

**JULY 17, 2016**  
**16<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.

**THANK YOU** to all who helped in any way with our Vacation Bible School last week. The children had a great time learning about the Spiritual & Corporal Works of Mercy. Your time and talent was greatly appreciated. May God Bless you! Watch for the newsletter in a future bulletin!

**GOB SALE** – Saturday, July 23 from 9AM – 12Noon. Get ‘em for your summer picnics!



**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 Living & Deceased Members of the Rosary Society by Rosary Society.

**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 - \$570.40; Adults - \$2,985.51; Children - \$29.00; Monthly - \$145.00; Candles - \$112.54; Peter Pence -- \$5.00; St. Vincent DePaul -- \$5.00; Missalettes -- \$35.01.00; Misc. - \$768.70. Total Collection - \$4,656.16. Thank you for your continued generosity to the parish.

**THANK YOU** to all who have participated in the Annual Catholic Appeal. As of July 11, \$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](http://www.dioceseaj.org).

*Liturgical Reflection...* Mary sits at the feet of Jesus and listens. Martha is in the kitchen What does hospitality require? When we invite someone to dinner, we need to provide food and to our guest, attentive to her or his needs. The combination of Martha & Mary’s gifts do just recognize our own gifts. We all must appreciate one another for who we are in the eyes of God. comes easily. Other times it is difficult to acknowledge the gifts of another. This is where important. May we be graced with mercy to accept and celebrate the gifts of others along with *Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 S. Logan Blvd., Hollidaysburg, PA 16648.*



preparing the meal. drink and be present that. We must all Sometimes this mercy is very our own gifts.

*Stewardship Reflection...* Martha was too busy to recognize the importance of Jesus’ presence. steward of her time, choosing to pause and listen to Him. Without spiritual nourishment our lives became unbalanced.

Mary was a good

*Families and the Gospel...* July 17 – Luke 10:38-42 – The Gospel today teaches us to imitate both Mary and Martha. We must “welcome others into our home” as Martha did, but we must also “listen” to them as Mary did. Welcoming and listening create hospitality.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, July 23 – Gob Sale – 9AM – 12Noon

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

#### 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 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.

**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.

**Maxwell Varljen**, a recent high school graduate, will be holding a piano and vocal recital at St. John Gualbert Cathedral on Saturday, July 23 at 7:00PM. Musical selections will range from Seventeenth & Eighteenth Century Prayers and Classical, to pieces from Musical Theater, Art songs, and Contemporary. There will be no admittance charge. Everyone is invited to attend.

**ANNUAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARY LITURGIES** – Bishop Mark Barchak 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*

***ALL LIVES MATTER – INSIDE THE WOMB AND OUTSIDE THE WOMB***

**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 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 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 Rovon 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, Wyo; **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.; **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.*

**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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.