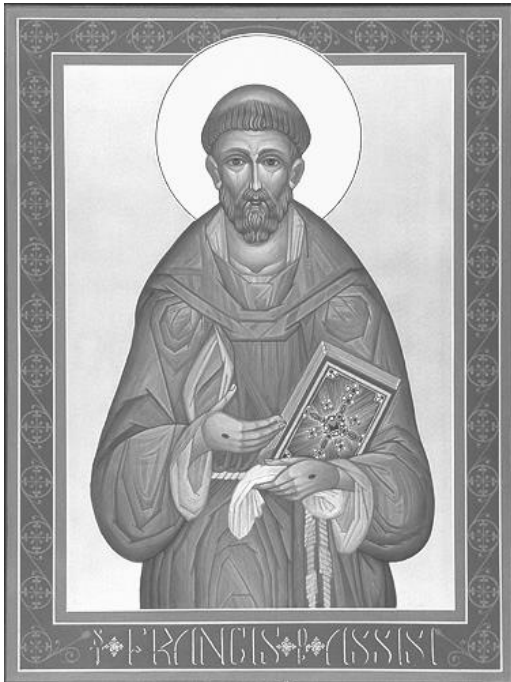


SEPTEMBER 17, 2017
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
**THE FAITH COMMUNITY OF
ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI**

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.



CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI, Patron of our Parish - *Sunday, October 8, 2017* with a Covered Dish Dinner (meat will be provided) St. Francis of Assisi Activity Center. Doors open at 12Noon. Dinner begins at 12:15PM. Bring your favorite salad, side dish or dessert to share. Signup sheets are available in the vestibule. **Deadline for signup: Sunday, October 1.** **BONUS:** Watch the Steelers Game after the meal. Snacks & Refreshments will be provided for the game!

THIS YEAR the Church will celebrate Catechetical Sunday on September 17, and will focus on the theme “Living as Missionary Disciples.” Those who the community has designated to serve a catechists will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the Faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of Faith. Thank you to our Religious Education Teachers for their dedication instructing the children of the Parish in the Faith: *Marlys Harrington, Danielle Newman, Elyse Anderson, Barbara Fatula, Christine Britton, Brian Britton, Becky Deskevich, Denise Courter, Bill Stibich, Lou Deskevich, Greg Solomon, Barbara Bimeal, and Carol Pisula, Director of Religious Education.*

THANK YOU to all who helped at the Fish Fry, including those who worked at the gob table, selling chances and Winter Special Tickets. Your sharing of time and talent is greatly appreciated! May God Bless you!

GOB icing will be made on Tuesday, September 19 beginning at 7:00AM. Gobs will be packed on THURSDAY, September 21 at 6:00PM. We will be shorthanded so please consider coming to help. For those who need a sit down job we have gobs to pack in boxes, bags to be opened, towels to be folded. There are a variety of tasks that need to be done. Students: if you need service hours this is an excellent opportunity (bring a friend!). All are welcome. Thanks for your continued dedication.

ROSARY SOCIETY will meet on **Monday, October 2** at 6:00PM in the Church with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary and Benediction and a reflection. Come & join us.



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6 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.)

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.

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 - \$545.50; Adults - \$2,590.27; Children - \$32.00; Monthly - \$125.00; Candles - \$107.10; Missalettes - \$28.00; Catholic University - \$142.02; Hurricane Relief - \$2,605.00; Thank you for your concern for hurricane victims; Misc. - \$17.05. Total Collection - \$6,191.94. 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!

THROUGH THE GENEROISTY of a parishioner, books free for the taking are located in a basket in the vestibule. May God Bless you!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, September 17 – Religious Education – 10:45AM – 12Noon.

Thursday, Sept. 28 & Fri., Sept. 29 – Trip to Basilica of the National Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima, Lewiston, NY

Monday, October 2 – Rosary Society – 6:00PM

Sunday, October 8 – Feast Day Covered Dish Dinner – 12:15PM

Sunday, October 8 – Confirmation Class 2 – 6:00PM – 8:00PM

FAMILY MARIAN CELEBRATION – Mass & Rosary will be held Sunday, October 1 at 3:00PM at St. Benedict's Church. The theme for this year's celebration is "Observation of the 100th Anniversary of the Apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary at Fatima, Portugal." This year, 2017, marks the 100th anniversary of the apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary to three shepherd children in Fatima from May to October 1917. The message of Fatima includes a call to conversion of heart, repentance of sin, prayer (especially the Rosary) and devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Bishop Mark will be the principal celebrant and will give the homily. Please join Bishop Mark, along with the clergy, children and Religious organizations in honoring our Blessed Mother. This Mass fulfills your Sunday obligation.

PRO-LIFE NATIONAL LIFE CHAIN – Sunday, October 1 from 2:00-3:00PM along Broad St. in Cambria City. Stand with thousands of pro-life individuals throughout the USA and Canada in honor of millions of babies whose lives have been lost to abortion. Pray for people in crisis situations and for our nations. You'll be a light in a darkened world as you help put an end to abortion through prayer. For more information call Heidi – 536-7335.

Liturgical Reflection... During the Liturgy of the Eucharist at the celebration of Marriage, a commemoration of the husband and wife is provided in Eucharistic Prayers I, II, and III. The Church encourages the use of these special prayers that specifically name the newly married Man and Woman. All three follow the Consecration and precede the Great Amen. The couple is invited to choose which commemoration they would like prayed at Mass. The Church gathers at the altar asking God to Bless this bride and bridegroom. The whole Church celebrates their married love and commitment. *Order of Celebrating Matrimony, Nos. 71a, 202, 203, and 204. 2017, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 S. Logan Blvd., Hollidaysburg, PA 16648.*

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 Sobacky, 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 Guarno, 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 Rovon 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.

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 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.