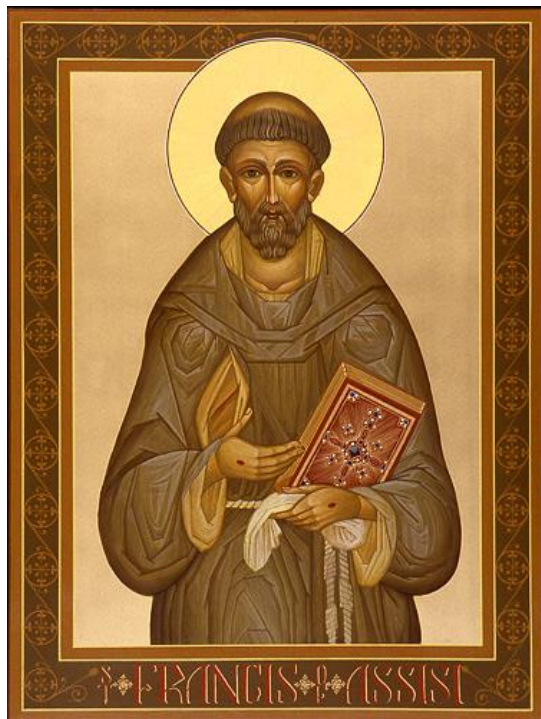


**AUGUST 27, 2017**  
**21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**THE FAITH COMMUNITY OF**  
**ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI**

*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 – Brian Mayko**  
**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.

**WE REJOICE IN THE BAPTISM** of Kolbe James Koch & Eliza Rose Koch and congratulate their parents and Godparents as they begin their new life in Christ.

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1** 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.)



**FISH FRY** will take place on Friday, September 8 from 11:00AM until 6:00PM. **HELP is needed all day.** Please consider sharing some of your time and talent. In order for the Fish Fries to continue, *YOUR ASSISTANCE* is vital. Help is needed to bus tables and to bread fish. This is an excellent opportunity for students and Confirmation candidates to fulfill their obligation for service hours. Donations of baked goods for a bake sale in conjunction with the Fish Fry will be gratefully accepted.

**ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHOIR** will begin practices on Wednesday, September 6 at 6:30PM. Singers are invited and needed. Being able to read music is not necessary. For additional information call Gale at 539-0155.

**ROSARY SOCIETY** will meet on *Monday, September 11* at 6:00PM in the Church with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary and Benediction and a reflection. Come & join us! Please note the date change due to the Labor Day Holiday.



**WINTER SPECIAL** tickets for the month of January 2018 will be available for purchase this weekend. Chance to win \$500 on New Year's Day, \$100 on Saturdays and Sundays and \$50 each weekday, \$200 – Martin Luther King. Cost: \$5.00. Tickets will also be available at the Fish Fry.

**CANDLE BY OUR LADY QUEEN OF HEAVEN** will burn for successful surgery of Jeanne Toth and continued good health of Ray Toth by Family.

**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. A new engraver has been hired by Hilltop. Thank you for your patience.

**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.

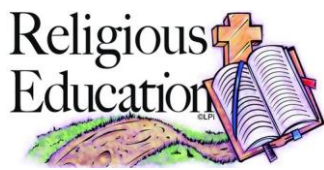
**CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR PARISH LAST WEEKEND:** Loose - \$388.75; Adults - \$2,775.52; Children - \$30.00; Monthly - \$13.00; Candles - \$135.15; Holy Day - \$89.25; Missalettes - \$3.00; Misc. - \$301.21. Total Collection - \$3,860.52. 174 out of 314 families used envelopes. Thank you for your continued generosity to the parish.

**CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE** (formerly known as the Annual Catholic Appeal) has now begun. *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 August 7: 66 of 314 families contributed \$8,995.00 which is 48% of our goal. Let's keep working to meet the Parish goal. Thanks to all who have contributed to help meet the goal.

**ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH** is looking for a few Good Men... (Remember the slogan – Uncle Sam is looking for a few Good Men). There are times when our Activity Center is booked for an event and another event following the next day. (e.g., the Bandshell Banquet on Friday, Feb. 9, 2018 possibly followed on Sat., Feb. 10, 2018 for a Boy Scouts Banquet). So, we are looking for a group of Parishioners (male and female) who could come in on Saturday morning to clean up the hall and help prepare to set up the hall for the next coming event. If you are interested in volunteering your time and talent, please call the Parish Secretary (Carol Pisula) at 539-1632. **THE MORE HANDS, THE BETTER!** Thank you and God Bless you!

