

MAY 7, 2017
4th 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.

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 (St. Cecilia) Chase, Katherine (St. Teresa of Calcutta) Konieczny, Michael (St. Michael the Archangel) Glennon and Travis (St. Michael the Archangel) 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.* All help is greatly appreciated. Donations for a Bake Sale will be accepted and may be brought to the Activity Center on Friday morning.

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.

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.

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.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR PARISH LAST WEEKEND: Loose - \$385.02; Adults - \$2,793.52; Children - \$22.00; Monthly - \$22.02; Easter - \$52.00; Candles - \$136.25; Holy Thursday - \$7.00; Catholic Home Mission - \$250.02; St. Vincent de Paul - \$804.02; Mother's Day - \$5.00; Missalettes - \$8.00; Holy Land - \$7.00; Donations - \$150.00. Total Collection - \$4,641.85. 184 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 along with more details. *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

Sunday, May 7 – First Communion – 9:30AM Mass

Tuesday, May 9 – Confirmation – St. John Gualbert Cathedral – 7:00PM

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

Monday, May 29 – Memorial Day Mass -10:00AM at St. Francis Cemetery (weather permitting) or at 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

TIME, TALENT and TREASURE

As the Pastor of your Parish I am pleased to see how generous you are with your **TREASURE** which is used for all our operating expenses. Your generosity is also noted for special collections, mission appeals and other extraordinary purposes such as our new undertaking of foodstuffs (weekly) for the St. Vincent de Paul Soup Kitchen.

I am truly grateful for your **TREASURE**. Now I am making an appeal for your **TIME** and **TALENT**. Have you considered volunteering to be a member of the **PARISH COUNCIL** or **FINANCE COUNCIL**? These councils meet ordinarily once a month (**FINANCE COUNCIL** 2nd Thursday of the month from 6-8PM; **PARISH COUNCIL** 3rd Thursday of the month from 6-8PM).

I am also making an appeal for new members for our various ministries – **EXTRORDINARY MINISTERS of HOLY COMMUNION, LECTORS, ADULT ALTAR SERVERS** (weekdays and funerals), **YOUNG ALTAR SERVERS** (weekends), **USHERS** and **COLLECTORS** (weekend Masses), **CHOIR MEMBERS** (practice on Wednesday evenings, 9:30AM Mass and other special celebrations), Men's Club, (new) Rosary Society), Liturgy Committee. If you are interested, please complete the registration form found in the vestibule and return it via the collection basket or mail it to the Parish Office.

Thank you so very much for your prayerful consideration of offering your **TIME** and **TALENT** to your Parish.

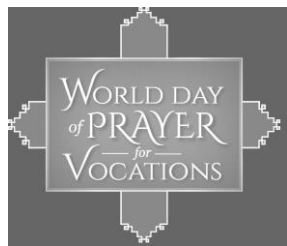
May the Lord Bless you and keep you.

Prayerfully, fr. Anthony Francis



*Liturgical Reflection...*The entire Church life bears the mark of the spousal love of Christ and the Church. Already Baptism, the entry into the People of God, is a nuptial mystery. Baptism is the nuptial bath which precedes the wedding feast, the Eucharist. Each Sunday in Easter we are sprinkled with Easter water to remind ourselves of our Baptismal identity. In the bath of Baptism we were wedded to Christ and the Church. The divine wedding feast takes place every time we gather for Mass. Christ, the Bridegroom, shares His Body and Blood with the people, His bride, for whom He died and rose (Catechism of the Catholic Church Number 1617). 2017, *Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 S. Logan Blvd, Hollidaysburg, PA 16648.*

*Stewardship Reflection...*Jesus came so that we “might have life, and have it more abundantly.” May we allow Jesus to serve one another through our abundance.



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS – SUNDAY, MAY 7

- Pray for the Priests who have ministered to you throughout your life, both living and dead.
- Keep our Parish Priests in your prayers throughout the week.
- Encourage your children, grandchildren, or other young people to consider a vocation as a Priest or Religious Brother or Sister.
- Pray a Rosary for more young men and women in Diocese to respond to God’s call.

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, 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 Rován 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 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; **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.

ULTREYA GATHERING – The Johnstown West Ultreya Group will meet on Thursday, May 11 from 6:30PM – 7:30PM at the Oratory (former St. Rochus Church) located at Eighth Avenue and Chestnut St in Cambria City. Everyone is welcome. Call Deacon or Diane with questions – 341-6228.

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.

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