

**JULY 16, 2017**  
*15<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

**Acting Finance Council President** – Eugene Petak

**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.

**Rosary Society** – First Monday of the month at 6:00PM. Recitation of the Rosary, Reflection, Benediction.

**A BIG THANK YOU** to all who contributed in any way to the success of our Vacation Bible School last week. Your time and talent dedicated to teaching our children is greatly appreciated. May God bless you for your efforts!

**ROSARY SOCIETY** will meet the first Monday of each month at 6:00PM in the Church with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary and Benediction and a reflection. Come & join us! The next meeting will take place on Monday, August 7.

**PARISH PICNIC** – watch the bulletin for details on the upcoming Parish Picnic which will take place on Sunday, August 20 at Resurrection Parish Picnic Grove, Tanneryville. We will begin with Mass at 12Noon.



**BRICK PAVING PROJECT – NOTE:** New bricks are continuing to be installed. 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.

**CANDLE BY THE SACRED HEART** will burn this week for God’s Blessings and Good Health for Raymond Toth, Sr., by Family.  
**CANDLE BY OUR LADY QUEEN OF HEAVEN** will burn for +Kathy Bazyk, 11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary by Raymond & Jeanne Toth.

**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 an envelope marked Our Lady of Fatima and placed in the candle money box at the rear of the Church.

**CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR PARISH LAST WEEKEND:** Loose - \$340.25; Adults - \$2,788.02; Children - \$24.00; Monthly - \$137.00; Candles - \$147.83; Peter Pence -- \$7.00; Missalettes - \$22.00; St. Vincent de Paul - \$25.00; Mission Appeal - \$5.00; Father’s Day - \$7.00; Holy Day - \$5.00; Catholic Communication - \$7.00; Pentecost - \$5.00; Misc. - \$150.00. Total Collection - \$3,670.10. 176 out of 314 families used envelopes. Thank you for your continued generosity to the parish.



**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. Total received as of June 26: 57 of 314 families contributed \$6,435.25 which is 34% of our goal. Let’s keep working to meet the Parish goal. Thanks to all who have contributed to help meet the goal.

**IN HONOR** of the 100th Anniversary of the Apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima, Lodestar Tours and St. Francis of Assisi Church: Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima and Niagara Falls, NY, September 28 & 29, 2017. Cost: \$165.00 per person, twin accommodations, \$155 per person triple, \$150.00 per person quad. \$225.00 single accommodations. Price includes: Round trip deluxe motor coach with Lodestar Bus Lines, 1 night hotel accommodation at the Comfort Inn “The Pointe”, full hot breakfast is included, baggage handling, taxes and driver’s gratuity. Deposit of \$50.00 per person is required to book your reservation... balance due by August 16, 2017. No refunds unless replacement is found. For reservations or information contact: Fran King, 250 Spring St., Johnstown, PA 15906, phone (814) 536-3667. Make checks payable to St. Francis of Assisi Church. If you have a passport, you can walk across the bridge to the Canadian side. There are roughly 30 seats left.



**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Sunday, August 20 – Parish Picnic at Resurrection Picnic Grove. Begins with Mass at 12Noon.  
Thursday, Sept. 28 & Fri., Sept. 29 – Trip to Basilica of the National Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima, Lewiston, NY

*Liturgical Reflection...*When the Sacrament of Matrimony is celebrated, the Church always proclaims Sacred Scripture. The couple is encouraged to choose readings from the Church’s selections for Marriage when the Ritual Mass for Marriage is celebrated. The Church offers nine options from the books of the Old Testament (*Lectionary* Number 801), seven options of Psalms (*Lectionary* Number 802). And ten options of Gospels (*Lectionary* Number 805). When Marriage is celebrated within Mass, the Church wishes both readers to be a Catholic. When Marriage is celebrated without Mass or celebrated between a Catholic and a Catechumen or a Non-Christian, the Church wishes the readers to be Baptized. *Order of Celebrating Matrimony*, Numbers 144-187. 2017, *Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 S. Logan Blvd., Hollidaysburg, PA 16648.*

*Stewardship Reflection...*By living as good stewards of God’s many gifts, we have the capacity to harvest an abundant crop of “Faith” that nourishes ourselves and others we encounter.

