

OCTOBER 2, 2016
27th 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.

SWISS STEAK FEAST DAY DINNER - Sunday, October 2 from 11:00AM until 2:00PM. Take outs will be available. Donation for dinner: \$9.00/adults, \$5.00/children, under 5/Free. Help will be needed on Sunday to serve, assist older patrons and busing tables (a perfect opportunity for students needing service hours!). Thank you in advance for your support.



TRANSITUS - The passing of St. Francis from this life to Eternal Life will be celebrated on Monday, October 3 at 7:00PM. The Transitus is a Franciscan devotion to ritually remember the passing of Saint Francis from this life into God.

MEN' CLUB MEETING will be held on Thursday, October 6 at 7:00PM in the Activity Center. New members are always welcome. **TURKEY RAFFLE** tickets are available in the vestibule for each family.

EUCCHARISTIC
ADORATION



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7 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.)

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR BONANZA TICKET - \$250.00 on Christmas Day, \$250.00 on New Year's Day, Jan. 1, 2017, \$50.00 each day Dec. 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31. ONLY 500 TICKETS SOLD (two numbers per ticket). Donation: \$3.00. Winning number determined by the first 7:00PM PICK 3 (Evening) Daily Lottery Number drawn straight. A GREAT IDEA FOR STOCKING STUFFERS! Tickets will be available next weekend in the vestibule and at the next Fish Fry.

CEMETERY CLEAN UP – All decorations should be removed from St. Francis Cemetery between October 1 and October 15. Items remaining after October 15 will be discarded. Thank you for your cooperation.

DONATIONS are being accepted to help with the cost of gob making. Donations of Domino Powdered Sugar, Robin Hood Flour and Imperial Margarine as well as monetary donations would greatly help this endeavor. Thank you for your continued support.

FISH FRY – Our next Fish Fry is scheduled for Friday, October 14 from 11:00AM until 6:00PM. All help is greatly appreciated. This is a great opportunity for students needing service hours! Profit for Fish Fry held September 9 - \$3,463.09.

SANCTUARY CANDLE will burn this week for +Ret. Msgt. Albert Dadey, Jr. by Sisters, Brothers & Families.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR PARISH LAST WEEKEND: Loose - \$407.50; Adults - \$2,176.01; Children - \$29.00; Monthly - \$36.00; Candles - \$60.75; Missalettes - \$5.00; Holy Day - \$4.00; Retired Priest \$487.66; Mission Co-op – 100.00. Total Collection - \$3,205.92. 198 out of 328 families used envelopes. Thank you for your continued generosity to the parish. All registered parishioners should be using parish envelopes

THANK YOU to all who have participated in the Annual Catholic Appeal. As of September 27, \$9,698.44 was pledged toward our goal of \$23,864.00 with 85 of 328 families contributing (25% 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. If the remaining 247 families contributed \$59.21 our goal would be reached.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Praying of the Rosary will take place each Thursday at 6:00PM on the corner of D Street and Barron Avenue
Sunday, October 2 – Feast Day Dinner – 11AM – 2PM
Monday, October 3 – Transitus – 7:00PM (The passing of St. Francis from this life to Eternal Life)
Friday, October 14 – Fish Fry – 11:00AM – 6:00PM

Liturgical Reflection... “When you have done all you have been commanded to do, say, ‘...we have (simply) done what we were obliged to do.’” Believers are called to live obedient lives to the will of God. We pray that our Faith increase. We reach out to others in mercy because we know that our Faith impels us to en flesh what we believe. A deep Faith insures that compassion, forgiveness, and love are shared with others. During this Jubilee Year of Mercy may we intensify our care for the needs of our sisters and brothers. May mercy ground our actions. With increased Faith, may our love of neighbor bear abundant fruit. *Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 S. Logan Blvd., Hollidaysburg, PA 16648*

Stewardship Reflection... As faithful disciples and prudent stewards, we build up God’s Kingdom here on earth through the sharing of our time, talents, and finances without asking “what’s in it for me.”

Families and the Gospel... October 2 – Luke 17:5-10 – Faith is one of those things we just can’t get enough of! In today’s Gospel the Apostles asked Jesus to “Increase our Faith.” It is Faith in ourselves, our spouse, our children and our parents which equips us to overlook annoyances. It helps us to forgive and urges us to ask forgiveness. “Lord, increase our Faith.”

