

JANUARY 29, 2017
4th 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.



UNBORN LIFE IN THE WOMB MATTERS

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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

4:00PM / Sunday – 7:30AM / 9:30AM

Parish Secretary – Carol Pisula

Office Hours – 9:00AM to 3:00PM – Mon. thru Thurs

President – Ryan Woodruff – 659-9781

Finance Council President - TBA

Cemetery Council President - William Heim – 254- 2942

Director of Religious Education – Carol Pisula – 254-1961

Saturday –

Parish Council

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.

GOB icing will be made on Tuesday, January 31 beginning at 7:00AM. Gobs will be put together on Wednesday, February 1 at 6:00PM.

MEN'S CLUB meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 2 at 7:00PM in the Activity Center. New members are always welcome.



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.

FISH FRY will take place on Friday, February 10 from 11:00AM – 6:00PM. Lent Fish Fries will begin on Ash Wednesday, March 1 and continue on Friday, March 10, March 17, March 24, March 31. The final Lenten Fish Fry will be held on Friday, April 7. There will NOT be a Fish Fry on Good Friday. All help is greatly appreciated, especially during Lent.



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.

BRICK PAVER project continues! Please be aware that all engraved bricks may not be installed at this time due to 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 - \$363.00; Adults - \$2,662.52; Children - \$38.00; Monthly - \$17.00; Candles - \$112.25; Holy Day - \$8.00; Christmas - \$10.00; Missalettes - \$7.00; First Offering - \$15.00; flowers - \$3.00; Catholic Register - \$5.00; St. Vincent de Paul - \$55.00. Total Collection - \$3,295.77. 187 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 the revised **Order of Celebrating Matrimony** (2016), the Church states that children are the supreme gift of Marriage and contribute greatly to the good of the parents themselves. The ultimate crown of Marriage is procreation and the formation of children in the Faith. The love of husband and wife is a creative love and, with God's presence, new life is born of the love of the married couple. The intimate community of life and love between the spouses is holy and divine. Married love is communal and results in the creation of the human family. 2017, *Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 S. Logan Blvd., Hollidaysburg, PA 16648.*

Stewardship Reflection... Good stewards may not earn rewards here on earth, but today's Gospel assures them that their sacrifices for the Kingdom will lead to Eternal Life.

Families and the Gospel... January 29 – Mt 5:1-12a – It is in our family where we learn to be merciful and comforting to others. The Beatitudes of the Kingdom of God begin at home and depend on you. Parents lead the way.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Fish Fry – Friday, February 10 – 11AM – 6PM

Mardi Gras – Saturday, February 18

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

In 2017 Catholics and Lutherans jointly observe the 500th 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 deemed “Spiritual Ecumenism,” Christians of all denominations are urged to come together in prayer for Christian unity. 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.



PRAYER FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

O Christ, our Teacher, You invite Your faithful people to make disciples in Your Name and to announce Good News to the poor. We thank You for the gift of Catholic Schools, where the message of Your Life, Death, and Resurrection is proclaimed, Christian community is experienced, service to our brothers and sisters is modeled, and worship of You is cultivated. Increase our zeal for ensuring that all children and families can benefit from a high quality Catholic education, and that Catholic Schools grow in their ability to nurture the soul of our nation. We ask this through the intercession of Our Lady, Mother of Catholic Schools. Amen.

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.

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 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**, Pentagon; **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; **Adken Torchia**, US Army, Fort Benning, GA; **PVT. 1st Class Lucas Tomak**, US Army, Fort Hood, TX.

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.

JOURNEY THROUGH LOSS SUPPORT GROUP – Our Mother of Sorrows Parish is offering a six-week program to discuss positive ideas for coping with loss through death – recent or some time ago. The programs on Tuesday, February 28 from 1:30PM – 3:30PM, Our Mother of Sorrows Rectory. If you are interested in attending, call Carroll Green – 255-5478.

SPORTSMEN RAFFLE - FEBRUARY 18, 2017 - The Church of The Transfiguration will be having a Sportsman Raffle on Saturday, February 18, 2017. Doors open at 6:00PM with refreshments being served. Tickets are \$10.00 each and if you would like to purchase a ticket or if you are able to sell a few, please contact The Church of The Transfiguration at (814) 535-2250. Some of the sportsmen's gear items to be raffled include: Knives, Guns, Hot Seats, Chairs, Cases, Clothing, Fishing Gear, Tickets to Sporting Events, Steeler items, or if you would like to give a Monetary Donation. Please bring them to the Rectory Office at 340 Second Street as soon as possible. For additional information please contact the following people: Alan Curtis - 539 - 7873, Andy Solomon - 322-3287 or Bill Flaugh - 536 - 1159.

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***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***