

**April 22, 2018**  
**Fourth 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 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 REMEMBER** the family and friends of +Margaret Oliver who was laid to rest last week. Welcoming God receive from our hands the loved ones we return to You.

**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.

**GOB ICING** will be made on Tuesday, April 24 beginning at 7:00AM. Gobs will be filled on Wednesday, April 25 from 8:00AM – 10:00AM and from 6:00PM – 8:00PM. As always, your help is greatly appreciated.

**FISH FRY** profit for Lent: \$25,324.24 which amounts to approximately \$4,200.00 per Fish Fry! All your hard work paid off! See you on May 11.

**PROFIT FOR GOB SALES** for the period of July 1, 2017 thru April 9 2018: \$10,806.97. Thank you to all those who helped in any way with the gob making. May God continue to bless your efforts.

**CEMETERY CLEAN UP**- please remove all decorations from St. Francis Cemetery no later than April 30. Your cooperation is appreciated.

**FRIDAY, MAY 4** 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). *For the first time in all the years that I have conducted all day Adoration, I had to shut down/lock the doors for a few hours because there were no signed-in adorers and I had to leave to teach at McCort. Not good!*

**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.

**CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR PARISH LAST WEEKEND:** Loose - \$366.00; Adults - \$2,390.27; Children - \$16.00; Monthly - \$65.00; Easter - \$55.00; Candles - \$111.00; Good Friday – 3.00; Missalettes - \$6.00; Donation - \$10.00; Total Collection - \$3,022.27. 164 out of 314 families used envelopes. Thank you for your continued generosity to the parish.

*Liturgical Reflection...* Jesus Christ is the Good Shepherd Who looks after His flock with love. When a brother or sister dies, the Shepherd watches over the grieving sheep with compassion. At the Funeral Mass the community gathers with the family and friends of the deceased to give praise and thanks to God for Christ’s victory over sin and death. As the Priest blesses the casket with Holy Water at the beginning of the Funeral Mass, the formal prayer acknowledges that the deceased, in the water of Baptism, died with Christ and rose with Him to New Life. The prayer of the Church is that our dead share Eternal Glory with the Easter Lord. **Order of Christian Funerals**, 1998/1989, Numbers 129 and 160. Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 S. Logan Blvd., Hollidaysburg, PA 16648.

**A Prayer for Vocations:** God our Father, You made each of us to use our gifts in the Body of Christ. We ask that You inspire young people whom You call to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life to courageously follow Your will. Send workers into Your great harvest so that the Gospel is preached, the poor are served with love, the suffering are comforted, and Your people are strengthened by the Sacraments. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, April 22, 29 – Religious Education – 10:45AM – 12Noon
Sunday, April 22 – Rite of Sending at the 9:30AM Mass
Tuesday, April 24 – Confirmation at St. John Gualbert Cathedral at 7:00PM
Sunday, May 6 – First Communion 9:30AM
Monday, July 16 thru Friday, July 20 – Vacation Bible School

**ARISE** – ALL parishes throughout the Diocese to acknowledge and bring to the forefront the among the People of God in this 8 county area. year process that involves 5 six week sessions. Mission!)

Please pray the following for the success of this *Holy Mary, Mother of God and Mother of 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.



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program: Church, you have given

**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. 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.

**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.

**PASSION PLAY OBERAMMERGAU, GERMANY-** Since 1634, the most famous Passion Play in the world has taken place in Oberammergau. The tradition, maintained and experienced almost without interruption for over 380 years, of putting on the play about the suffering, death and Resurrection of Christ every ten years, will be continued for the 42<sup>nd</sup> time in 2020 and is regarded as the most important Passion Play in the world. The village at the end of the Bavarian Alps expects approximately 500,000 visitors for the Passion Play, over half of which be international guests. Deacon Michael Russo is developing a trip to this very famous Passion Play and other sites in Austria & Germany. If you are interested, please contact Deacon Michael at 814-288-3036 or email [michael.russo@atlanticbb.net](mailto:michael.russo@atlanticbb.net).

**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 Slowikowski, 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.*

**Ensign Adam Guarno**, USCG; **Master at Arms 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 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, deployed to Dongducheon, Korea; **Petty Officer 1<sup>st</sup> Class Heather L. Dovala**, Great Lakes, IL.; **Sgt. 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, 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 Drum, NY; **PVT. 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

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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.

**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!