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI MEMORIAL BRICK PAVER PROJECT – LIVING AND DECEASED PROJECT CONTINUES. Even though we have met the initial goal, you still have an opportunity to place an order for a brick(s). Forms are available in the back of the church, at the Parish Office or on the Parish website. Please return this form to the Parish Office **with payment ASAP** so that we can move forward with this project. Thank you for your cooperation. A sample brick paver is able to be viewed in the Main Vestibule.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO THE BASILICA OF THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION: In celebration of the *Year of Mercy*, the Diocese is hosting a pilgrimage to the Basilica Shrine in Washington, DC on Saturday, November 12. To provide our parishioners the opportunity to attend, Resurrection and St. Francis of Assisi Parishes are sponsoring bus transportation to the event. The cost is \$40 per person, but only possible if more than 40 people participate. Reservations are needed by Monday, October 10. To place your reservation, call parish office or contact George or Carol Pisula at 254-1961 or ggpisula@atlanticbb.net. More details about the event can be found in the September 10 edition of the Catholic Register.

THE 49TH MARIAN CELEBRATION, MASS AND ROSARY, will be celebrated on Sunday, October 2, 2016 at 3:00 PM at St. Benedict Church, Johnstown. Bishop Mark Bartchak will be the principal celebrant. Many priests and deacons will con-celebrate with Bishop Mark. The theme for this year will be Mary, Mother of Mercy: Our life, our sweetness, and our hope. We hope all are able to attend this most beautiful celebration.

DAY OF PRAYER/YEAR OF MERCY – In this Jubilee Year of Mercy, there will be a Morning of Reflection on the Spiritual Works of Mercy at Resurrection Church, 324 Chestnut St on Saturday, October 29 from 9:00AM – 12Noon. All are invited to participate in this morning of prayers and reflection. God’s mercy is everlasting! In this Holy Year, take time to reflect on the Works of Mercy are all called to live. Stories of mercy will be shared; and time will be given for all to reflect on mercy in their lives. Plan to attend this rich opportunity during the Holy Year of Mercy.

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 Sobczyk, Mary Subich, 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 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; **Major Melinda Rovan 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, WY; **Sgt. Bryan Maxwell Porath**, **Captain Aaron Donahey**, US Army, Fort Bliss, El Paso, Texas; **Petty Officer 1st Class Heather L. Dovala**, Great Lakes, IL.; **Spec Jarod Pisarchik**, Army National Guard; **Ens. Kara Yingling**, USS Higgins; **Lt. JG Shannon Yingling**; **Pvt Daniel Maslo**, Camp Geiger, NC; **Airman 1st Class Devon Gilbert**, Tinker AFB, OK; **Senior Airman Daniel Christner**, USAF, 193rd Special Operations Wing; **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.

NATIONAL LIFE CHAIN – Respect Life Sunday, October 2 along Broad Street in Cambria City from 1:00PM – 2:00PM. Signs distributed in front of the former St. Columba next to Sheetz. Please feel free to bring a lawn chair if you are unable to stand. Everyone young and old are encouraged to attend. Won’t YOU be a voice for innocent babies? For questions or additional information please call Heide at 536-7335.

IN CELEBRATION of Polish Heritage Month, the Polish Heritage Choir is sponsoring its annual Pulaski Day Mass on Saturday, October 15 at 4:00PM at Resurrection Church, Chestnut St., Johnstown. Please join us in the celebration including a sung Polish Mass and hymns. Call 536-7029 for more information.

SPAGHETTI DINNER will be held on Sunday, October 16 from 11:00AM – 2:00PM, at St. Anthony of Padua Church in Windber. Dinners are \$8.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children. Eat in or take outs are available.

OKTOBERFEST – St. Therese Church, 536 Decker Ave will host its Annual Oktoberfest on Saturday, October 22 from 4:00PM – 8:30PM and Sunday, October 23 from 11:00AM – 4:30PM. Join us for ethnic food including Kolbassi, Haluski, German Potato Salad, Pigs, Pierogi, Lamb, Apple Strudel, Apple Dumplings, Beverages and much more. Saturday there will be a Large Wheel Raffle (5:30 – 8:00PM), music by the Rhythm Masters on Sunday from 1-4PM and from 2-2:30PM a performance by Fusion Dance Team.

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.