

February 11, 2018  
6<sup>th</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 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 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.

**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS** the family and friends of +Catherine Farkas who was laid to rest last week. Welcoming God, receive from our hands the loved ones we return to You.

**THANK YOU** to one and all that made the Mardi Gras so very successful. May God Bless you!

**FISH FRY** – The next Fish Fry has been scheduled for Ash Wednesday, February 14 from 11:00AM until 6:00PM. **MUCH HELP IS STILL 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. **Donations of baked goods for a bake sale in conjunction with the Fish Fries are welcome!**

**CANDLE BY THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS** will burn this week for God’s blessings and better health for Judy Widrig by Jeanne & Ray Toth.



**SCHEDULE FOR LENT: ASH WEDNESDAY** – Mass will be celebrated at 8:00AM, 12Noon and 6:30PM. Beginning Thursday, February 15 daily Mass (Monday through Friday) will be celebrated at 12Noon. Mass on Tuesday will be celebrated at 12Noon as well as at 6:30PM with the Novena to St. Anthony. **STATIONS OF THE CROSS** – each Friday of Lent at 7:00PM. **LENTEN LAMENTATIONS** –with Adoration of the Blessed Sacraments and Benediction – Sundays at 3:00PM.

**CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR PARISH LAST WEEKEND:** Loose - \$352.09; Adults - \$2,221.25; Children - \$13.05; Monthly - \$430.02; Candles - \$97.00; St. Vincent de Paul - \$10.00; First Offering - \$47.00; Missalettes - \$5.00; Holy Day - \$33.00; Ash Wednesday - \$16.00; Catholic Register - \$214.02; Mandeville - \$20.00; Black & Indian Mission - \$5.00; Donations - \$100.00. Total Collection - \$3,554.43. 133 out of 314 families used envelopes. Thank you for your continued generosity to the parish.

**WINNERS OF THE WINTER SPECIAL TICKET:** January 29 - #552 – Michael Brisko; January 30 - #666 – Bryan Bazyk; January 31 - #520 – Mary Beth Urban.  
Thank you for your patience

**WE ARE BEING INVADED** by the “Jolly Purple Giant” (I know it’s supposed to be the “Jolly Green Giant”). Stay tuned for more information about this phenomenon.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, February 11, 18, 25 – Religious Education – 10:45AM – 12Noon  
Sunday, February 11 – Confirmation Class – 6:00PM – 8:00PM – Rectory Office  
Wednesday, February 14 – Ash Wednesday – Mass: 8:00AM, 12Noon, 6:30PM  
Wednesday, February 14 – Ash Wednesday – Fish Fry – 11:00AM – 6:00PM  
Wednesday, February 21, 27 – Lenten Spiritual Journey (Book Discussion) – 6:30PM – 7:30PM  
Friday, February 16, 23 – Stations of the Cross – 7:00PM  
Sunday, February 18, 25 – Lamentations – 3:00PM

*Stewardship Reflection...* Christian stewards and disciples strive to realize the ideal set forth by St. Paul in today’s second reading: “whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God.”

*Families and the Gospel...* February 11 - Mark 1:40-45 – Family life is about decisions. The leper in today’s Gospel knew this when he said to Jesus: “If you will, You can make me clean.” Jesus knew this when He said, “I will do it.” Love is not an emotion. It is a decision to be with and for another person in “good times and bad,” even when we don’t feel like it.

### A Lenten Spiritual Journey

This Lent at St. Francis of Assisi Parish will be an opportunity to gather each Wednesday from 6:30PM – 7:30PM to discuss the book **THE CASE FOR JESUS** by Brant Pitre with a forward by Bishop Robert Barron. Discussions will take place at the Activity Center. This book is FREE for the taking. This replaces a lapel pin this year. There should be sufficient books for each household or single person/widow.

There will be questions for each chapter that will be included with the book (that will be available on the 1<sup>st</sup> weekend of Lent) and will be the questions of the round table discussion.

This will be the schedule:

- Wednesday, February 21 – Chapters 1-2
- Wednesday, February 28 – Chapters 3-4
- Wednesday, March 7 – Chapters 5-6
- Wednesday, March 14 – Chapters 7-8
- Wednesday, March 21 – Chapters 9-10
- Wednesday, March 28 – Chapters 11-13

Looking forward to seeing you at the round-table discussions each Wednesday during the Lenten Season!

**CRS RICE BOWL** is a Catholic Relief Services' Lenten faith in action program. It offers opportunities for your family to engage daily in the spiritual pillars of Lent: prayer, fasting and almsgiving. And, it's an opportunity for us as a parish to come together as a community and reflect on what it means to live out our Gospel call to go out and help those most in need. Rice Bowls are included with the bulletin and should be returned Holy Week.



We continue to assist the St. Vincent de Paul Soup Kitchen with donations of food goods in the baskets in the main vestibule and the Barron Avenue entrance each week.



**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!*

We are happy to announce that we have a 3-man team to coordinate the ARISE Program for our Parish. We will need at least 4 team leaders.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK OR HOMEBOUND**

James Edward Adams, Kathy Barczak; Rose Blaschak, Galynn Brady, Sister Carol Jean Czyrnik, Mary Davis, Joan Delusa, LeAnn Golby, Alicia Junghans, Kathryn Legat, Tyler McKinley, Rick McKinley, Larry Olek, Rowen Ream, Alexandra Rice, Carly Rice, Doug Rice, James Schuster, Mary Slezak, Bernadette Solomon, Fr. John Slovikovski, Betty Spisak; Joanna Stone, Carol Sobecky, Leona Sutt, Agnes Swarney, Jeanne Toth, Elizabeth Virus, Irene Virus, and Sheila Weppner, Helen Yursky.

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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.*

**Lt. Adam Guarino**, USCG; **Master at Arms 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Izeke W. Pinkas**, Fallon, NV; **Lt. Col. Joshua P. Higgins**, US Army; **Petty Officer 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> Class Maxwell Schutte**, F. E. Warren, WY; **Sgt. Bryan Maxwell Porath**, **Captain Aaron Donahey**, US Army, Fort Stewart, GA; **Petty Officer 1<sup>st</sup> 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, 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; **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. 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

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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 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. 12<sup>th</sup> until March 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST** sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council 11066 will be held on Sunday, February 18 from 8:30AM until 12:30PM at Resurrection Parish Hall. Breakfast includes: Pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, coffee, and orange juice. Adults: \$6, children under 12, \$2.

**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.