

**SEPTEMBER 10, 2017**  
*23<sup>rd</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.

**THANK YOU** to all those who helped to make our Parish Picnic a success! The weather cooperated and everyone enjoyed spending time with fellow parishioners.

**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.

**WINNERS OF THE MEN'S CLUB LABOR DAY TICKET:** #532 – Allison Machik, #531 – Gary Stiffler, #533 – Matt Fabry. Thank you to all supported this fund raiser.

**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.

**SPECIAL COLLECTION** for Hurricane Harvey Relief will be taken the weekend, 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.

**SANCTUARY CANDLE** will burn this week for Special for M/M Francis G. Ozog by Jim & Sue Ellen Dadey. **CANDLE BY THE SACRED HEART** will burn for +Carolyn Hartman-Neiderer by Daughter-in-law, Cel Neiderer.

**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 - \$430.00; Adults - \$2,713.77; Children - \$25.00; Monthly - \$719.02; Candles - \$156.25; Holy Day - \$5.00; Missalettes - \$146.76; Catholic University - \$5.00; Retired Priests Medical - \$5.00; Misc. - \$189.12. Total Collection - \$4,414.92. 193 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**

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| Monday, September 11 – Rosary Society - 6:00PM<br>Thursday, Sept. 28 & Fri., Sept. 29 – Trip to Basilica of the National Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima, Lewiston, NY<br>Sunday, October 29 – Fashion Show – Watch the bulletin for details. |
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**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.*

**THE DIOCESE OF ALTOONA-JOHNSTOWN**, is sponsoring a Catholic Life Day of Reflection. It is scheduled for Saturday, September 30, 2017, in the Bertschi Center at Mount Aloysius College in Cresson, from 8:00AM until 12:30PM. The theme for this day of reflection is, "The Virtue of Magnanimity." The day will begin with the celebration of Eucharist at 8:30AM with Bishop Mark Bartchak as the main celebrant, then a coffee break, followed with the keynote presentation by Bishop Mark. A continental breakfast will be offered after the keynote. The day concludes with a reflection experience on Hope facilitated by Msgr. Robert C. Mazur. Registration forms are available in the vestibule or at the Parish Office. Deadline for registration is September 22.

*Liturgical Reflection...* When celebrating the Sacrament of Matrimony with Mass, the order of the rite is: Liturgy of the Word, the Celebration of Matrimony, and the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Once the Celebration of Matrimony is completed, the preparation of the altar and gifts follows. The Rite suggests that the bride and bridegroom may bring the bread and wine to the altar. Other possibilities would be family or friends. The couple can ask their Godparents to bring up the gifts. Once all in ready on the altar, Mass proceeds in the usual manner. *Order of Celebrating Matrimony*, No. 70. 2017, *Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 S. Logan Blvd., Hollidaysburg, PA 16648.*

*Stewardship Reflection...* Am I my brother's keeper? All three readings suggest the answer is "yes" for the Christian steward. We will be rewarded by the Lord if we follow His directives.



**POPE BENEDICT'S PRAYER FOR GRANDPARENTS:** Lord Jesus, You were born of the Virgin Mary, the daughter of Ss. Joachim and Anne. Look with love on grandparents the world over. Protect them! They are a source of enrichment for families, for the Church and for all of society. Support them! As they grow older, may they continue to be for their families strong pillars of Gospel Faith, guardian of noble domestic ideals, living treasures of sound religious traditions. Make them teachers of wisdom and courage that they may pass on to future generations the fruits of their mature human and spiritual experience. Lord Jesus, help families and society to value the presence and roles of grandparents. May they never be ignored or excluded, but always encounter respect and love. Help

them to live serenely and to feel welcome in all the years of life which You give them. Mary, Mother of all the living, keep grandparents constantly in your care, accompany them on their earthy pilgrimage, and by your prayers, grant that all families may one day be reunited in our Heavenly homeland, where you await all humanity for the great embrace of life without end. 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, 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.

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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 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 Rovano 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.; **Ft. Don Fullerton**, USS Enterprise, **Airman 1st. Class Maxwell Schutte**, F. E. Warren, Wyo; **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, 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 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.

**ST. THERESE CHURCH** will be holding their Annual Novena in honor of St. Therese of the Little Flower of Jesus starting Saturday, September 23 and will continue for nine (9) days. Masses will be held at 9AM and 7PM except on Saturday and Sunday, which will be Saturday at 9AM, 4PM and 7PM and Sunday at 7:30AM, 10:30AM and 7PM. Sunday September 24 will be the Anointing of the Sick at 2PM. The closing of the Novena will be Sunday, October 1 with refreshments served after the 7:30AM, 10:30AM and 7PM Mass in the Church Hall.

**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 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.