

OCTOBER 30, 2016
31st 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.

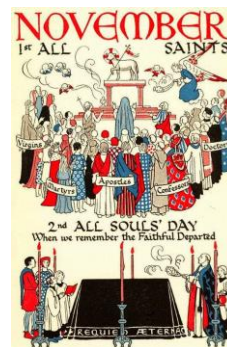
Ministry to the Sick - If you or someone you know are unable to attend Mass and would like to receive the Sacrament of Penance or Holy Eucharist please contact the Parish Office to schedule a visit.

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

WE REJOICE in the Baptism of Kaci Allyn Durst and congratulate her parents, Godparents and family as she begins her new life in Christ.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1 is the Solemnity of All Saints and a Holyday of Obligation for all Catholics. Vigil Mass will be celebrated at 5:30PM on Monday, October 31. Masses on Tuesday, November 1 will be celebrated at 8:00AM and 5:30PM.

ANNUAL MEMORIAL CELEBRATION of Parishioners who were laid to rest this year (November 1, 2105 – October 31, 2016) will be celebrated at 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 may be found in the vestibule. Orders can also be placed by calling Betty Spisak at 536-4934 or Alice Havers at 536-0948.

SANCTUARY CANDLE will burn this week for + Stephen E. Prebehalla by Ray & Jeanne Toth.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR PARISH LAST WEEKEND: Loose - \$509.35; Adults - \$2,235.60; Children - \$28.00; Monthly - \$42.00; Candles - \$106.85; St. Vincent de Paul - \$70.00; Cemetery - \$230.00; Mission Sunday - \$463.54; Misc. - \$25.00. Total Collection - \$3,710.34. 178 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 24, \$9,718.94 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

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

OUR ANNUAL non-perishable food and household items collection drive for the St. Vincent de Paul Food Kitchen has begun. The collection will end on Sunday, November 13. Monetary donations will also be accepted and may be placed in the envelope provided in the vestibule and dropped in the collection basket. Parishioners are asked during this season of Thanksgiving to share their bounty from God with those less fortunate. Donations may be brought to vestibule at all Masses. They may also be brought to the Parish Office during regular office hours. Donations should be non-perishable and NO glass containers. Last year's drive was a huge success. Let's build on past achievements!



DISCIPLES ON A JOURNEY – Commitment Sunday is this weekend at all Masses. We encourage all parishioners to complete and turn in your Commitment Card. The Commitment Card contains information on how to plan your increased offertory and asks for your commitment over the next year. If you have any questions regarding how to give electronically, please contact the Parish Office.

ONLINE GIVING, a web-based electronic application is now being offered to our parishioners. We are providing this service so that you have the option to manage your contributions online or with your envelopes. This service is safe and secure. Sign up for Online Giving by visiting our website: <http://www.stfrancisofassisijohntown.com> and selecting the Online Giving link.



Liturgical Reflection....Zacchaeus is a chief tax collector and a wealthy man. He needs to see this Jesus so he boosts his short body up into the sycamore tree. Zacchaeus is seeking Divine Mercy. Mercy Incarnate invites Himself into the tax collector’s house. This man will never be the same after this meeting. He shares half his possessions with the poor. If there has been extortion, there is a four times repayment. The collector is on fire with mercy. God’s mercy has forgiven his sins; so he now reaches out in mercy to others. Like this tax collector, may we seek out the Lord and receive His mercy. And like the tax collector, may we share that mercy with others. Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 S. Logan Blvd., Hollidaysburg, PA 16648.

Stewardship Reflection...We become good and faithful stewards by nurturing and the unique gifts given to us by God.

Families and the Gospel...October 30 – Luke 19:1-10 – Jesus is saying to you what He said to Zacchaeus, “I must stay at your house today.” It doesn’t matter if Jesus “intended to pass through Jericho to another town.” In families we sometimes stop at the wrong places. It is wisdom to “pass through” annoying family situations so we can enjoy the goodness of each other.

Liturgical Reflection...This Tuesday, November 1, is a Holyday of Obligation. Catholics are expected to participate at Mass on this Solemnity of All Saints. The Church keeps festival with all the men, women and children who have entered the Kingdom of God who are seated as Saints in glory around the Crucified and Risen Christ. It is our humble prayer that some day this will also be our Feast Day. As for the present, the mercy of God calls us forth to be compassionate, understanding, and forgiving to others. Through the intercession of the Saints, may our hearts be filled with mercy. Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 S. Logan Blvd., Hollidaysburg, PA 16648.



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, Sophie Regula, Carly Rice, Doug Rice, James Schuster, Mary Slezak, Joanna Stone, Carol Sobczyk, 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 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 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; 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.

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

THE WEST END IMPROVEMENT GROUP is hosting a Basket Party on Sunday, November 6 at St. Therese Social Hall on Decker Ave. For all the Steeler fans who do not want to miss the game, doors open at 11:00AM. You may come early, drop your tickets and leave your contact information. Basket drawing begins at 1:00PM. Tickets are \$7.00 and price includes 25 basket changes and lunch. Tickets can be purchased at the door.

CONFERENCE ON THE FAMILY – On Monday, November 7, at 7:00PM at St. John the Evangelist Church in Lakemont, the Ecumenical Conference of Greater Altoona is sponsoring an evening program focusing on the recent Apostolic Exhortation of Pope Francis on the family. Bishop Mark Barchak will give an overview of the Papal document, *Amoris Laetitia*, with leaders of Faith communities and social service agencies giving their responses in light of their own experience and Faith traditions. There will be a question and answer session following, as well as time for fellowship and refreshments.

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.