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Wednesday, September 6 – Choir Practice – 6:30PM  
 Friday, September 8 – Fish Fry – 11:00AM – 6:00PM.  
 Sunday, September 10 – Religious Education Classes begin – 10:45AM – 12Noon – Resurrection Parish Center  
 Monday, September 11 – Rosary Society - 6:00PM  
 Thursday, Sept. 28 & Fri., Sept. 29 – Trip to Basilica of the National Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima, Lewiston, NY



**ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI YOUTH FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMS**– Our Faith Formation Goals are simple: We aim to grow in love of God and ourselves and to spread that love to those around us. We aim to have our young people find community with each other and feel part of our parish family. Faith formation is life long and ongoing. It is an important part of your child’s life. She/he should be attending classes whether or not it is a Sacramental year. All classes meet in

Resurrection Parish Center on Chestnut St. **Classes for our youth are held from September 10 until the beginning of May. Pre-K through eighth grade classes meet Sunday after the 9:30AM Mass until Noon. 9<sup>TH</sup> AND 10<sup>TH</sup> CONFIRMATION CLASSES WILL ALSO TAKE PLACE ON SUNDAY at the Resurrection Oratory from after the 9:30AM Mass until Noon. THE 11<sup>TH</sup> GRADE CONFIRMATION CLASS will meet the second Sunday of each month at the Rectory from 6:00PM – 8:00PM. REGISTRATION FORMS CAN BE FOUND IN THE VESTIBULE OF THE CHURCH.** *Sacramental preparation and celebration of the Sacraments of Penance / Reconciliation, First Eucharist, and Confirmation is to be parish based and family inclusive. It is presumed that candidates and their parents participate weekly at Sunday Mass at their parish. Parish based sacramental preparation is in addition to education in either the Catholic School or home schooling.*

*Liturgical Reflection...* Following the blessing and giving of rings, a hymn or canticle of praise may be sung by the whole community. The Celebration of Matrimony concludes with the Universal Prayer. The ritual offers two options. In the absence of the Deacon, the couple may choose someone to pray these intercessions. Also, the couple may create their own intercessions along with the suggested petitions in the rite. Perhaps there are family members or friends who are sick or in the military, or any need that invites prayer could be added to the Universal Prayer. The Priest gives the invitation to prayer and prays the closing to the General Intercessions. *Order of Celebrating Matrimony, Numbers 69, 103a, 135, and 216-217. 2017, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 S. Logan Blvd., Hollidaysburg, PA 16648.*

*Stewardship Reflection...* Christian stewards come to see everything in their midst as awesome gifts. May you use these gifts “through Him and for Him” to build up the Kingdom of God on earth.

*Families and the Gospel...* Matthew 16:13-20 – Jesus put Peter in charge of the Church and expected him to be a leader even though he was imperfect. Every parent is imperfect but Jesus expects us to lead our family despite our personal faults. Imperfection is not an excuse to neglect our role. It is our challenge.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK OR HOMEBOUND**

James Edward Adams, Rose Blaschak, Galynn Brady, Sister Carol Jean Czyrnik, Mary Davis, Joan Delusa, LeAnn Golby, Alicia Junghans, Kathryn Legat, Tyler McKinley, Larry Olek, Sandy Ream, Alexandra Rice, Carly Rice, Doug Rice, James Schuster, Mary Slezak, Bernadette Solomon, Joanna Stone, Carol Sobecky, Leona Sutt, Agnes Swarney, Jeanne Toth, Irene Virus, Agnes Warhul and 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; **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; **Senior Airman 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.*

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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.

**SPAGHETTI DRIVE BY** sponsored by The Church of the Transfiguration, Sunday, August 27, 2017. Meal includes Spaghetti & Meatballs, tossed salad, dinner roll and dessert. Cost: \$7.00.

**A BLUE MASS** honoring first responders for their service at 11:00AM, Sunday, September 10 at St. John Gualbert Cathedral. This event is open to all police, law enforcement, public safety, firefighters, and EMT's and their families. The Blue Mass celebration will be open to the general public and honors those who serve their community in a most outstanding way as first responders.

**THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FAMILY KITCHEN** will be holding a chicken BBQ and bake sale on Sunday, September 17 from 11AM to 3PM at Bishop McCort High School. Tickets are \$10 and include ½ BBQ chicken, macaroni and cheese, vegetable, cole slaw, roll/butter. Take outs available. For tickets please contact Greg at the Family Kitchen – 539-7811 or Georgia at 242-2083.

**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*