

FEBRUARY 26, 2017
8th 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
SEE LENTEN SCHEDULE BEGINNING THURSDAY, MARCH 2

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 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.

THANK YOU to all those who helped and supported in any way to the success of the Mardi Gras held last weekend, especially the Planning Committee. Your hard work and dedication is greatly appreciated.



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.* Profit for the Fish Fry held February 10 - \$4,242.36

MEN'S CLUB meeting will be held on Thursday, March 2 at 7:00PM at the Activity Center. New Members are always welcome.

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.

CRS RICE BOWL – included with the bulletin this week are the Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowls. Please drop your loose change into your bowl during the Lenten Season to help those less fortunate.

WINNERS of the Men's Club Valentine Ticket: Roger Weeks, number above – Alice Havers, number below – Phyllis Kasper. Thank you to all who supported this endeavor.

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 - \$377.00; Adults - \$3,695.65; Children - \$24.00; Monthly - \$92.00.00; Candles - \$131.00; First Offering- \$5.00; Catholic Register - \$25.00; St. Vincent de Paul - \$15.00; Catholic Relief Services - \$10.00; Black & Indian Mission. Total Collection - \$4,379.65. 198 out of 314 families used envelopes. Thank you for your continued generosity to the parish. All registered parishioners should be using parish envelopes.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY signup sheets for 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 it is the Sacrament of Matrimony that has incorporated a man and woman into life with Christ. Baptism, the Sacrament of Faith, invites husband and wife to enter into the covenant of Christ with the Church. The conjugal love of the spouses is assumed into Christ's charity and enriched by the power of His Sacrifice. Thus, the valid Marriage between the baptized is always a Sacrament. The covenant love between man and woman is held in the highest esteem. Husband and wife model the love of God and His people. *2017, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 S. Logan Blvd., Hollidaysburg, PA 16648.*

Stewardship Reflection... A Christian steward is a person who loves both God and neighbor. A steward shares his or her gifts from God in justice and love of others.

Families and the Gospel – February 26 – Mt 6:24-34 – Because we believe we can control and create our own world, we attempt to juggle multiple agendas and we pray the price of neglecting those closest to us. Too late we realize we reach the point of asking “Was it worth it?” We really can't serve two masters.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Ash Wednesday - March 1, 2017

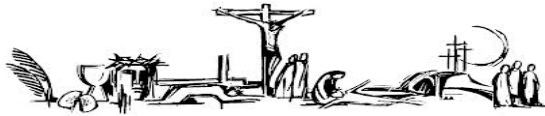
Lenten Fish Fries begin Ash Wednesday, March 1, 2017

Lenten Course – Wednesday, March 8, 15, 22, 29, April 5 – 6:30PM – 7:30PM

DID YOU KNOW? noted Catholic Scholar, Michael Novak, a Johnstown native who died on Friday, February 17, born on September 9, 1933 was baptized at St. Francis of Assis Parish on September 24, 1933!

MARCH 19TH IS JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH DAY at Bishop Carroll High School. The day is for all 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students. Please plan to join us for a day of fun, faith and friendship. Please contact the DRE for more information.

DIOCESAN SUMMER CAMP OPPORTUNITIES – Registrations for our Diocesan summer camps, Camp Timothy (Grades 10-12 and newly graduated seniors) and Camp Zacchaeus (Grades 4-9) are now being accepted. Camp “Z” and Camp “T” offer our young people an opportunity to supercharge their Faith in a wonderful outdoor setting of Faith, fun and friendship! Due to the generosity of many of the faithful in our diocese there are Angel Fund scholarships available to help offset the cost of camp for any family who is eligible. Scholarship forms are available through the Youth Ministry Office. DATES: Camp Timothy – June 18-22, Camp Zacchaeus – Week 1 – July 16-21, Week 2 – July 23-28. For more information or an application, contact Francine Swope in the Youth Ministry Office (814) 317-2646.



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, followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

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. *Please use the signup sheet in the vestibule.*

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK OR HOMEBOUND

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 Sobacky, 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 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 Rovon 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.

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.

CURSILLO WEEKEND – Come and enjoy a wonderful three-day encounter with Jesus Christ through the love and sharing of fellow Christians. Cursillo Weekends are held at St. Anne's in Ebensburg and all are welcome. Men's weekend – March 16-19. Women's weekend – March 30 – April 2. For more information please call Tom Price at 814-674-5060 or Debbie Lillibridge at 814-669-9523.

ST. ANDREW CHURCH ANNUAL NOVENA to the Infant of Prague will begin on Sunday, March 19, 2017 at 7:00PM and will continue every evening until Monday, March 27, 2017 at 7:00PM. We will have additional Priests to hear Confessions after every Mass.

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI: Every 1st Friday there is Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament during Lent from 12:30pm – 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***