

**FEBRUARY 19, 2017**  
*7<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 NOTE:** Mass on Monday, February 20 will be celebrated at **9:00AM**.

**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS** the family and friends of +Mary Spenger who was laid to rest last week. Mary was a long-time organist at the 4:00PM Mass at St. Francis of Assisi.

**PLEASE REMEMBER** + Nicholas Balestino, brother of Fr. Balestino who died last week. God grant him Heaven!

**GOB ICING** will be made on Tuesday, February 21 beginning at 7:00AM. Gobs will be put together on Wednesday, February 22 at 6:00PM. ALL HELP is greatly appreciated as we start to prepare for Lent.

**LENTEN 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.*

**FRIDAY, MARCH 3** is the First Friday of the month. Adoration will begin after the **12Noon 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.



**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.

**CANDLE BY OUR LADY QUEEN OF HEAVEN** will burn this week for +Viola Lieb by Jeanne & Ray Toth.

**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 - \$354; Adults - \$2,745.27; Children - \$30.00; Monthly - \$580.00; Candles - \$123.00; Missalettes - \$5.00; Catholic Register - \$80.00; St. Vincent de Paul - \$20.00; Misc. - \$617.42. Total Collection - \$4,554.69. 190 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.

**THANK YOU** – The Cambria City Mission would like to thank the fine people at St. Francis of Assisi for the Christmas gifts that were provided. The children really enjoyed them. Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness! It is really good to know that we have your support! There are a lot of unfortunate children in our area. My prayer is that God will continue to bless your Church. I know that God is good, and that He will never forget what you have done. *Randy Knupp, Pastor/Director, Cambria City Mission.*

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

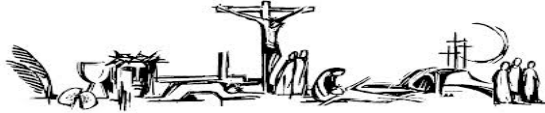
Believe it or not – Ash Wednesday is March 1, 2017  
Lenten Fish Fries begin Ash Wednesday, March 1, 2017  
Lenten Course – Wednesday, March 8, 15, 22, 29, April 5 – 6:30PM – 7:30PM

*Liturgical Reflection...*By the Sacrament of Matrimony Catholic Christian spouses signify and participate in the mystery of unity and fruitful love between Christ and the Church. Man and woman, both in embracing conjugal love and in accepting and educating their children, help one another to become holy. As a married couple they have their own place and particular gift among the People of God. The faithful are enriched by the example of the married couple who give themselves wholeheartedly and unselfishly to one another. The love of God is visibly seen in the love of husband and wife. *2017, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 S. Logan Blvd., Hollidaysburg, PA 16648.*

*Stewardship Reflection...*The foundation of stewardship is prayer. When we are in close communication with God, it opens our heart and turns our attention away from “me” and moves it toward God and others.

*Families and the Gospel...*February 19 – Mt 5:38-48 – Giving the shirt off your back, turning the other cheek or walking/driving the extra mile is normal stuff in families. We do that for one another. Today’s Gospel reminds us all people, even those we don’t like are our brothers and sisters. Our family should prepare us to be FAMILY to others.

**SAINT FRANCIS UNIVERSITY** is pleased to announce His Eminence Cardinal Timothy Dolan, Archbishop of New York, will be our guest on Thursday, March 30, 2017. While in Loretto, the Cardinal will celebrate an on-campus, public Mass at 4:00 p.m. in the Maurice Stokes Athletics Center. The University is pleased to offer a limited number of Mass tickets on a first-come, first served basis. Following Mass, a black-tie optional *Dinner with the Cardinal* will begin at 6:00 p.m. on campus in the John F. Kennedy Student Center. Tickets are \$250 each (\$1,750 for table of eight). Proceeds will benefit *The Rev. Gabriel J. Zeis, T.O.R. Endowment in Franciscan Studies and Roman Catholic Theology*. You can reserve Mass and dinner tickets by visiting: [www.francis.edu/Cardinal-Dolan-Mass](http://www.francis.edu/Cardinal-Dolan-Mass). The Mass will also be live-streamed for those who cannot attend by visiting the same website. Please call (814) 472-3021 for more information.



**LENT SCHEDULE**

Ash Wednesday, March 1 – Mass – 8:00AM, 12Noon, 6:30PM.

During Lent, daily Mass (Mon. thru Fri.) will take place at 12Noon (Tues. – Mass with the Novena to St. Anthony will also be celebrated at 6:30PM). Stations of the Cross will be prayed on all Fridays of Lent at 7:00PM. Divine Mercy Chaplet and Lenten Lamentations will be held on Sundays at 3:00PM.

**DEACON BRUCE** will be conducting a Lenten Course on the Resurrection Experience to be held Wednesday, March 8, 15, 22, 29 and April 5 from 6:30PM – 7:30PM. This presentation takes up the starting point for engaging Jesus then and now, namely the distinctive Christian understanding of the Resurrection.

***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, 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, Larry Olek, Sophie Regula, Alexandra Rice, 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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; **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 welcome. 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.