind a family together. “No one puts a hand to the plow and looks back” because commitments “set our face” to a future we create.

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 Czzyrnik, 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 Sobacky, 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; 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.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH – 117th Annual Fourth of July Picnic, New Germany Grove, 11:00AM – 11:00PM. Buffet Chicken Dinner with homemade noodle soup from 11AM – 3PM. Adults/\$10, children under 12/\$5. Crafts, food, refreshments, games.

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.

THE 2016 WOMEN'S OVERNIGHT OF PRAYER will once again be held at Antiochian Village near Ligonier. The theme for the retreat will be "This is My Story, This is My Song" It will begin on Friday, October 14th with registration between 5:00 – 6:00PM and will conclude on Saturday, October 15th at approximately 5:00PM. Hotel-style accommodations will be provided for between 40-50 participants on a first come, first served basis. \$90 includes triple room occupancy (each person has their own bed) & meals. (\$100 for a double room, \$130 for a single) Daytrippers are also welcome at \$25 for Friday and \$30 for Saturday (meals included). If you have any questions or would like a registration form, please call or email Maureen Kimlin @ 814-255-6504, ginger15@atlanticbb.net or Stephanie Mihalic at 814-467-8189. **Registration deadline is July 8, 2016.** Please join us for a weekend of prayer, reflection and sung praise. You will grow spiritually and share faith and friendship. Hope to see you there!