

OCTOBER 29, 2017
30^h 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.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1 is the Feast of All Saints and a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, October 31 at 5:30PM. Mass on Wednesday, November 1: 8:00AM and 5:30PM with the Novena to St. Anthony. **NO 6:30PM MASS.**

DEACON BRUCE is offering a course entitled "Days of the Martyrs." *Classes will be held Wednesday, Nov. 1, 8, & 15 from 6:00PM – 7:00PM in the Parish Office. The class on Wed., Nov. 1 will be at 7:00PM following the Holy Day Mass at 5:30PM.*

CEMETERY CLEAN UP – All decorations should be removed from the cemetery between October 22 and October 29. Items remaining after October 29 will be discarded. Flags will be removed after Veteran's Day. Thank you for your cooperation.

ALL SOULS – If you would like to have a picture of a deceased loved one placed at the Altar for All Soul's Day, please bring the picture to the Parish Office or the Church. All photos must be received no later than Thursday, October 26.

ANNUAL MEMORIAL CELEBRATION of Parishioners who were laid to rest this year (November 1, 2016 – October 31, 2017) will be celebrated at 6:00PM on Thursday, November 2. Members of the families of the deceased are invited to take part in this Mass by lighting a candle in their memory. Please contact the Parish Office if you or a member of the family or friend of our departed loved ones are able to participate in this Liturgy. All are welcome to join us in this celebration of Christ's victory over sin and death, and the hope of Eternal Life.

MEN'S CLUB MEETING will take place on Thursday, November 2 at 7:00PM in the Activity Center. New Members are always welcome.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3 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.)



MEN'S CLUB TURKEY RAFFLE will take place on Sunday, November 5. Doors open at 1:00PM and raffle will take place from 2:00PM – 4:00PM. There are also envelopes in the vestibule containing raffle tickets for each family. Thank you for your continued support of the Men's Club. Donations of door prizes are now being accepted. Donations may be brought to the Parish Office or contact Dolores Kasper at 255-4159.

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

FISH FRY is scheduled for Friday, November 10 from 11:00AM until 6:00PM. All help is greatly appreciated. Donations for a bake sale will be accepted. This is a great opportunity for students to earn service hours. Profit for the October Fish Fry: \$3,330.77. Thank you for your continued support!

CANDLE BY THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS will burn this week for God's blessings and better health for Jeanne Toth and family. **CANDLE BY OUR LADY QUEEN OF HEAVEN** will burn for God's blessings and better health for John & Dee Kasper by Jeanne & Ray Toth.

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.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR PARISH LAST WEEKEND: Loose - \$525.00; Adults - \$2,406.02; Children - \$22.00; Monthly - \$322.00; Candles - \$144.25; Feast Day - \$5.00; Disaster Relief - \$40.00; Catholic University - \$7.00; All Souls - \$10.00; Mission Sunday - \$211.02; Cemetery - \$286.02; Retired Priest Medical - \$7.00; Holy Day - \$10.00; Donation - \$260.00; Catholic University - \$7.00. Total Collection \$4,317.31. 167 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) is now continuing. *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 September 30: 75 of 314 families contributed \$9,867.00 which is 53% of our goal. Let's keep working to meet the Parish goal. Thanks to all who have contributed to help meet the goal.

Our annual non-perishable food and household items collection drive for our Joe Bartko Memorial St. Vincent de Paul Food Kitchen has begun. The collection will end on Sunday, November 12. Monetary donations will also be accepted and may be placed in the envelope provided in the vestibule and dropped in the collection basket. Parishioners are asked during this season of Thanksgiving to share their bounty from God with those less fortunate. Donations may be brought to the vestibule at all Masses. They may also be brought to the Parish Office during regular office hours. Last year's drive was a huge success. Let's build on our past achievements! **Donations should be non-perishable and NO glass containers.** Suggested items include: canned vegetables, pasta, cereal, tuna, soup, stuffing mix, cake mix, salt, pepper, paper products (paper towels, toilet paper, napkins, etc.). Use your best judgment. **Please use the bag provided for your donations!**



UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, October, 29 – Religious Education – 10:45AM – 12Noon
Tuesday, Oct. 31 – Vigil Mass of All Saints – 5:30PM Mass
Wednesday, Nov. 1 – Feast of All Saints – 8:00Am & 5:30PM Mass
Wednesday, Nov. 1 – “Days of the Martyrs” – **7:00pm – 8:00PM – Rectory**
Thursday, Nov. 2 – Commemoration of All Souls – 6:00PM
Sunday, Nov. 5 – Men’s Club Turkey Raffle – 2:00PM – 4:00PM

*Liturgical Reflection...*With the Order of Celebrating Matrimony between a Catholic and a Catechumen or a Non-Christian, the rite consists of the Liturgy of the Word and the Celebration of Matrimony. There is no Penitential Rite, no Glory to God, and no Collect (opening prayer). The Liturgy of the Word consists of the variety of readings offered by the Church. The Gospel Proclamation is followed by the homily. The Lord’s Prayer is prayed with the gathered Christians. The Nuptial Blessing may be omitted and replaced with the prayer provided in the rite. Regarding local custom, the Catholic bride may opt to take a flower to the image of the Blessed Virgin Mary, flowers may be presented to both mothers, and the couple can be introduced. *Order of Celebrating Matrimony*, Numbers 138-139 and 140. 2017, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 S. Logan Blvd., Hollidaysburg, PA 16648.

*Stewardship Reflection...*We fulfill the commandment to love our neighbor when we exercise good stewardship, joyfully sharing our gift of life, abilities, and resources to meet our neighbor’s needs.

*Families and the Gospel...*October 29 – Mt 22:34-40 – In today’s Gospel the Pharisees were asking about a commandment (something we have to do)! And Jesus was talking about love (what we want to do with our “whole heart, mind and soul”). In families we lay down our lives for one another, not because of a law but out of love.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK OR HOMEBOUND

James Edward Adams, Kathy Barchak; Rose Blaschak, Galynn Brady, Sister Carol Jean Czyrnik, Mary Davis, Joan Delusa, LeAnn Golby, Alicia Junghans, Kathryn Legat, Tyler McKinley, Rick McKinley, Larry Olek, Ed Popovich, 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, Helen Yursky.

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 Stewart, 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.

THE CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION is having a Semi-Annual Sportsman’s Raffle, Saturday, October 28 at 6:00PM. Doors open at 6:00PM, raffle begins at 6:30PM - ??? Donation: \$10.00. Please call 535-2250 for tickets.

WEST END IMPROVEMENT GROUP is hosting a Basket Party on Sunday, October 29 at St. Therese Social Hall. Doors open at 11:30AM. Basket drawing begins at 1:00. Tickets are \$8 and price includes 25 basket chances and lunch. Tickets can be purchased at the door. Call 322-5558 or 248-8989 for info.

RESURRECTION PARISH – Meat & Turkey Raffle on Saturday, November 4 in the Church Hall, Fourth Avenue at Chestnut Street, featuring meats, cheeses, turkeys, hams. Door prizes, 50-50 chances, cash drawing.

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.

