

April 29, 2018  
Fifth 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

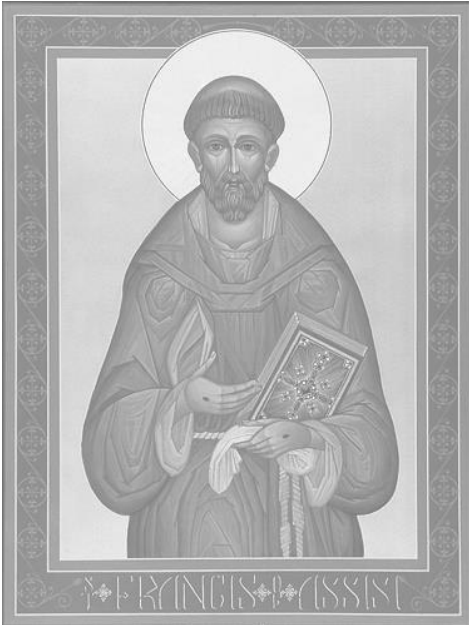
**Office Hours** – 9:00AM to 3:00PM – Mon. thru Thurs

**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 +Helen Yursky 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 children of the Parish who will receive Our Lord for the first time in Holy Communion on Sunday, May 6 at 9:30AM: *Bryce Anderson, Ava Deskevich, Gabriella Esposito, Aubrey Ressler.* May God Bless them as they continue on their journey of Faith.



**MEN'S CLUB** will meet on Thursday, May 3 at 7:00PM at the Activity Center. New members are always welcome.



**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!*

**THE MONTH OF MAY IS DEDICATED TO THE BLESSED MOTHER.** Rosary Society meeting will take place on **Monday, May 7 at 6:00PM.** Please join us in recitation of the Rosary, reflection and Benediction.

**THURSDAY, MAY 10 IS THE FEAST OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD** and a Holy Day of Obligation for all Catholics. Vigil Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, May 9 at 5:30PM. Mass on Thursday will take place at 8:00AM and 5:30PM.

**FISH FRY** will be held on Friday, May 11 from 11:00AM until 6:00PM. The next Fish Fry will take place in September. As always your help is greatly appreciated. Enjoy your summer!



**SANCTUARY CANDLE** will burn this week for +Elizabeth Dadey by Jim & Sue Ellen Dadey.

**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.

**GABRIEL PROJECT NEWS-** The weekend of May 12 & 13, carnations will be available in return for a donation. Suggested donation per flower is \$1.50. Donations support the babies in our program. Call Gale Bala at 539-0155 for more information.

**CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR PARISH LAST WEEKEND:** Loose - \$247.16; Adults - \$2,527.52; Children - \$18.00; Monthly - \$10.00.; Easter - \$15.00.; Candles - \$124.00; St. Vincent de Paul - \$10.00; Donation - \$90.00; Total Collection - \$3,041.68. 170 out of 314 families used envelopes. Thank you for your continued generosity to the parish.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, April 29 – Religious Education – 10:45AM – 12Noon – <i>Last class for 2017-2018</i>
Thursday, May 3 – Men’s Club meeting – 7:00PM
Sunday, May 6 – First Communion 9:30AM
Monday May 7 – Rosary Society – 6:00PM
Wednesday, May 9 – Vigil of Ascension – 5:30PM Mass
Thursday, May 10 – Feast of the Ascension of the Lord– 8:00AM & 5:30PM Mass
Friday, May 11 – Fish Fry – 11:00AM – 6:00PM
Monday, July 16 thru Friday, July 20 – Vacation Bible School

*Liturgical Reflection...* Jesus is the vine and we are the branches. When the grieving family stands graveside for the committal prayers of the Church, the concluding prayer reminds us that all life rests in Christ, the True Vine of life. The prayer echoes the Faith of believers: “Almighty God, through the death of Your Son on the Cross, You destroyed our death; through His rest in the tomb, You hallowed the graves of all who believe in You; and through His rising again, You restored us to Eternal Life.” The Crucified, Buried, and Risen Christ is our source of life. We are the branches of the Sacred Vine. Therein is our life. **Order of Christian Funerals,** 1998/1989, Number 222. Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 S. Logan Blvd., Hollidaysburg, PA 16648.

**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. Further information is forthcoming in regard to signing up to participate in ARISE. Days, time, places TBA.



**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 Czynnik, Mary Davis, Joan Delusa, LeAnn Golby, Alicia Junghans, Kathryn Legat, Dennis Mochan, 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 Sobacky, Leona Sutt, Agnes Swarney, Jeanne Toth, