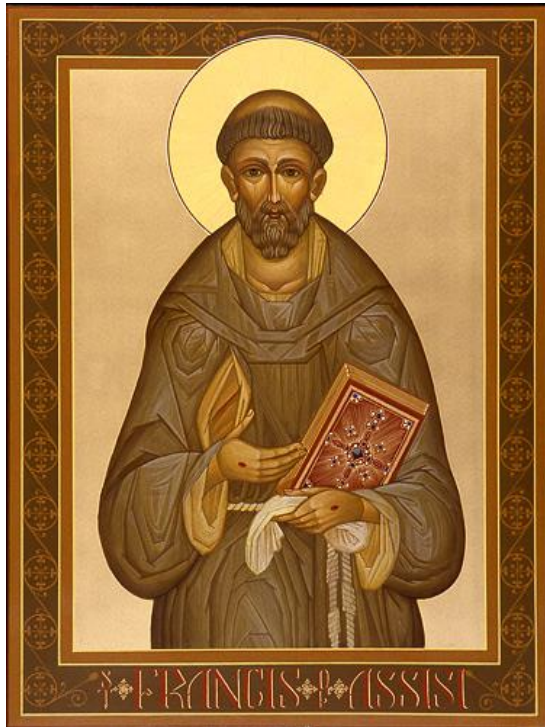


SEPTEMBER 3, 2017
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
THE FAITH COMMUNITY OF
ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

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 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.

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

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS the family and friends of + Lawrence Smuro & + Agnes Warhul who were laid to rest last week. Welcoming God, receive from our hands the loved ones we return to You.

NOTE: Mass on Monday, September 4 will be celebrated at 9:00AM.

PARISH OFFICE will be CLOSED on Monday, September 4 for the Labor Day holiday.

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.



MEN'S CLUB meeting will take place on Thursday, September 7 at 7:00PM in the Activity Center. New members are always welcome.



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. *Breading schedule: 7-9:30AM; 10:45AM – 1:30PM; 2:00PM – 3:30PM.* Donations of baked goods for a bake sale in conjunction with the Fish Fry will be gratefully accepted.

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.

SANCTUARY CANDLE will burn for successful surgery for Jeanne Toth and continued good recovery for Ray Toth by Family. **CANDLE BY THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS** will burn for +Anita Holtz, wife of Donald Holtz, who died recently by cousin Jeanne & Ray Toth.

SPECIAL COLLECTION for Hurricane Harvey Relief will be taken the weekend of September 10-11 at the request of Bishop Bartchak. All monies will go to Catholic Charities, USA, which is already assisting in the areas affected by this storm. Your generosity and prayers are greatly appreciated in this time of need.

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 - \$276.25; Adults - \$2208.50; Children - \$26.00; Monthly - \$47.00; Candles - \$140.50; Holy Day - \$17.00; Missalettes - \$5.00; Misc. - \$155.00. Total Collection - \$2,875.25. 158 out of 314 families used envelopes. Thank you for your continued generosity to the parish.



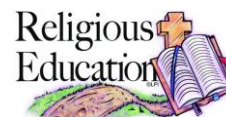
CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE (formerly known as the Annual Catholic Appeal) has now begun. *The target amount for St. Francis of Assisi is \$18,608.00 which breaks down to \$59.26 per family.* Contributions exceeding the target will be refunded to the parish. Total received as of August 7: 66 of 314 families 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
Sunday, September 10 – Confirmation Class – 6:00PM – 8:00PM
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. 9TH AND 10TH CONFIRMATION CLASSES WILL ALSO TAKE PLACE ON SUNDAY at the Resurrection Oratory from after the 9:30AM Mass until Noon. THE 11TH 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.*



THANK YOU my dear friends, for your prayers, beautiful cards, flowers, food, phone calls and other acts of kindness during my recovery from knee surgery. *Alice Havers*

Liturgical Reflection... The *Order of Celebrating Matrimony* offers three distinct rituals for celebrating the Sacrament of Matrimony. First, there is the Order of Celebrating Matrimony with Mass; second, there is the Order of Celebrating Matrimony without Mass; and the Church presents a third ritual for Celebrating Matrimony between a Catholic and a Catechumen or a Non-Christian. All three orders contain: Scripture and homily, questions of intent addressed to the bride and groom, consent between the man and woman, blessing and giving of rings, Universal Prayer, Our Father, and Nuptial Blessing. It is the usual custom to have two Catholics married within Mass. *Order of Celebrating Matrimony*, Chapters, I, II, and III, 2016. 2017, *Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office*, 925 S. Logan Blvd., Hollidaysburg, PA 16648.

Stewardship Reflection... Jesus calls on us to deny ourselves and follow Him. Perhaps He is trying to help us see that everything we *think* we own is really a gift from God. God recognizes this and strive to use all of their gifts responsibly.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK OR HOMEBOUND

James Edward Adams, Rose Blaschak, Galynn Brady, Sister Carol Jean Czynnik, 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, 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 Guarino, USCG; **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; **Senior Airman 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.; **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.

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.

BLOOD SCREENING: Resurrection Church in conjunction with Chan Soon-Shiong Medical Center at Windber is holding a Community Lab Blood Screening on Saturday, September 23 from 7:00 AM to 9:00 AM at Resurrection Church Hall, 324 Chestnut Street. The cost is \$30.00. Additional tests offered: PSA, \$20.00; Hemoglobin A1C, \$20.00 and Vitamin D level, \$35.00. Please call 814-467-3961 to schedule an appointment. A 12 to 14 hour fast is recommended. You do not need to be a patient of a Windber Physician to participate; patients of any physicians are welcome. No Physician order is needed. Walk-ins welcome!

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI: Every 1st 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.