

**FEBRUARY 12, 2017**  
*6<sup>th</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**

**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.

**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS** the family and friends of +Rose Trapanotto and +Helen Malysko who were laid to rest last week. Welcoming God, receive from our hands the loved ones we return to You.

**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. *Donations of baked goods for a Bake Sale will be accepted as well as donations of soda and water.* Profit for the Fish Fry held on January 13, 2017 - \$5,173.19.



**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, jambalaya rice, 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.** *To reduce expenses if anyone would like to donate a bottle of wine or whiskey for the Mardi Gras please call Cindy at 539-3128 or Fran at 241-3666 or drop off to Mardi Gras ticket seller in the vestibule at Masses on Saturday or Sunday.*

**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.

**SANCTUARY CANDLE** will burn this week for +Rose Trapanotto by Jim & Sue Ellen Dadey. **CANDLE BY OUR LADY QUEEN OF HEAVEN** will burn this for Terri Lopez Spinda, Birthday by Cel Neiderer.

**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 - \$375.80; Adults - \$2,756.27; Children - \$31.00; Monthly - \$664.52; Candles - \$116.75; Holy Day - \$20.00; Missalettes - \$5.00; Catholic Register - \$270.02; St. Vincent de Paul - \$50.00. Total Collection - \$4,289.36. 184 out of 314 families used envelopes. Thank you for your continued generosity to the parish. All registered parishioners should be using parish envelopes.

**CANDLE DONATIONS** – all envelopes containing donations for candles are to be placed in the locked box located on the wall at the rear of the Church between the statues of St. Jude and St. Clare of Assisi. Thank you for your cooperation.

**LITURGICAL MINISTRY** signup sheets for Ash Wednesday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday are located in the vestibule. Please consider participating in these Solemn Liturgies.

*Liturgical Reflection...* In the revised **Order of Celebrating Matrimony** (2016), the Church states that God has raised the indissoluble conjugal contract between husband and wife to the dignity of a Sacrament so that it might signify more clearly and represent more easily the model of Christ's own nuptial covenant with the Church. Christ is the Bridegroom and we, the Church are His Bride. By the Sacrifice on Calvary, this covenant can never be broken. Man and woman in the Sacrament of Matrimony en flesh the Divine relationship between Christ and the people of God. *2017, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 S. Logan Blvd., Hollidaysburg, PA 16648.*

*Stewardship Reflection...* Jesus is clear – it's the love that you have in your heart that will get you to Heaven. May we truly love for love's sake and love not because of obligation.

*Families and the Gospel...* February 12 – Mt 5:13-16 – To experience the peace which Christ promises we must shed our grudges, jealousy and feelings of being misunderstood, unappreciated or ignored. Peace and anger don't mix. Today's Gospel warns, if you want peace in your heart and home, get rid of your anger. Anger is too costly.

**THANK YOU** to the Men's Club for their donation of the new collection baskets. God Bless you all!

**DEAR FRIENDS IN CHRIST** – we are going to start a new mission here at St. Francis of Assisi and we ask you to pray about helping us. If you remember the story from the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus said that when He comes in His glory, He will "say to those at His right hand, "Come, O blessed of My Father inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave Me food...Then the righteous will answer Him, "Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You?...And the King will answer them, "Truly I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me. Mt. 25-34-35, 40. Starting this weekend you'll be able to help feed the hungry. There will be plastic bins located in the Main Vestibule of the Church. We will gather what you bring and feed the hungry, just as Jesus feeds us at each Mass. A can or box of food, whatever you can spare, will do more than you think, because "with God all things are possible." Mt. 19:26. After all – think of what Jesus did with two fish and five loaves of bread. Thank you for opening your hearts. Thank you to the volunteers who are initiating this ministry!



**DEACON BRUCE** will be conducting a Lenten Course to be held Wednesday, March 8, 15, 22, 29 and April 5 from 6:30PM – 7:30PM. More details will follow.

**ALL ARE INVITED** to an ecumenical worship service celebrating the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation, which is to be held at 2:00PM on Sunday, February 26 at First Lutheran Church in Altoona, PA (1401 12<sup>th</sup> Ave., Altoona PA). A highlight of this service is that we will have Bishop Donald McCoid (formerly Bishop of Pittsburgh and surrounding area) as our preacher and speaker. Bishop McCoid has recently retired as the Ecumenical Executive for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, who as instrumental in the creation of the ecumenical document “Declaration On the Way.” This document collects the 32 points of agreement on ministry, mission, and Eucharist where Lutherans and Catholics agree. During the service, Bishop Michael Rhyne of the Allegheny Lutheran Synod, and Bishop Mark Bartchak will proclaim together these points of agreement. All are encouraged to participate in this historic celebration.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Confirmation Class – Sunday, February 12 – 6PM – 8PM  
Mardi Gras – Saturday, February 18  
Believe it or not – Ash Wednesday is March 1, 2017  
Lent Fish Fries begin Ash Wednesday, March 1, 2017  
Lenten Course – Wednesday, March 8, 15, 22, 29, April 5 – 6:30PM – 7:30PM

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

James Edward Adams, Rose Blaschak, Galynn Brady, 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, Sophie Regula, Carly Rice, Doug Rice, James Schuster, Mary Slezak, Joanna Stone, Carol Sobecky, Mary Subich, Leona Sutt, Agnes Swarney, Jeanne Toth, 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 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, 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; **PVT. 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**CCW SUNDAY SABBATH SERIES:** Spend a Sunday afternoon enriching yourself spiritually. Sunday, February 26, 2107 – The Letters – based on her true story, THE LETTERS explores the life’s work of Nobel Peace Prize recipient St. Mother Teresa, one of the greatest humanitarians of all time. Told through a series of personal letters, this powerful film is an unforgettable journey of Faith, courage and compassion. Sunday Sabbath gatherings being at 1:30PM and end at 4:30PM. It includes the DVD presentation and time for prayer and reflection. There is no charge for the session but a free will offering will be welcomes. Pre-registration is required the Friday before each session. Sessions will be held at Carmelite Community of the Word Incarnation Center, 394 Bem Rd., Gallitzin, PA. To register, get directions or for more information, call 814-886-4098.

**JOIN IN THE FUN** at the Resurrection Roman Catholic Church St. Patrick’s Day Party, Saturday, March 11 featuring the Michael O’Brian Band. Doors open at 6:00 PM. The entrance fee is \$5.00. Irish Food, Soda and Beer available for purchase. For reservations please call Greg Babik at 322-6884 or Mary Beth at the Resurrection Parish Office at 539-5788 Ext. 4. Please call early as seating is limited.

**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.

***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***