*Families and the Gospel* – July 16 – Mt. 13:1-23 – The stress and anxieties of family life are like “thorns which choke off” any opportunity to reflect on God’s presence in our lives. Notice in the first line that Jesus “left the house” so He could connect with His Father. Grasp five minutes each day to appreciate God walking with you.

**OUTDOOR MASS** for Married Couples with Bishop Mark – The Altoona-Johnstown Diocesan Family is invited to participate and to pray for those living the Sacrament of Marriage at an Outdoor Mass honoring Married Couples on Sunday evening, July 23 at 7:00PM

at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Alleghenies in Loretto. Bring a lawn chair. Indoors if rain. Bishop Mark is the celebrant and homilist. This is a wonderful way to celebrate, encourage and support married couples!

**Mission Trip Gatorade Donation Request** - Several members of St. Francis will be joining members of other local churches and traveling to Webster Springs, West Virginia July 26<sup>th</sup> through July 30<sup>th</sup> to participate in a Mission Trip. Webster Springs is a small town in the Appalachian Mountains that has been hard hit with long term poverty. Our group of approximately 55 high school students and adults will work on various projects to improve homes of individuals and families who would otherwise be unable to afford to have basic repairs done. The Mission Trip team is asking for your help. We will be working for 4 days in the heat of July in West Virginia. To keep the team members hydrated while working hard on their projects, could you donate one case of Gatorade for our trip? A case of 8 bottles of 20 ounce Gatorade in any flavor would be very helpful. St. Francis parishioners that will be going on the Mission Trip will be collecting the Gatorade at Masses the weekend of July 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. Thank you for help and please pray for a safe and successful Mission Trip for our group.

**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, Tyler McKinley, Larry Olek, Sandy Ream, Sophie Regula, Alexandra Rice, Carly Rice, Doug Rice, James Schuster, Mary Slezak, Bernadette Solomon, Joanna Stone, Carol Sobacky, Leona Sutt, Agnes Swarney, Jeanne Toth, Irene Virus, Agnes Warhul and 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 Guarno**, USCG; **Master at Arms 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 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 Benning, GA; **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; Fort Gordon, GA; **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; **Lt. Kenneth Yacynych**, US Army, Afghanistan; **Cpl Elliott Mulvehill**, USMC, New River, NC.; **A1C Jeremy Williams**, Sheppard AFB, Texas.

*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.

**RESURRECTION PARISH** is sponsoring Groovin at the Grove on Saturday, July 22, Music by Ground Zero and on Saturday, August 19, music by Flood City Brass. Both events are from 7:00PM – 10:00PM at the Picnic Grove in Tanneryville. Free parking and admission. Rain or shine – Good music with good food and drink. A Outdoor Mass will be celebrated before both events at 5:30PM. Gate opens at 5:00PM.

**A TRIDUUM IN HONOR OF ST. ANNE** will be held July 24, 25, & 26 at St. John Gualbert Cathedral, 117 Clinton St. Mass and devotions will be held at 7PM each evening with Confessions following Mass.

**JOHNSTOWN CATHOLIC/BISHOP MCCORT HIGH SCHOOL** – Annual All School Reunion – Fri., July 21 – Art Works Building of Bottle Works, Cambria City – 5-10PM. Sunday, July 23 – Mass at 11AM at St. John Gualbert Cathedral, brunch following Mass at BMCHS Bach Student Union/Cafeteria. RSVP for brunch only by July 17 by calling 814-248-3867.

**ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI:** Every 1<sup>st</sup> Friday there is Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 8:30AM – 5:30PM. Our nation and the world needs our prayers. Come before Jesus in the Eucharist with our hopes and concerns.

*Our Lady of Fatima, Pray for Us*