

**SEPTEMBER 25, 2016**  
**26<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.

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

**BLESSING OF ANIMALS** will take place on Saturday, October 1 at 10:00AM under the front canopy of the Church.

**SWISS STEAK FEAST DAY DINNER** - Sunday, October 2 from 11:00AM until 2:00PM. available. Donation for dinner: \$9.00/adults, \$5.00/children, under 5/Free. Donations of Baked brought to the hall on Saturday, October 1 between 9AM - Noon. Help will be needed to prepare Saturday beginning at 9:00AM and again on Sunday to serve, assist older patrons and busing tables opportunity for students needing service hours!). Thank you in advance for your support.



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**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.

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.)

**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!

**SANCTUARY CANDLE** will burn this week for Living & Deceased Members of the Rosary Society by Rosary Society.

**CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR PARISH LAST WEEKEND:** Loose - \$353.75; Adults - \$2,581.26; Children - \$31.00; Monthly - \$20.00; Candles - \$117.01; Missalettes - \$17.00; Catholic University - \$20.00; Retired Priest – 20.00; Mission Co-op – 130.00 Misc. - \$270.00. Total Collection - \$3,560.02. 183 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 20, \$9,468.44 was pledged toward our goal of \$23,864.00 with 84 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](http://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  
Saturday, October 1 – Blessing of Animals – 10:00AM  
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)

*Liturgical Reflection...* There are the rich and there are the poor. The great sin is that of uncaring complacency. Every community of Faith is charged with finding ways to share its resources to those in need. A caring heart, a heart full of mercy seeks to help the poor. Our Diocese has very active members of St. Vincent de Paul Society that reaches out to each person in need at the local level. (The Church in the annual calendar remembers St. Vincent de Paul this Tuesday). Have you shared some of your wealth with the St. Vincent de Paul Society? The worse response would be apathy. It is mercy that leads us to reach out to those in need. Lord, give us a merciful heart! *Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 S. Logan Blvd., Hollidaysburg, PA 16648*

*Stewardship Reflection...* May we come to understand that the source of true happiness is revealed continuously through Holy Scripture.

*Families and the Gospel...* September 25 – Luke 16:19-31 – In today’s Gospel the rich man died and was condemned to “a place of torment: because he ignored the poor. He asked Lazarus to go and warn his five brothers to change their ways. Evidently ignoring the poor was a family pattern. Is your family sensitive to the poor?



**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. **THOSE WHO HAVE MADE A COMMITMENT** will be receiving a form on which to indicate your memorial (s). 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.

**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.

**CELEBRATING THE JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY!** The Catholic Life Day of Prayer 2016  
ENFLESHING MERCY IN OUR LIVES - A CIRCLE OF GIVING AND RECEIVING, Saturday, October 22, 2016 - Mount Aloysius College, Cresson in the Bertschi Center Featuring Keynotes by Sister Janet Ruffing, RSM. Also featuring witness talks from individuals representing diocesan ministries on various experiences that reflect the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. For more information contact the Parish Life Office at (814) 693-9605.

**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.

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***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 Sobbecky, 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 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; **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; **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**, 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 Devon Gilbert**, Tinker AFB, OK; **Senior Airman Daniel Christner**, USAF, 193<sup>rd</sup> Special Operations Wing; **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. THERESE CHURCH** will be holding their Annual Novena in honor of St. Therese of the Little Flower of Jesus began Friday, Sept. 23 and will continue for 9 nine days. Masses will be held at 9AM and 7PM except on Saturday at 9AM, 4PM & 7PM. On Sunday at 7:30AM and 7PM. Sunday, September 25 will be the Anointing of the Sick Mass at 2PM. Closing will be Saturday, October 1 with refreshments served after the 9AM, 4PM and 7PM Mass in the Church Hall.

**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.

**HOLY FAMILY PARISH**, 509 Caldwell Ave, Portage, PA will hold a Basket Party on Sunday, October 2. Doors open at 1:00PM. Tickets will be sold until 2:15PM. Drawing starts at 2:30PM. Cost of ticket is \$5 which includes 25 chances, door prize, dessert & beverage. Tickets are available in advance at the Parish Office – 814-736-4279.

**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.