

JULY 3, 2016
14TH 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.

A BIG THANK YOU to all who so generously donated water and soda for the gob workers.

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.



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 65th Wedding Anniversary of John & Dee Kasper.

CANDLE BY THE SACRED HEART will burn this week In Loving Memory of +Margaret “Peggy” Dadey by Jim and Sue Ellen Dadey.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR PARISH LAST WEEKEND: Loose - \$421.55; Adults - \$2,493.01; Children - \$25.00; Monthly - \$56.01; Candles - \$118.50; Father’s Day - \$36.00; Catholic Communications - \$6.00; Peter Pence -- \$302.01; St. Vincent DePaul -- \$5.00; Missalettes -- \$10.00. Total Collection - \$3,473.08. Thank you for your continued generosity to the parish.

THANK YOU to all who have participated in the Annual Catholic Appeal. As of June 28, \$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.

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... At that time the Lord appointed seventy-two others whom He sent ahead whatever house they entered they said, “Peace to this household.” Whatever town they entered, Kingdom of God is at hand for you.” We are the seventy-two sent out to bring greetings of of the kingdom of God in our time. How do we best fulfill this gospel challenge? We are God’s mercy. When we see someone or enter their community, we are to en flesh the mercy of patient, compassionate, loving and full of forgiveness -- all in the name of the Lord. *Diocese Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 S. Logan Blvd., Hollidaysburg, PA 16648.*

Stewardship Reflection... A lifestyle of stewardship includes the sharing of time, talent, and you can whenever you can according to the allotment given to you by the Father, Son and Spirit.

Families and the Gospel... July 3 – Luke 10:1-12, 17-20 – Parents are like the disciples in today’s gospel. We are “sent ahead of Jesus” to prepare our children to know and receive Him. Jesus calls us “laborers” and “lambs among wolves” because parenting is hard work in a culture which rejects our values.



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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 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 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 Barchak. The Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, July 14th 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 12th. Contact Family Life at 814-886-5551; e-mail 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.

4th OF JULY PRAYER

We lift up our hearts, O God, on this day of celebration in gratitude for the gift of being Americans. We rejoice with all those who share in the great dream of freedom and dignity for all. With flags and feasting, with family and friends we salute those who have sacrificed that we might have the opportunity to bring to fulfillment our many God-given gifts. As we deny all prejudice a place in our hearts, may we also clearly declare our intention to work for the time when all people, regardless of race, religion, or sex, will be granted equal dignity and worth.

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 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!