

November 12, 2017
32nd 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.

WE REJOICE in the Baptism of Mason Edwin Stibich and congratulate his parents, grandparents and God parents as he begins his new life in Christ.

DEACON BRUCE is offering a course entitled “Days of the Martyrs.” *Classes will be held Wednesday, November 15 from 6:00PM – 7:00PM in the Parish Office.*



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 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.)

CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS PARTY will take place on Sunday, December 3 from 1:00PM until 3:00PM at the Activity Center. Please use the signup sheet located in the vestibule.

ROSARY SOCIETY will meet on **Monday, December 4** at 6:00PM in the Church with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary and a reflection. Come & join us.

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 THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS will burn this week in memory of +Donna Oaks by Ray & Jeanne Toth.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR PARISH LAST WEEKEND: Loose - \$347.15; Adults - \$2,570.50; Children - \$30.00; Monthly - \$47.00; Candles - \$154.25; All Souls - \$297.00; Holy Day - \$82.00; Mission Sunday - \$48.00; Cemetery - \$13.00; St. Vincent de Paul - \$574.05; Donation - \$50.00; Total Collection \$4,212.95. 164 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!***

Liturgical Reflection... The 2016 ritual of the *Order of Celebrating Matrimony* offers the Order of Blessing of a Married Couple within Mass on the Anniversary of Marriage. Special readings may be selected and the homily should expound on the mystery and grace of Christian married life. After the homily, there is an address to the couple(s) to pray in silence and renew before God their commitment to live Marriage in holiness. There is a Renewal of Commitment (done quietly or publicly): the husband prays; the wife prays; husband and wife pray together; and the Priest prays a prayer of blessing. The Church provides a special Universal Prayer. The rings may be blessed. Following the Our Father, the “Deliver us” is omitted, there is a special prayer of blessing for the anniversary couple. *Order of Celebrating Matrimony*, Numbers 237-239, 240, 242, 243, 245-246, and 248. 2017, *Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 S. Logan Blvd., Hollidaysburg, PA 16648.*

Stewardship Reflection... Good stewards, like the sensible bridesmaids in today’s parable, are ready to share their gifts when the Master calls. It is through the prudent use of our time, abilities, and finances that will always keep us mindful of the presence of the Risen Christ.

Families and the Gospel... November 12 – Mt 25:1-13 – Five bridesmaids in today’s Gospel were considered foolish because they let their lamps go out. Don’t be foolish. Pay attention to the small acts necessary to keep the flame alive in all your relationships.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, Nov., 12, 19 – Religious Education – 10:45AM – 12Noon
Sunday, November 12 – Confirmation Class – 6:00PM – 8:00PM
Wednesday, Nov.15 – “Days of the Martyrs” – 6:00PM – Parish Office
Sunday, December 3 – Children’s Christmas Party – 1:00PM – 3:00PM
Saturday, December 16 – Christmas Gob Sale – 9:00AM – 12:00PM
Saturday, February 3 – Mardi Gras – Details forthcoming

BISHOP McCORT CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL will hold its first annual Turkey Raffle on Friday, November 17 at St. John Gualbert Activity Center, 110 Adams Street. The event will support Bishop McCort Athletics. Over 125 turkeys will be given away, in addition to several other raffles including, Steeler tickets, 50/50, fire ring, pot and pan set, baskets, complete Thanksgiving dinner for a family and more. Doors will open at 6:00PM. A complete concession stand with food and beverage will be available. This is great way to support your Crusher Sports Teams. Please come and join us!

Is “stewardship” another way of asking for money? Remember the parable of the three servants who looked after the master’s money while he was gone? The first two servants invested the money wisely, but the third was punished for having done nothing with what was given him. (Mt 25:14-30). He was a poor steward of his master’s goods. A steward is someone trusted to manage an employer’s affairs and possessions. We have each been trusted with talents and strengths to use in God’s service and to further His mission. He expects us to use these gifts to help others know Him, love Him, serve Him, and be happy with Him in Heaven. Today, stewardship means committing the best portion of our time, talent, and treasure to the mission of the Church. Generous sharing of resources, including money, is central to caring for God’s Church and His people. When you realize that everything you have and everything you do is from God, then you want to give back to God in thanksgiving. That’s modern day stewardship in action.

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; **Senior Airman 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.

DIVINE MERCY 1ST ANNUAL TURKEY RAFFLE – Please join us at St. Benedict Cafeteria benefiting the DMCA Athletic Association. The event will be held on Friday, November 10 with doors opening at 6:00PM. The event is FREE admission which includes draft beer, soda, and water. We will have lots of food for sale as well as a Basket Raffle, Qualifier, Money & Turkeys. Lots and lots of Turkeys!! We are selling a raffle ticket for \$20 which will enter the buyer into a drawing for cash and Super Turkeys. Please contact the Divine Mercy East Campus at 814-266-3837, ext. 201 or Divine Mercy West Campus at 814-539-5315 for tickets.

ST. THERESE PIROGHI SALE – Hand-made/Home-made potato and cheese piroghi. Call in orders Monday, November 13 from 9:00AM – 11:00AM at 539-633. Cost is \$6.50 dozen (with or without onions). Pick up your order on Friday, November 17 from 9:00AM – 2:00PM at our Social Hall, Upper Decker Avenue.

VISITATION PARISH – Annual Turkey Raffle, Saturday, November 18. Doors open at 6:00PM. Admission - \$3.00. \$250 cash prize drawing, 32 in. flat screen TV, microwave, baskets, lottery tree.

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.

