

**JANUARY 22, 2017**  
*3<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.*



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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** - TBA

**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.

**GOB** icing will be made on Tuesday, January 24 beginning at 7:00AM. Gobs will be put together on Wednesday, January 25 at 6:00PM. We will be making extra gobs this month for National Gob Day to be held at the Galleria Mall on Saturday, January 28 and additional help is welcomed.

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3** 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.) America and our President need our prayers for a rejuvenated America.



**MADRI GRAS MADNESS** will take place on Saturday, February 18, 2017. Doors will open at 5:15PM and festivities begin at 6:00PM until 11:00PM. Admission includes: appetizers, soda, a turkey dinner with all the fixings and eligibility for Grand Prizes. A cash bar will be available. Music by Flood City Brass. Tickets are \$20 and are now available. Tables may be reserved for groups of 8 at an additional cost of \$10.00. There will be a \$5 cover charge for beer, cash bar for wine and mixed drinks. **No outside beverages allowed.**

**HOLY WEEK SPECIAL TICKETS** are now available. For a donation of \$3.00 – chance to win \$250.00 on Palm Sunday, April 9 and Easter Sunday, April 16; \$50.00 on April 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15. Winning number determined by the first 7:00PM PICK 3 Daily Lottery Number.

**MEN'S CLUB** Valentine Tickets have all been sold! Thank you to all who participated in this endeavor.

**SANCTUARY CANDLE** will burn this week for Improved Health of Rose Trapanotto by Family. **CANDLE BY OUR LADY, QUEEN OF HEAVEN** will burn for +Edward J. Petak by Jim & Sue Ellen Dadey.

**BRICK PAVER** project continues! Please be aware that all engraved bricks may not be installed at this time due to a delay at the engravers and the weather. Thank you for your patience. The deadline to purchase bricks at the initial cost of \$40.00 has passed. If you would still like to participate in this project you may do so at the increased price of \$75.00 per brick.

**CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR PARISH LAST WEEKEND:** Loose - \$464.50; Adults - \$2,585.87; Children - \$36.00; Monthly - \$95.00; Candles - \$131.90; Holy Day - \$47.00; Christmas - \$185.00; Missalettes - \$15.00; First Offering - \$45.00.00; St. Vincent de Paul - \$20.00; Misc. - \$17.42. Total Collection - \$3,642.69. 163 out of 314 families used envelopes. Thank you for your continued generosity to the parish. All registered parishioners should be using parish envelopes.

*Liturgical Reflection...*In a time when the Sacrament of Marriage is not celebrated as often as in preceding decades, the Church holds up the holiness and dignity of the sacramental covenant between a man and a woman. The matrimonial covenant, by which the two spouses establish a life-long partnership between themselves, derives its force and strength from creation as proclaimed in the Book of Genesis. And for the Christian faithful it is raised up to a higher dignity, since it is numbered among the Sacraments of the new covenant. 2017, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 S. Logan Blvd., Hollidaysburg, PA 16648.

*Stewardship Reflection...*The Disciples woke up to a normal day at work, but immediately responded to Jesus' invitation to follow Him. Their lives were never the same again. May we answer Jesus' call as passionately as those first Disciples. Our lives will never be the same again.

*Families and the Gospel...*January 22 – Mt 4:12-23 – When Jesus called His Disciples, they came immediately. Parents wish their children would respond as quickly, but they don't. Children grow slowly into responsibility. It's a process like walking, not done immediately but in small steps. Parenting demands patient encouragement.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

National Gob Day – Saturday, January 28 – Galleria Mall

Mardi Gras – Saturday, February 18

Believe it or not – Ash Wednesday is March 1, 2017.

In 2017 Catholics and Lutherans jointly observe the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the beginning of the Reformation. Catholics and Lutherans (as well as all Protestants) today enjoy a growth in mutual understanding, cooperation and respect. In response to the call for what St. Pope John Paul II teemed "Spiritual Ecumenism," Christians of all denominations are urged to come together in prayer for Christian unity. On **Sunday, January 22, 2017 at 3:00PM** at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Altoona, Bishop Mark Bartchak will preside at a Lutheran-Catholic Common Commemoration of the Reformation. Presiding with our Bishop will be Bishop Michael Rhyne, Lutheran Bishop of the Allegheny Lutheran Synod, who will preach. On **Sunday, January 29, 2017 at 3:00PM**, at Mount Calvary Lutheran Church in Richland (Johnstown), Bishop Michael Rhyne, Lutheran Bishop of the Allegheny Synod will preside at a Lutheran-Catholic Common Commemoration of the Reformation. Presiding with Bishop Rhyne will be Bishop Mark Bartchak, who will preach.

**THE SHROUD OF TURIN** – Is this the Face of Jesus? – in 2013 Bill Wingard established “Shroud Talks” to present the history and science of the Shroud of Turin and tackle its biggest mystery... Is the Shroud of Turin the actual burial cloth of Jesus? Personal research coupled with the knowledge and help of the original photographer, Barrie Schwartz, for scientific evaluation in 1978 make for a powerful and comprehensive presentation that will not disappoint. You are invited to hear the talk and see the full size replica of the Shroud of Turin, Sunday, March 26, 2017 at St. Benedict Parish at 3:00PM. For more information contact Deacon Michael Russo at 288-3036. Tickets are not required. A free will offering will be taken.

**Monday, January 23**, all Dioceses in the United States of America are observing a Day of Prayer for the **Legal Protection of Unborn Children**. January 22 is the day of the anniversary of the Supreme Court decision, *Roe vs. Wade* (1973), the Church in America prays for the violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion, and of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee to the right to life. Members of the Diocese are encouraged to go to Mass on this day, pray the Rosary, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, fast and abstain, and join the Altoona-Johnstown family in praying the following:

*O God, Who adorn creation with splendor and beauty, and fashion human lives in Your image and likeness, awaken in every heart reverence for the work of Your hands, and renew among Your people a readiness to nurture and sustain Your precious gift of human life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.*

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

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK OR HOMEBOUND**

James Edward Adams, Rose Blaschak, Sister Carol Jean Czynnik, Mary Davis, Joan Delusa, Stephen Fabina, LeAnn Golby, Alicia Junghans, Susan Keselyak, Scott Lanz (Godson of fr. Anthony Francis), 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.

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**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 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**, Pentagon; **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; **Adken Torchia**, US Army, Fort Benning, GA.

*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.*

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**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.

**THERE WILL BE A BUS** going to Washington, D.C. for the annual March for Life on Friday, January 27, 2017. There will be a 6:30AM Mass at St. Francis of Assisi Parish. The bus will depart immediately after the Mass and make a pickup in front of St. John Gualbert Cathedral downtown. ALL seats are \$10.00 and must be paid to reserve your seats. The bus will return at approximately 10:00PM. Please call Heidi at 536-7335 to reserve your seat or for more information.

**MARCH ON THE MOUNTIAN AT ST. FRANCIS UNIVERSITY** - In order to promote the Pro-Life message, St. Francis University will hold its own March for Life on Friday, January 27 for those who can't attend the Washington D. C. rally. The Rosary will be recited prior to the March in the Immaculate Conception Chapel located on Loretto campus, beginning at 10:30AM. This will be followed by several guest speakers. The March itself will begin with a short prayer at 11:00AM in front of the Chapel. The walk will then commence around the mall in the center of campus and will conclude at approximately 11:55AM for those that wish to attend the 12:00PM Mass.

**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.