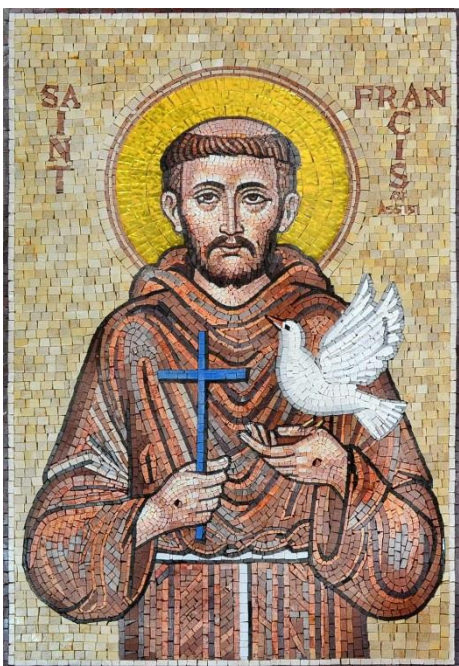


January 28, 2018
4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
**THE FAITH COMMUNITY OF
ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI**

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 539-1632

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 WELCOME Olivia Lauren Shaffer and congratulate her parents, Godparents and family as she begins her new life in Christ. May God Bless you!



FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2 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.)

MARDI GRAS – Saturday, February 3, 2018 featuring “Flood City Brass” from 6:00PM until 11:00PM. Delicious Turkey Dinner, great door prizes, chances to win all evening with qualifiers, baskets, 50/50 tickets, etc. Tickets: Adults - \$20, children 6-17 - \$10, under 5 – free. “All You Can Drink” Beer bracelet for \$5.00. Cash bar available – no outside beverages. Doors open at 5:00PM. Tickets are now on sale in the vestibule.



MARDI GRAS COMMITTEE is asking for donations of baskets valued at a minimum of \$25 or donations of items for baskets. Please call Alice at 536-0948 for more information. Baskets should be brought to the Parish Office or Activity Center by Sunday, January 28.

FISH FRY – The next Fish Fry has been scheduled for Ash Wednesday, February 14 from 11:00AM until 6:00PM. **MUCH HELP IS NEEDED** in order for the Fish Fry to take place. We are asking that you sign up to assist (*even you are a regular!*) by using the signup sheet located in the main vestibule. Please indicate the time(s) you are available and the area (please choose two) you would like to help. If there is not enough help, the fate of the Fish Fry will have to be evaluated. *The Fish Fries are an excellent opportunity for students needing service hours!* Thank you for your consideration.

MEN’S CLUB Valentine Day Tickets have all been sold! Thank you to everyone for your continued support of the Men’s Club. Returns should be made as soon as possible.

MEN’S CLUB meeting will take place on Thursday, February 1 at 7:00PM in the Activity Center. New members are always welcome.

ROSARY SOCIETY will meet on **Monday, February 5** at 6:00PM in the Church with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary and a reflection. Come & join us.

SANCTUARY CANDLE will burn this week for Health of Dolores Kasper by Jim & Sue Ellen Dadey.

HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY to Mary Slezak. Mary will be celebrating her 100th Birthday on Thursday, February 1. If you would like to send Mary birthday greetings, she resides at Country Manor Living, 170 Phillips St., P.O. Box 430, Jerome, PA 15937. May God Bless you, Mary!



CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR PARISH LAST WEEKEND: Loose - \$240.37; Adults - \$3,138.27; Children - \$27.00; Monthly - \$198.00; Candles - \$139.75; St. Vincent de Paul - \$55.00; Christmas - \$80.00; First Offering - \$129.00; Missalettes - \$65.00; Holy Day - \$67.00; Ash Wednesday - \$5.00; Mandeville - \$7.00; Catholic Register - \$10.00; Religious Retirement - \$20.00. Total Collection - \$4,181.39. 197 out of 314 families used envelopes. Thank you for your continued generosity to the parish.

PLEASE NOTE: Winners of the Winter Special Ticket will be paid on a WEEKLY basis. Thank you for your patience. Winners to date: January 16 - #244 – Jude Verhovsek; January 17 - #803 – Bernard Goljch; January 18 - #255 – Loren Opendhoff; January 19 - #265 – Rose Marie Fabina; January 20 - #788 – Maryann Masoryak; January 21 - #572 – Jessica Smith.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, January 28 – Religious Education – 10:45AM – 12Noon
Saturday, February 3 – Mardi Gras – 6:00PM – 11:00PM
Wednesday, February 14 – Ash Wednesday – Fish Fry

ON SUNDAY, January 28, Bishop Gregory of Nysa of the Orthodox tradition will host an ecumenical service at Christ the Saviour Cathedral, 300 Garfield St. The service begins at 2:00PM. Bishop Mark Bartchak will be in attendance. All are invited to participate in this prayer.

