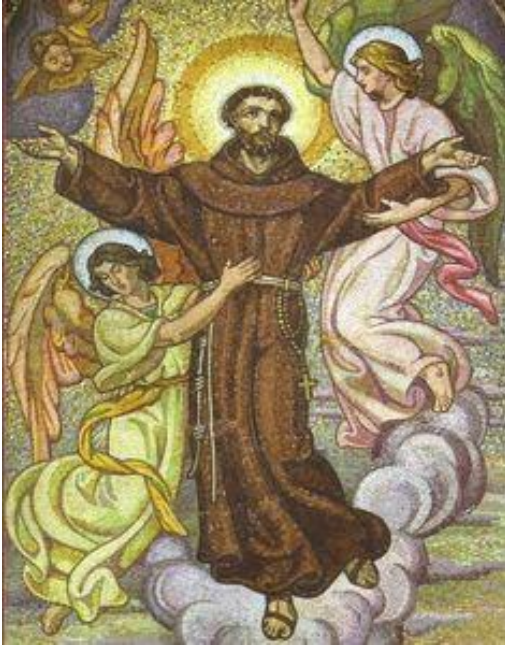


APRIL 23, 2017
2nd Sunday of Easter – Divine Mercy Sunday
THE FAITH COMMUNITY OF
ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

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 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.

DIVINE MERCY CELEBRATION SUNDAY APRIL 23 will begin with Confession being offered from 2:00PM – 2:45PM. The Chaplet of Divine Mercy with Benediction will take place at 3:00PM All are encouraged to attend.



FRIDAY, MAY 5 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.)

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS the children of our Parish who will be receiving Our Lord for the first time in Holy Communion on Sunday, May 7 at the 9:30AM Mass. The class includes: *Paisley Britt, Kylie Durst, Anna Glennon, Lucas Kimmel, Kayla Lee and Annika McClintock* as well as *Caleb Herdman* and *Laila Herdman* who received First Eucharist at the Easter Vigil.



THE YOUNG PEOPLE of our Parish: *Sydney (Cecilia) Chase, Katherine (St. Teresa of Calcutta) Konieczny, Michael (St. Michael) Glennon and Travis (St. Michael) Piskuric*, will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Tuesday, May 9 at St. John Gualbert Cathedral at 7:00PM. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue their journey of Faith.



THE NEXT FISH FRY will be held on Friday, May 12. This will be the last Fish Fry until September. Thank you to all who helped in any way with the Lenten Fish Fries, your dedication is greatly appreciated. A final report will be published in the near future.

WINNERS OF THE HOLY WEEK SPECIAL TICKET: April 9 - #022, Diane Shoup; April 10 - #776, Eric Makdad; April 11 - #754, Annie Migut; April 12 - #412, Joe Fatula; April 13 - #229 – Elizabeth Haymaker; April 14 – #062, Ron Lechak; April 15 - #984, Carol Lucas; April 16 - #670 – Cindy Leech. Thank you to all who participated in this fund raiser. May God Bless you!

BRICK PAVING PROJECT – Please be aware that we have been in contact with Hilltop Nursery and have been assured that as soon as engraved bricks are received they will be placed. Thank you for your patience.

RICE BOWLS - Please return your Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowls as soon as possible.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR PARISH LAST WEEKEND: Loose - \$727.08, Adults - \$2,490.27; Children - \$10.00; Monthly - \$112.00; Easter - \$3,742.52; Mother's Day - \$5.00; Candles - \$153.00; St. Vincent de Paul - \$25.00; Holy Day - \$2.00; Flowers - \$10.00; Holy Thursday - \$554.52; Good Friday - \$632.2; Missalettes - \$18.00; Misc. - \$452.86. Total Collection - \$8,934.27. 202 out of 314 families used envelopes. Thank you for your continued generosity to the parish. All registered parishioners should be using parish envelopes.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Divine Mercy Sunday – Sunday, April 23 – 3:00PM – Chaplet of Divine Mercy with Benediction
Sunday, May 7 – First Communion – 9:30AM Mass
Tuesday, May 9 – Confirmation – St. John Gualbert Cathedral – 7:00PM

PILGRIMAGE - To celebrate the centenary of the founding of the Militia of the Immaculata, a Pilgrimage to Rome and Poland is being organized to take place from August 7-18, 2017 under the Spiritual Direction of Fr. James McCurry. This special pilgrimage includes 3 days in Rome with an excursion to Assisi as well as 7 days in Poland visiting Warsaw, Niepokalanow, Czestochowa, Auschwitz, the site of St. Maximilian's martyrdom, Wadowice, Krakow, Wieliczka, and Lagiewniki. For a copy of the Pilgrimage flyer or any other information, please contact the Friary or Mary Gorecki at PAT Tours at 1-800-388-0988, email:info@patours.com. Copies of the informational flyer are also available at the Parish Office. All-inclusive cost from New York: \$3,395.00

Liturgical Reflection... The Roman Catholic celebration of marriage between two Catholic faithful normally takes place during Holy Mass, because of the connection of all the Sacraments with the dying and rising of Christ. In the Eucharist the memorial of the New Covenant is realized, the New Covenant in which Christ has united Himself forever to the Church, His beloved Bride for whom He gave Himself up to death. It is therefore fitting that the spouses should seal their consent to each other through uniting their love to the love of Christ. The newly married man and woman also receive Eucharist so that, communicating in the same Body and same Blood of

Christ, they may form one body in Christ (Catechism of the Catholic Church Number 1621). 2017, *Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 S. Logan Blvd., Hollidaysburg, PA 16648.*

Stewardship Reflection... Christian stewards temper their wants to help others meet their needs. Added to the number of those being saved are both the one who gives and the one who receives.

Families and the Gospel – April 23 – Jn 20:19-31 – “Whose sins you forgive, are forgiven.” The Kingdom of God begins in your home where children learn the paths to peace promised in today’s Gospel through merciful and forgiveness demonstrated by their parents. Become who you are called to be, ambassadors of peace and forgiveness.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK OR HOMEBOUND

James Edward Adams, Rose Blaschak, Galynn Brady, Sister Carol Jean Czyrnik, 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, Sheila Weppner.

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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 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; Lt. Kenneth Yacynych, US Army, Afghanistan; Cpl Elliott Mulvehill, USMC, New River, NC.

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.

CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION – Spaghetti Drive-By, Sunday, April 23 from 11:00AM – 1:30PM at the School Hall, 201 Third St, Conemaugh. The meal includes: Spaghetti and Meatballs, tossed salad, roll and dessert.

MEADOWS CASINO BUS TRIP – Church of the Transfiguration is sponsoring a bus trip on Thurs., April 27. The bus will leave the Church parking lot at 8:30AM and leave the Meadows Casino at 6:00PM for the return trip. The cost of the trip will be \$32.00 and includes \$25 in free slot play. For information and to make a reservations, please call: Sharon Santichen at 536-1732 or Andy Solomon at 322-3287 or 619-9543.

ATRIUM’S BASKET PARTY – April 30, 12:00PM – 3:00PM at St. John Gualbert Activity Center. Tickets sold in advance to \$10 includes 25 chances and a light luncheon. Get your tickets at the Atrium, 216 Main St.

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI: Every 1st 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***