

NOVEMBER 6, 2016  
32<sup>ND</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.

**WE WELCOME** Deacon Bruce Becker who has now been officially assigned by Bishop Mark to minister at St. Francis of Assisi Parish as of November 1, 2016. We appreciate his willingness to assist at our Liturgical functions and other ministerial duties. May God Bless him in his role as a Deacon in our Parish.

**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.

**GOB ICING** will be made on Tuesday, November 15 beginning at 7:00AM. Gobs will be filled on Wednesday, November 16 at 6:00PM. All help is greatly appreciated.

**FISH FRY** will take place on Friday, November 11 from 11:00AM until 6:00PM. All help will be greatly appreciated. This is a great opportunity for students needing service hours to fulfill that obligation. Items for Bake Sale will be accepted. Profit for Fish Fry held in October: \$2,328.41. The next Fish Fry will be held on Friday, January 13, 2017.

**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. Our Gobs are "world famous."

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY** has been scheduled for Sunday, December 4 from 1:00PM until 3:00PM in the Activity Center. Signup sheets will be available in the near future.

**FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLS** will be presented on Sunday, December 11 at 3:00PM followed by a light social. Plan to be present as we prepare for the coming of Christ at Christmas.

**CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR PARISH LAST WEEKEND:** Loose - \$553.00; Adults - \$2,790.08; Children - \$29.75; Monthly - \$37.00; Candles - \$81.70; St. Vincent de Paul - \$585.02; Cemetery - \$80.01; Mission Sunday - \$6.01; All Souls - \$459.00; Holy Day - \$37.00; Feast Day - \$6.00. Total Collection - \$4,793.57. 181 out of 328 families used envelopes. Thank you for your continued generosity to the parish. All registered parishioners should be using parish envelopes.

**OFFERING ENVELOPES** for 2017 are now ready for pick up. If you know someone who is unable to pick up their envelopes, please notify the Parish Office or if you are able, kindly deliver them. Calendars will be distributed as soon as they are available.

**THANK YOU** to all who have participated in the Annual Catholic Appeal. As of October 31, \$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](http://www.dioceseaj.org). If the remaining 243 families contributed \$58.21 our goal would be reached.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

Men's Club Meat Raffle – Sunday, November 6 – 1:00PM  
Fish Fry – Friday, November 11 – 11:00AM – 6:00PM  
**Confirmation Class – Sunday, November 20 – 5:00PM – 7:00PM**  
Children's Christmas Party – Sunday, December 4 – 1:00PM – 3:00PM  
Festival of Lessons & Carols – Sunday, December 11 – 3:00PM  
Gob Tray Order Pick up – Saturday, December 17 – 9:00AM - Noon

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

**DISCIPLES ON A JOURNEY** – Thank you to all parishioners who have completed and submitted their Commitment Card to the Parish Office. For those parishioners who have not yet had the opportunity to submit their card, a letter will be mailed to you with a personalized Commitment Card. It is important that all parishioners complete a Commitment Card as will be mailing out a Summary Report of the program and need all commitments accounted for in this report. If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Office. We also encourage all parishioners to consider our electronic giving method and to setup your recurring offertory gifts electronically.



Vincent de Paul Food donations will also be collection basket. God with those less brought to the Parish containers. Last

**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.stfrancisofassisijohnstown.com> and selecting the Online Giving link.

*Liturgical Reflection...*What will resurrection be like for us? Jesus is not specific in the Gospel, but He does state that life will be different. The limitations of this life will be transformed; the social conventions and relationships we know here are changed after death. Nonetheless, our Faith tells us that those who practice mercy will be greatly rewarded. We who feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked; shelter the homeless, care for the sick, visit the imprisoned, and bury the dead will know the new life of Resurrection. To those who convert sinners, instruct the ignorant, advise the doubtful, comfort the sorrowful, bear wrongs patiently, forgive injuries, and pray for the living and the dead, theirs is the Kingdom of God. Mercy will bring us home to the Lord. *Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 S. Logan Blvd., Hollidaysburg, PA 16648.*

*Stewardship Reflection...*Jesus' Disciples give thanks to God for their talents and abilities by using them to build up the Kingdom in their midst.

*Families and the Gospel...*November 6 – Luke 20:27-38 – The question of the Sadducees to Jesus is framed in a story about a family with seven brothers and their sister-in-law, Through storytelling, families remember their shared past and expose the companionship of God in their lives from generation to generation.

**PRAYER FOR ELECTION:** Dear Beloved God of Heaven, please give us a President that loves this country and everything it stands for. Please give us a President who respects You as the One True God. Please give us a President who will with Your help, restore this nation to its former glory the way You created her. Please help us to respect what You have given to us and not take anything for granted ever again. Please God, weaken the evil and strengthen the good both within and without. May our eyes be opened. In God we trust and God Bless America. Amen.



***ALL LIVES MATTER – INSIDE THE WOMB AND OUTSIDE THE WOMB  
IT'S NOT ABOUT A WOMAN'S RIGHT TO ABORT HER BABY...  
IT'S ABOUT HER BABY'S RIGHT TO BE BORN***

**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 Sobacky, 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Izeke W. Pinkas**, Okinawa, Japan; **Lt. Col. Joshua P. Higgins**, US Army; **Petty Officer 1<sup>st</sup> 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, Wyo.; **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 1<sup>st</sup> Class 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.

**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 Bartchak 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 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.