

JULY 24, 2016
17TH 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.

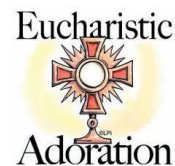
Christian Initiation (RCIA) – Those who are interested in becoming Catholic, as well as those who are interested in learning more about their Catholic Faith, may call the Parish office for more information.

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 and friends of +Stephen Machik who was laid to rest last week. Welcoming God, receive from our hands the loved ones we return to You.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 5 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.)



ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH PICNIC – Due to a scheduling conflict, the date of the picnic has been changed to Sunday, **August 21st** 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.

PARISH OFFICE will be closed Monday, July 25 through Friday, July 29.

SANCTUARY CANDLE will burn this week for Deceased Members of St. Francis of Assisi by St. Francis Men's Club.

NEEDED: Someone who is willing to oversee the Rosary Society. If you would be interested in spear heading this ministry, please contact Betty Scott at 539-7921.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR PARISH LAST WEEKEND: Loose - \$486.00; Adults - \$2,215.06; Children - \$26.00; Monthly - \$151.00; Candles - \$105.50; \$5.00; Missalettes -- \$8.00; St. Vincent De Paul - \$15.00 Misc. - \$170.00. Total Collection - \$3,196.56. Thank you for your continued generosity to the parish.

THANK YOU to all who have participated in the Annual Catholic Appeal. As of July 18, \$9,098.44 was pledged toward our goal of \$23,864.00 with 80 of 328 families contributing (24% 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.

Liturgical Reflection... Ask and you will receive. Seek and you will find. Knock and the door will be opened to you. Know that the Father in Heaven gives the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him. Jesus urges His disciples to persist in prayer. We pray that God's will be done. The advice of the Lord is to be persistent in prayer. His encouragement is to remember that God is a Father Who loves His children. God shows mercy and kindness to all. When we persist in prayer, we become enveloped in the Lord's kindness, understanding, and mercy. Grounded in prayer, we are grounded in the mercy of God. *Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 S. Logan Blvd., Hollidaysburg, PA 16648.*



Stewardship Reflection... May we devote ourselves to fulfilling God's will on earth by prudent use of resources.

Families and the Gospel... July 24 – Luke 11:1-13 – Today's Gospel began with Jesus "praying in a certain place." He prayed where He was, among His friends. Pausing to pray in our homes, a parent "gives a good gift" to their children teaching them to turn to the Lord as a partner and friend.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, August 21 – Annual Parish Picnic at ACRP Picnic Grounds in Tanneryville – Mass at 12Noon

THE BRICK PAVER PROJECT IS A GO. Even though we have met the initial goal, you still have an opportunity to place a commitment for a brick. Forms are available in the back of the church, at the Parish Office or on the Parish website. Please do not include payment at this time, as this is only a commitment form.

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI YOUTH FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMS— Our Faith Formation Goals are simple: We aim to grow in love of God and ourselves and to spread that love to those around us. We aim to have our young people find community with each other and feel part of our parish family. Faith formation is life long and ongoing. It is an important part of your child’s life. She/he should be attending classes whether or not it is a sacramental year. Classes for our youth are held from September 11 until the beginning of May. Pre-K through eighth grade classes meet Sunday after the 9:30AM Mass until Noon. Grade 9 & 10 classes are held the second Sunday of each month. All classes meet in Resurrection Parish Center on Chestnut St. *Sacramental Programs* – The following is recommended for all youth who will be preparing to receive any of the Sacraments listed below: They should be involved in the liturgical life of the church, receiving the Sacraments and attend Mass regularly. He/she should be enrolled in the parish Religious Education Program. We feel that sacramental preparation is a very special time. Parents are requested to take an active role as primary educators of their children in their Faith formation.

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 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.

ANNUAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARY LITURGIES – Bishop Mark Bartchak and the Family Life Office cordially invite all couples celebrating 1, 5, 10, 25, 40, 50, 55, and 60+ Wedding Anniversary in 2016 (and their families) to attend the Annual Wedding Anniversary Liturgy. Couples may attend Sunday, Sept. 11 in Altoona at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament or Sunday, Sept. 18 in Johnstown at St. John Gualbert Cathedral. Both locations are handicap accessible. Liturgies in each location begin at 2:00PM. Bishop Mark will be the celebrant and homilist at each celebration. Punch and cookies will be available after the Mass for anniversary couples and their families. *Reservations must be made through your parish for either celebration by Tuesday, Aug. 23*



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 Guarno, 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.; **Tech Sgt. Daniel Bracken**, USAF, deployed to Kobal Afghanistan.

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.

ST. ANNE TRIDUUM at St. John Gualbert Cathedral: Sunday, Monday & Tuesday (July 24-26), evening Masses on Sunday at 500PM; Monday & Tuesday at 7:00PM. Petition and membership forms are in the current issue of the *Catholic Register* and at the entrance ways to the Cathedral and the St. Anne Shrine. Beyond the spiritual benefits of membership in the St. Anne Society, bequests and memberships provide an annual gift of \$5,000 for the education of our Diocesan seminarians.

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 - August 13/Flood City Brass.

MAINTENANCE POSITIONS – 1 full time, 1 part time. Maintenance positions at Divine Mercy Catholic Academy in the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown. Please submit a resume and three letters of recommendation (two professional, one from pastor). Also required prior to employment: current (within one year) Act 151, Act 34, and Act 114 clearances, Act 168 Employment History Check, and completion of Diocesan Youth Protection Program. Send resume to: Jo-Ann Semko, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown Education Office, 933 S. Logan Blvd., Hollidaysburg, PA 16648.

St. FRANCIS OF ASSISI: Every 1st Friday there is Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 8:30AM – 5:30PM. Our nation needs our prayers. Come before Jesus in the Eucharist with our hopes and concerns.