Liturgical Reflection... The Catholic believer is usually assisted with three distinct prayers at the time of death. The Church initially gathers with the family at the **Vigil for the Deceased**. This prayer is grounded in Holy Scripture. The central prayer at the time of death is the **Funeral Mass**. At the funeral liturgy the deceased is given over to the mercy of God. We gather celebrating the Sacred Mysteries of the Lord's Death and Resurrection, asking that our beloved dead rest in the peace of Christ. Finally the family gathers graveside for the prayers of **Committal**. We pray that our dead rest in their graves until the Lord calls them forth at His coming again in glory. **Order of Christian Funerals**, 1998-1989. 2018, *Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, 925 S. Logan Blvd., Hollidaysburg, PA 16648.*

Stewardship Reflection... Are you not filled with a sense of wonder whenever Jesus speaks to you? May your astonishment cause Jesus' fame to spread wherever you go. May you serve with deep conviction as a Disciple of Jesus Christ with your actions.

Families and the Gospel... January 28 – Mark 1:21-28 – Today's Gospel reminds us "unclean spirits" still haunt our families. These "spirits" thrive inside our grudges, punishing silence, impatience, addictions and abruptness. Today Jesus offers you the "authority" to cast out these spirits from your life and your family.



ARISE – ALL parishes throughout the Diocese are working with ARISE to acknowledge and bring to the forefront the gifts that already exist among the People of God in this 8 county area. This is a two and a half year process that involves 5 six week sessions. (Think "Disciples in Mission"). Sessions can be designed for different groups: men, women, married couples, divorced/separated,

religious education families, etc. Each group will need leaders and the parish will need one or two parishioners willing to coordinate the program. Please note: it was stressed that this is NOT to be run by the Pastor of the parish! The People of God have been given the same Spirit with many gifts. What is needed is that these gifts are now brought forth and used for the benefit of each parish and the Diocese at large! Please pray the following for the success of this program:

Holy Mary, Mother of God and Mother of the Church, you have given the world its true light, Jesus, your son – the Son of God. You abandoned yourself completely to God's call and thus became a wellspring of the goodness which flows forth from Him. Show us Jesus. Lead us to Him. Teach us to know Jesus and to love Him. Help us to open the door of Christ's love by sharing our Faith and living our Faith with each other and with all who are searching for the way, the truth and the hope and promise of Eternal Life. As patroness of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown be with us on our journey to ARISE Together in Christ. Pray for us, Mother of the Church, Pray for us!



PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK OR HOMEBOUND

James Edward Adams, Kathy Barczak; Rose Blaschak, Galynn Brady, Sister Carol Jean Czynnik, Mary Davis, Joan Delusa, LeAnn Golby, Alicia Junghans, Kathryn Legat, Tyler McKinley, Rick McKinley, Larry Olek, Ed Popovich, Rowen Ream, Alexandra Rice, Carly Rice, Doug Rice, James Schuster, Mary Slezak, Bernadette Solomon, Fr. John Slovickovski, 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.

Lt. Adam Guarino, USCG; **Master at Arms 2nd Class Izeke W. Pinkas**, Fallon, NV; **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, Wyo.; **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**, Deployed to Middle East; **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; Seaman Peter Guarino, USCG.

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.

A PRAYER FOR OUR DEPLOYED MILITARY: Heavenly Father, inspire those who are overseas for the cause of peace. Send Your Son, Jesus Christ, as the Prince of Peace. Bless the men and women of our military who respond to the needs of peacekeeping. Keep them safe from harm. Let them be models of discipline and courage, and bring them home safely to their loved ones. We ask this in Your Name. Amen.

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 LENTEN PIROGHI SALE – Hand-made/Home-made potato and cheese piroghi are made fresh each week during Lent. Call in orders every Monday (539-7633) starting Feb. 12th until March 19th from 9AM – 11AM. Cost is \$6.50 per dozen (with or without onions). Pick up your order on Fridays from 9AM – 2PM at our Social Hall, Upper Decker Ave.

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI: Connect with your Creator, Redeemer, and Spiritual Guide in a stress free environment at the Eucharistic Adoration every First Friday of the month from 8:30AM until 5:30PM at St. Francis of Assisi Church. Signup sheet is available in the main vestibule.

If today you hear His voice, harden not your hearts