

OCTOBER 23, 2016
30th 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.

AN OUTSIDE ROSARY HOUR will be held in front of St. Francis of Assisi Church to pray for our nation and the Right to Life on Saturday, Oct. 29 from 11:00AM to Noon. All are welcome to come and pray.

ALL SAINTS MASS – The children of the Parish are invited to dress as their favorite Saint and attend the 9:30AM Mass on Sunday, October 30. Costumes will be provided but you are welcome to be creative and design your own. **The children are asked to gather in the vestibule of the Church no later than 9:00 AM.**

ALL SOULS – If you would like to have a picture of a deceased loved one placed at the Altar for All Soul's Day, please bring the picture to the Parish Office or the Church. All photos must be received no later than Thursday, October 27.

ANNUAL MEMORIAL CELEBRATION of Parishioners who were laid to rest this year (November 1, 2105 – October 31, 2016) will be celebrated on 6:00PM on Wednesday, November 2. Members of the families of the deceased are invited to take part in this Mass by lighting a candle in their memory. Please contact the Parish Office if you or a member of the family or friend of our departed loved ones and are able to participate in this Liturgy. All are welcome to join us in this celebration of Christ's victory over sin and death, and the hope of Eternal Life.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4 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.)

MEN'S CLUB TURKEY RAFFLE will take place on Sunday, November 6. Doors open at 1:00PM and raffle will take place from 2:00PM – 4:00PM. Members are asking for donations of door prizes. Prizes may be dropped off at the Parish Office or by calling Dolores Kasper at 255-4159. There are also envelopes in the vestibule containing raffle tickets for each family. Thank you for your continued support of the Men's Club.

CHRISTMAS GOB TRAYS!! St. Francis Church "Famous" Gobs will be sold in tray form. Bakers Dozen (13) on each tray decorated beautifully for special Christmas Gifts! Chocolate Gobs will be available with red, green and white icing. Placed on decorated tray, cellophane wrapped and tied with a beautiful bow. *Deadline for orders: Sunday, December 4. Pick up for orders is Saturday, December 17 from 9:00AM - 12Noon.* Order forms are included with the bulletin or may be found in the vestibule. Orders can also be placed by calling Betty Spisak at 536-4934 or Alice Havers at 536-0948.

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 (50 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!**

SANCTUARY CANDLE will burn this week for +Neil Schonvisky by Son Gary & Family. **CANDLE BY SACRED HEART OF JESUS** will burn this week for Stephen E. Prebehalla by Sue Ellen & Jim Dadey.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR PARISH LAST WEEKEND: Loose - \$369.27; Adults - \$2,182.16; Children - \$27.00; Monthly - \$20.00; Candles - \$94.50; Retired Priest \$10.00; Catholic Register - \$5.00. Total Collection - \$2,757.93. 172 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 October 18, \$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 243 families contributed \$58.21 our goal would be reached.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Praying of the Rosary will take place each **Saturday** on the corner of D Street and Barron Avenue from 11:00AM - Noon
All Souls Remembrance Mass – Wednesday, November 2 – 6:00PM
Men's Club Meat Raffle – Sunday, November 6 – 1:00PM
Fish Fry – Friday, November 11 – 11:00AM – 6:00PM
Gob Tray Order Pick up – Saturday, December 17 – 9:00AM - Noon

WINNER of the Lottery Wreath: Shirley Ziewacz. Thanks to all who participated.

DISCIPLES ON A JOURNEY – This week you will receive a brochure detailing the Disciples on a Journey our Parish will be participating in over the next few weeks. This informative brochure is intended to communicate the financial needs of our Parish and why we are having a dedicated focus on our Parish offertory. Commitment Sunday for this Program is October 29 & 30. We encourage all parishioners to spend time in prayer and discussion with your family reflecting on the needs of the Parish and your level of giving. We look forward to seeing all of our parishioners at Mass next weekend for this very important Commitment Sunday.

Liturgical Reflection.... "O God, be merciful to me a sinner." The humble tax collector had the right disposition before God. How judgmental of the Pharisee towards the tax collector. What keeps us from seeking mercy and sharing mercy? Our judgments, resentments, and anger often stand in the way of mercy. Only the one who realizes the need for mercy will be able to share mercy with others. My dependency on God leads me to humbly receive His mercy and love. Awareness of my sinfulness turns me towards the

forgiveness of the Lord. The tax collector said it perfectly; may his prayer be ours this week. "O God, be merciful to me a sinner."
Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 S. Logan Blvd., Hollidaysburg, PA 16648

Stewardship Reflection... Trustworthy stewards practice humility – giving glory to God for all things great and small.

Families and the Gospel... October 23 – Luke 18:9-14 – Listen to Jesus in today's Gospel: "who humbles himself will be exalted." It is not the occasional big events, but the daily humble routine of family life which creates bonds and relationships which last a lifetime.

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 NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23.** The cost for bricks purchased after the bricks have been laid will increase to \$75.00. Thank you for your cooperation. A sample brick paver is able to be viewed in the Main Vestibule.

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 all are 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, Sophie Regula, Carly Rice, Doug Rice, James Schuster, Joanna Stone, Carol Sobecky, Mary Subich, 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 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 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, 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.

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. JOHN GUALBERT CATHEDRAL – Annual Roast Beef Dinner, from 11:00AM – 2:00PM, Sunday, October 23 at the Activity Center corner of Railroad and Adams Streets. Adults - \$10, children 5-10 - \$6, under 5, free. Take outs 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.

BASKET PARTY – Sunday, October 23, St. Patrick's Church, 625 Park Avenue, 1:00PM – 4:00PM, Doors open at Noon. Tickets: \$8.00 – includes 25 chances. Themed baskets, vendor sales, lottery tickets, 50/50, door prizes and a hot meal.

MEAT & TURKEY RAFFLE – Resurrection Parish, Saturday, November 5 at 6:00PM in the Church Hall, 4th Avenue at Chestnut Street. Meats, cheeses, turkeys, hams, door prizes, 50-50 chances, door prizes.

RESURRECTION PARISH – Ladies Auxiliary will be sponsoring a Basket Party on Sunday, November 13 at Christ the Saviour Reception Hall, Garfield St. Doors open at 12:30PM. Cost: \$10, includes lunch, 25 chances and eligibility for door prizes. For tickets call Resurrection Parish Office at 539-5788, Ext. 3.

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.