

**JULY 10, 2016**  
**15<sup>TH</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 REJOICE** in the Baptism of Rowen Elizabeth Ream and congratulate her parents, Godparents and family as they celebrate the beginning of her new life with Christ.



**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 sign-up sheet provided in the vestibule.

**SANCTUARY CANDLE** will burn this week for +Kathy Bazyk by Frank Bazyk. **CANDLE BY OUR LADY QUEEN OF HEAVEN** will burn for the 112 Victims of the Rolling Mill Mine Disaster on July 10, 1902 by Ray & Patti Toth.

**CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR PARISH LAST WEEKEND:** Loose - \$343.07; Adults - \$2,042.00; Children - \$26.00; Monthly - \$525.00; Candles - \$103.37; Peter Pence -- \$13.00; St. Vincent DePaul -- \$5.00; Missalettes -- \$164.00; Misc. - \$169.79. Total Collection - \$3,391.23. Thank you for your continued generosity to the parish.

**THANK YOU** to all who have participated in the Annual Catholic Appeal. As of July 6, \$8,948.44 was pledged toward our goal of \$23,864.00 with 78 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](http://www.dioceseaj.org).

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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

*Liturgical Reflection...* We are to love God completely and love our neighbor as we love my neighbor? In the Gospel story the neighbor is a despised Samaritan. This person is identified treated his neighbor with mercy.” To be a neighbor is to reach out to help anyone in need, setting that either society or selfishness might set up. To be a neighbor is to open one’s heart to another; other the image of the God Who created them. To be a neighbor is to treat another with mercy. of God to another when we are merciful. *Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 S. Hollidaysburg, PA 16648.*



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*Stewardship Reflection...* May we follow the example of the Good Samaritan by spontaneously showing compassion and mercy to others you meet on your life’s journey.

*Families and the Gospel...* July 10 - Luke 10:25-37 - Jesus sets the scene: “A man was robbed, beaten and left for dead.” How would people react? Two found an EXCUSE to avoid helping; another saw an OPPORTUNITY to be merciful. When we encounter situations calling for mercy, do we create excuses or seize the opportunity to extend the compassion of Christ?

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

**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.

#### **YEAR OF MERCY SUMMER ROAD TRIPS!**

What better way to spend a summer afternoon as a “pilgrim” visiting three churches celebrating their 200<sup>th</sup> 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 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.

**OUTDOOR MASS HONORING MARRIED COUPLES WITH BISHOP MARK.** The Altoona-Johnstown Diocesan Family is invited to participate and to pray for those living the Sacrament of Marriage at an Outdoor Mass honoring Married Couples on Sunday evening, July 17 at 7:00 PM at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Alleghenies in Loretto (next to the Basilica of St. Michael). Bring Lawn Chairs. Indoors if rain. Bishop Mark is the celebrant and homilist. This is a wonderful way to celebrate, encourage and support married couples! Come early, bring food and picnic together.

**MASS OF HEALING AND REMEMBRANCE WITH BISHOP MARK.** 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 Bartchak. The Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, July 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM at Holy Name Church, 500 North Julian St., Ebensburg, PA. A light reception will follow the Mass in the Church Narthex. Reservations are appreciated by July 12<sup>th</sup>. Contact Family Life at 814-886-5551; e-mail [familylife@dioceseaj.org](mailto:familylife@dioceseaj.org).

**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.

**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 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 Sobbecky, Leona Sutt, Agnes Swarney, Jeanne Toth, Rose Trapanotto, Irene Virus, and Agnes Warhul.

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**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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> Class Maxwell Schutte**, F. E. Warren, WY; **Sgt. Bryan Maxwell Porath**, **Captain Aaron Donahey**, US Army, Fort Bliss, El Paso, Texas; **Petty Officer 1<sup>st</sup> 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, 193<sup>rd</sup> Special Operations Wing; Deployed to Africa; **Lt. Col Steven Thomas**, USAF, deploying to the Middle East; **2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Colin Harrington**, US Army, Bethesda, MD; **2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Ryan Powers**, USMC, Camp Lejeune, NC; **Airman 1<sup>st</sup> 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.*

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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.

**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.

**THE PARISHES** of St. Aloysius and St. Francis Xavier would like to extend an invitation to be part of a Community wide Catholic Festival, Saturday, September 10 from 11AM – 7PM and Sunday, September 11 from 11AM to 5PM in Cresson . Are you a crafter? Do you have a food specialty? If you would like to part of this wonderful opportunity, please contact Becky Strunk at 814-934-3068 or via email at [cestaff417@gmail.com](mailto:cestaff417@gmail.com).

**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.