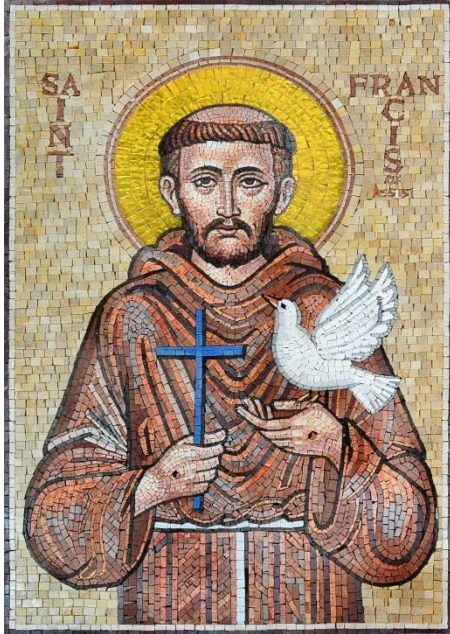


April 15, 2018
Third Sunday of Easter
**THE FAITH COMMUNITY OF
ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI**

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.



PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS the young people of the Parish who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Tuesday, April 24 at St. John Gualbert Cathedral: Nathan Scarff (St. Michael the Archangel), Jenna Stancombe (St. Clare of Assisi) and Hunter Thomas (Elias). May God bless them as continue their journey of Faith.

BOOK DISCUSSION will conclude on Wednesday, April 18 from 6:30PM – 7:30PM at the Activity Center.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR PARISH LAST WEEKEND: Loose - \$346.02; Adults - \$2,663.52; Children - \$8.00; Monthly - \$135.00; Easter - \$275.00; Flowers - \$16.00; Candles - \$80.00; Good Friday – 32.00; Holy Thursday -\$22.00; Catholic Relief - \$7.00; Catholic Register - \$5.00; Missalettes - \$35.00; St. Vincent de Paul - \$55.00; Donation - \$200.00; Misc. - \$363.79. Total Collection - \$4,243.33. 180 out of 314 families used envelopes. Thank you for your continued generosity to the parish.

MENS' CLUB Mother's Day tickets are now available for purchase in the vestibule.

2018 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE –Thank you to all parishioners who have responded to the 2018 Catholic Ministries Drive. Please join them in supporting our Parish and a select group of ministries that provide outreach to the poor, family life, youth and seminarians. All contributions received beyond our parish target of \$20,332 will be returned to the Parish. As of April 4, 2018 - \$2,870.00 has been received from 30 families which is 9.5% participation. Thank you for your joyful participation during the Easter Season.

SAVE THE DATE – Trip to Sight and Sound Theatre in Lancaster on Tuesday, July 10 to see “Jesus”. Trip includes ticket to show, bus and dinner. Cost: \$130.00. For reservations please call Fran King at 536-3667.



Liturgical Reflection...In today's Gospel, the Risen One appears with the greeting, “Peace be with you!” The Easter Jesus eats with the Disciples in the upper room. At the Funeral Mass, the community turns for spiritual nourishment to the table of the Eucharist. When a brother or sister dies, we gather to be nourished with the Bread of Life. In partaking of the Body of Christ, all are given a foretaste of Eternal Life in the Risen Lord. The Priest with the community offers to the Father the sacrifice of the New Covenant and shares in the one Bread and the one Cup. **Order of Christian Funerals**, 1998-1989, Number 143. Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 S. Logan Blvd., Hollidaysburg, PA 16648

Stewardship Reflection...Throughout the day we have many opportunities to “see the Face of Jesus” in others and to “be the Face of Jesus” to others. Do we take that opportunity to provide “peace” to those we encounter or are we afraid of what others will think of us and no nothing? Pray for the strength to live a “God-centered” life and not a “self-centered” life.

RESURRECTION PARISH is organizing a mission trip to Webster Springs, West Virginia, July 24-29. The mission trip will consist of doing home repairs, building ramps, replacing roofs and other needed projects. The trip is open to anyone 15 years or older from any parish. 14 year olds may take part in the trip if a parent accompanies them. The trip is free to participate, however all team members will be asked to help in fundraising efforts to help pay for construction material, travel and meals. For more information please call Terry Dietz at 255-6757 or 242-4244. The next meeting will be held April 18 at Resurrection Oratory Hall, 8th Ave. and Chestnut St. Adult registration deadline is April 30 (adults 18 & over must complete the Diocesan Protecting God's Children certification and required background checks). High school registrations must be received by June 1 to be able to participate. Special note to Confirmation and Bishop McCort students: you will receive 128 service hours for participation in this trip.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, April, 15, 22, 29 – Religious Education – 10:45AM – 12Noon Sunday, April 15 – Confirmation Class – 6:00PM – 8:00PM Sunday, April 22 – Rite of Sending at the 9:30AM Mass Tuesday, April 24 – Confirmation at St. John Gualbert Cathedral at 7:00PM

CONTINUING OUR THANKSGIVING: All those who volunteered their talents and service as readers, Eucharistic Ministers and servers especially during Holy Week; Heather Kmetz and her family members for the work for the children's Easter egg hunt; Tyler for his portrayal of Peter Rabbit at the egg hunt; Jeff Konieczny for his assistance for the various events and activities in the Activity Center; our Religious Education teachers and aides as they continue to make God's Word alive in the hearts of our youngsters; the Men's Club for their generosity; the newly resurrected Rosary Society for their devotion to the spirituality of our Parish and to Deacon Bruce Becker for his service and dedication to our Parish. Thank You and God Bless You all!

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!”)



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 (Deacon Bruce Becker, Barbara Bimeal & Cecilia Neiderer) to coordinate the ARISE Program for our Parish. We will need at least 4 team leaders. If interested please contact the Parish Office. **Please see the insert included with the bulletin.**



SPAGHETTI DINNER AND BASKET PARTY –to benefit Resurrection Mission Trip. Please come support our Spaghetti Dinner to help our mission team raise money for the projects in Webster Springs, WV. The dinner will be held on Saturday, May 5 from 3:00PM – 7:00PM at St. Francis Activity Center. All you can eat spaghetti! Adults - \$8.00, children 4-12 years - \$5.00, under three, free. There will be baskets and other drawings available as well. Take outs are available.

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, 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.

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**, 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**, Nellis Air Force Base, Las Vegas, NV; **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, deployed to Dongducheon, Korea; **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 Drum, NY; **PVT. 1st Class Lucas Tomak**, US Army, Fort Hood, TX; **Lt. Kenneth Yacynych**, US Army, Fort Lewis, WA; **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.

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.

AN ALL YOU CAN EAT BREAKFAST will be held on Sunday, April 29 in Resurrection Hall from 8:00 AM until Noon sponsored by the men of the Parish and the Knights of Columbus. Adults are \$6.00 and children under age 12 are \$2.00. Menu will include: **Scrambled Eggs, Toast & Jelly, Sausage Gravy & Biscuits, Pancakes, (maybe Waffles), Cheesy Potato Casserole, Fruit, Coffee, Tea, Milk & Orange Juice.** Proceeds benefit the Parish through the Knights of Columbus.

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. It is important that each ½ hour or hour have two adorers and to adore and protect the Blessed Sacrament. **PLEASE SIGN UP** on the schedule of times provided in the Main Vestibule. God Bless You!