

AUGUST 14, 2016
20TH 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.

First Friday – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 8:30AM – 5:30PM.

MENS' CLUB Labor Day Tickets are being sold in the vestibule. Winning number determined by the first Pick 3 drawing at 7:00PM. Donation: \$2.00. Thank you for your support.

GOB ICING will be made on Tuesday, August 16 beginning at 7:00AM. Gobs will be filled on Wednesday, August 17 at 6:00PM. All help is greatly appreciated.

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH PICNIC –will take place on 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. **Deadline for sign up: Sunday, August 14.**

DONATIONS of baskets to be chanced off at the picnic are now being accepted. Please contact Cindy Shorto at 539-3128 or Fran King at 539-3667 if you are planning to contribute a basket. Donations may be brought to the Activity Center on Saturday, August 20 between the hours of 9:00AM and 11:00AM.

LABOR DAY GOB SALE – Saturday, September 3 from 9:00AM until 12Noon at the Activity Center. Stock up for those end of summer picnics!

FISH FRY SEASON will begin on Friday, September 9 from 11:00AM until 6:00PM. Donations of soda and water are greatly appreciated as well as your time and talent. Many hands make light work!



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 - \$553.55; Adults - \$2,240.01; Children - \$24.00; Monthly - \$444.01; Candles - \$90.55; St. Vincent de Paul - \$40.00; Holy Day - \$5.00. Total Collection - \$3,397.12. Thank you for your continued generosity to the parish.

THANK YOU to all who have participated in the Annual Catholic Appeal. As of August 9, \$9,118.44 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, August 21 – Annual Parish Picnic at ACRP Picnic Grounds in Tanneryville – Mass at 12Noon
Saturday, September 3 – Gob Sale – 9:00AM until Noon
Friday, September 9 – Fish Fry – 11:00AM until 6:00PM
Sunday, September 11 – Religious Education Classes begin at 10:45AM until Noon.

*Liturgical Reflection...*Jesus says that He came to set the earth on fire and establish division. Not for the sake of division, but to bring about the peace that comes only by living the way of God. Baptism has introduced us to this life described by the Lord. The Gospel is a challenge to walk where Christ walked. He was met with criticism, slander, and disdain. And He would not back down. He came to announce the Kingdom of God. This powerhouse of love and mercy will find His Body nailed to the Cross. The Crucifixion is the ultimate act of mercy. May Christ give us the strength and grace to follow and be ready to pay the price for such great mercy. *Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 S. Logan Blvd., Hollidaysburg, PA 16648.*

*Stewardship Reflection...*Trying to live as a Catholic in today’s society can be (and should be) very challenging at times. Christian stewards look to today’s Second Reading for inspiration by “keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus” (Heb 12:2).

*Families and the Gospel...*August 14 – Luke 12:49-53 – The words of Jesus today, “son against father, daughter against her mother,” sounds like normal family fare. Conflict is the price of intimacy. However, how we handle conflict determines if we live in “peace” or “division.”

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(s). 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. All classes meet in Resurrection Parish Center on Chestnut St. **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. TAKE NOTE: 9TH AND 10TH COFIRMATION CLASSES WILL ALSO TAKE PLACE ON SUNDAY - PLACE TO BE ANNOUNCED. AN ANNOUNCEMENT IS FORTHCOMING CONCERNING THE 11TH GRADE CONFIRMATION CLASS. REGISTRATION FORMS CAN BE FOUND IN THE VESTIBULE OF THE CHURCH.** *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.

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. *Reservations must be made through your parish for either celebration by Tuesday, Aug. 23.*

AUGUST 27/28 - is Mission Appeal Sunday at St. Francis of Assisi. This year you are invited to support the missionary work of **Prelature of Esquel (Patagonia)** in the country of our Pope Francis, Argentina. This mission was created in 2009 and covers more than 30,000 square miles and has a population of about 70,000 inhabitants. Presently 6 Diocesan Priests and 7 Religious (Polish Redemptorists) serve in eleven parishes in the new Prelature. The people in these communities are very poor and unable to support their parishes. Without funds collected during Mission Appeal Prelature of Esquel cannot sustain its pastoral work e.g. evangelization activities, children and youth catechetical programs, lay ministry training, help for the poor and can't continue construction of new churches for the young Catholic communities. Our Mission Cooperative Preacher will be Fr. Marcin Zubik who works for the Prelature of Esquel. St. Pope John Paul II reminded us in his encyclical "Rich in Mercy": "Jesus Christ taught that man not only receives and experiences the mercy of God, but that he is also called to practice mercy toward others." Thank you in advance for your generosity.

ALL LIVES MATTER – INSIDE THE WOMB AND OUTSIDE THE WOMB

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 Guarino, 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; 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; 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, Wyo; 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.

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.

CANONIZATION OF BLESSED MOTHER TERESA OF CALCUTTA – Proximo Travel is hosting a pilgrimage to Italy, which includes stops in Rome, Assisi, Tuscany, Florence and Venice, September 1-9, 2016. The cost is \$3,900.00 which includes airfare, hotels, transportation, all breakfast and all dinners. Fr. Francis Balestino will be accompanying. Visit us on the web at www.proximotravel.com or email anthony@proximotravel.com.

1ST ANNUAL UNIFICATION FESTIVAL - Bishop McCort students rally together with hopes of bringing the community closer while raising money for children in destitute countries. Join us for food, games, fun, friends, and more. Sunday, August 14 from 1PM – 4PM at Bishop McCort Catholic High School.

CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION – Spaghetti Drive-BY, Sunday, August 28 from 11:00AM – 1:30PM. Cost: \$7.00

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD FOR FAMILIES Duck Race and Chicken BBQ will be held Sunday, Sept. 11 at our Johnstown Thrift Store, 301 Central Ave. BBQ begins at 11:00AM and duck race at 2:00PM. BBQ Dinner is \$10 and Ducks are \$5 or 5 for \$20. Cash prizes awarded. For more info or to purchase tickets call Greg at 539-7811.

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.