

MAY 14, 2017
5th Sunday of Easter
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.

MOTHER'S DAY TREAT sponsored by the Men's Club will be held in the Activity Center following the 7:30 & 9:30AM Masses on Sunday, May 14. Door prizes will be given away. All are invited to attend.

ROSARY SOCIETY – There will be an organizational meeting for the Rosary Society on Monday, May 15 at 6:00PM in the Church with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary and Benediction. A presentation on Our Lady of Fatima will conclude the evening. Come and join us!



IF YOU WOULD LIKE to light a candle in honor of Our Lady of Fatima, please contact the Parish Office. The offering of \$3.00 may be placed in the candle money box at the rear of the Church.

GOB SALE – Saturday, May 20 from 9AM until 12Noon. Get Gobs for your Memorial Day Picnic. Please note: Due to rising costs, the price of Gobs will increase to \$1.50 each. Thank you for understanding.

THURSDAY, MAY 25 is the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord and a Holy Day of Obligation. Vigil Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, May 24 at 5:30PM and on Thursday at 8:00AM and 5:30PM.



Remember -
our fallen heroes.
They are the reason
that we are free.

MEMORIAL DAY MASS will be celebrated at 10:00AM on Monday, May 29 at St. Francis Cemetery. Please bring a lawn chair. In case of inclement weather Mass will be held in the Church.

PARISH OFFICE will be **CLOSED** Thursday, May 25 through Monday, May 29. Office will reopen on Tuesday, May 30.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS are asked to please notify the Parish Office as to your availability for the summer months. This will help with preparing the schedules. Thank you for your cooperation.

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.

THANK YOU to everyone who sent cards, provided rides, prayers and best wishes during my recent surgery and recovery. A special thank you to Cecilia Neiderer who took me into her home for a week of recovery. I am truly grateful. *Gale Bala*

SANCTUARY CANDLE will burn this week for Special Intention for Matthew Dadey, grandson of Jim & Sue Ellen Dadey.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR PARISH LAST WEEKEND: Loose - \$379.00; Adults - \$2,041.35; Children - \$29.00; Monthly - \$569.00; Candles - \$113.50; Catholic Home Mission - \$12.00; St. Vincent de Paul - \$24.00; Mother's Day - \$155.00; Missalettes - \$188.00; Holy Day - \$10.00; Pentecost - \$5.00. Total Collection - \$3,525.85. 161 out of 314 families used envelopes. Thank you for your continued generosity to the parish.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will take place Monday, July 9 through Friday, July 14 from 9:00AM until 12Noon at the Activity Center. Registration forms will be available in the near future. This summer your children will embark on a discovery to hear the special mission God has for each one of them. Students explore marriage, the priesthood, religious life and missionaries during this energetic, Catholic Vocation Bible School! Exciting assemblies, creative art, fun games, terrific music, Catholic prayers, yummy snacks, remarkable role plays and more await your families. *There will be a meeting on Monday, May 22 at 3:00PM in the Rectory for all interesting in assisting with Bible School.*

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, May 15 – Organizational Meeting of Rosary Society – 6:00PM in the Church

Saturday, May 20 – Gob Sale -9AM – 12PM

Wednesday, May 24 – Vigil Mass for the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord – 5:30PM

Thursday, May 25 – Feast of the Ascension of the Lord – 8:00AM & 5:30PM Mass

Monday, May 29 – Memorial Day Mass -10:00AM at St. Francis Cemetery (weather permitting), in case of inclement weather, Mass will be celebrated in the Church

Monday, July 10 thru Friday, July 14 – Vacation Bible School

Thursday, Sept. 28 & Fri., Sept. 29 – Trip to Basilica of the National Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima, Lewiston, NY – Watch the bulletin for details

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE (formerly known as the Annual Catholic Appeal) has now begun. While each parish is asked to achieve a “target” amount, unlike other years the parish will not be assessed if its target is not reached. *The target amount for St. Francis of Assisi is \$18,608.00 which breaks down to \$59.26 per family.* Contributions exceeding the target will be refunded to the parish.

Liturgical Reflection... On the threshold of His public life Jesus performs His first sign at a wedding feast in Cana. This first sign was done at the request of His Mother. The Church attaches great importance to Jesus' presence at the wedding in Cana. This is a confirmation of the goodness of marriage and the proclamation that marriage will now be a holy sign of Christ's presence. The Mother of the Lord seeks her Son's assistance with the lack of wine. Today we remember mothers, living and dead, who formed their sons and daughters in the image of a caring, loving Christ. Happy Mother's Day! (Catechism of the Catholic Church Number 1613). 2017, *Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 S. Logan Blvd, Hollidaysburg, PA 16648.*

Stewardship Reflection... Jesus says, "Whoever believes in Me will do the works that I do." Christian stewards and disciples accept this challenge knowing the ultimate reward will be Eternal Life.

Families and the Gospel... May 14 – John 14:1-12 – Jesus tells us in the Gospel: "I am the Father and the Father is in me!" The point is: God is in each one of us, in our relationships and in our homes. The vocation of the Christian family is to live the Divine gift which is already in and around us. Mothers are instruments of Christ's presence in the home.

Prayer for Mothers

All-loving God, we give You thanks and praise for mothers young and old.

We pray for young mothers, who give life and count toes and tend to our every need; May they be blessed with patience and tenderness to care for their families and themselves with great joy.

We pray for our own mothers who have nurtured and cared for us; May they continue to guide us in strong and gentle ways.

We remember mothers who are separated from their children because of war, poverty, or conflict; May they feel the loving embrace of our God Who wipes away every tear.

We pray for women who are not mothers but still love and shape us with motherly care and compassion.

We remember mothers, grandmothers, and great-grandmothers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love. Amen.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK OR HOMEBOUND

James Edward Adams, Rose Blaschak, Galynn Brady, Sister Carol Jean Czrynik, 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 Sobbecky, Mary Subich, Leona Sutt, Agnes Swarney, Jeanne Toth, Irene Virus, and Agnes Warhul, Sheila Weppner.

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, Wv; **Sgt. Bryan Maxwell Porath**, **Captain Aaron Donahey**, US Army, Fort Benning, GA; **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; Fort Gordon, GA; **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.

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.

FATHER JOHN D. BYRNES Rector, and the Parish Family of St. Michael the Archangel Basilica, Loretto, invite the faithful to join us each Sunday evening at 7:00PM for the outdoor Sunday Mass at the beautiful Shrine of Our Lady of the Alleghenies in Loretto. The first Mass of the season will be celebrated on Sunday, May 28, 2017 and will continue through Labor Day Weekend, September 3, 2017. Please bring a lawn chair. In the event of inclement weather, the Mass will be held in the Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel.

CELEBRATE 100 YEARS OF THE APPARITIONS OF MARY AT FATIMA with the Franciscan Friars, T.O.R. – Fatima Devotions May 13th to Oct. 13, 2017 – Sat., May 13; Tues., June 13; Thurs., July 13; Sunday, Aug. 13; Wed., Sept. 13 at 6:30PM, Sunken Gardens, Mount Assisi, Loretto. Fri., Oct. 13 6:30PM – Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel, Loretto. Bishop Mark will be the homilist at the Oct. 13 Devotions.

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.

Our Lady of Fatima, Pray for Us