

NOVEMBER 13, 2016  
33<sup>rd</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.*



Pastor – Fr. Anthony Francis Spilka, OFMConv  
Deacon Bruce Becker

St. Francis of Assisi, 120 Barron Avenue  
Johnstown, PA 15906

Rectory Phone – 814-539-1632

Activity Center – 814 – 539-3518

Fax: 814 – 539-5888

Email – [stfrancis@atlanticbbs.net](mailto:stfrancis@atlanticbbs.net)

Oremus Ministry (Prayer Chain) – 814-539-1632

Web Site: <http://www.stfrancisofassisi-johnstown.com>

**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.

**KUDOS** to who all helped in any way with the success of the Men's Club Meat Raffle last weekend. Your continued support of the Men's Club is greatly appreciated. A special thank you to the children who volunteered their time.

**THANK YOU** to those who contributed their time and talent to the Fish Fry last week. May God Bless you for your ongoing efforts. The next Fish Fry will be held on Friday, January 13, 2017.

**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.

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2** 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 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. Donations of cookies are welcome and may be brought to the Activity Center on Saturday, December 3 between 9AM – Noon or after the Masses.



**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 - \$473.00; Adults - \$3,112.94; Children - \$28.00; Monthly - \$553.29; Candles - \$119.61; St. Vincent de Paul - \$159.00; Cemetery - \$10.00; All Souls - \$305.12; Holy Day - \$88.00; Missalettes - \$142.29; Misc. - \$261.97. Total Collection - \$5,328.22. 184 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 November 7, \$9,731.04 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. If the remaining 243 families contributed \$58.21 our goal would be reached.



**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION** – If you have or are a student attending Bishop McCort Catholic School – please contact the Parish Office in order to ensure that you can be made aware of the retreats, etc. required for Confirmation. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. *Please note: the next 11<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation class will take place on Sunday, November 20 from 5:00PM – 7:00PM in the Rectory.* All Children of the Parish in grades K – 8 are asked to participate in the 4:00PM Liturgy on Saturday, December 24. More information will be forthcoming.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

**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. 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** – 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.

**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....*We are directed to think of the end of time, that day when God appears in power and majesty, completing the mission of Jesus Christ with justice and righteousness. How would you live today differently if you knew it was to be your last? This past Jubilee Year of Mercy invites all of us to state that mercy needs to be practices in our lives. When Jesus comes again in all His glory, may we be mercifully judged as a people who showed great mercy to our sisters and brothers. Compassion, love, forgiveness, gentleness, and kindness mark the believer in the Name of the Lord. Mercy shared is showing the Face of God to another. *Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 S. Logan Blvd., Hollidaysburg, PA 16648.*



*Stewardship Reflection...*“Mature disciples make a conscious, firm decision, carried out in action, to be followers of Jesus Christ no matter the cost to themselves.” (*Stewardship: A Disciple’s Response, USCCB*).

*Families and the Gospel...*Luke 21:5-19 – So many conflicting voices and influences make parenting difficult. In today’s Gospel Jesus encourages parents to bravely “give testimony” and trust He will give us the “wisdom” to be good parents. You are not alone in parenting; a loving Father is standing with you.

***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 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 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 Rován 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 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 SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD FOR FAMILIES** is seeking donations of turkeys to be distributed to food pantries throughout Cambria County for Thanksgiving. Turkey and or cash donations can be dropped off at our FFF Warehouse at 945 Franklin St., Johnstown, Monday thru Friday from 8:30AM until 2:30PM.

**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.

**COMMUNITY BLOOD SCREENING:** The Resurrection Ladies Auxiliary in cooperation with the Chan Soon-Shiong Medical Center at Windber (formerly Windber Hospital) will sponsor a Community Blood Screening on **Saturday, December 10, 2016**. The blood screening will be held in Resurrection Hall from **7:00 AM until 9:00 AM**. Testing is available to all interested parishioners and the community. The cost for the screening is \$30.00. Additional tests and prices are as follows: PSA (men only) \$20.00, Hemoglobin

A1C \$20.00 or Vitamin D Level \$35.00. A 12-14 hour fast is recommended prior to taking the screening. Testing results will be forwarded to your primary care physician. You do not need to be a patient of a Windber physician to participate, patients of any physician are welcome. No physician order is needed. Refreshments will be served following your blood screening process. Please call (814) 467-3961 to schedule an appointment. Walk-ins are welcome.

**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.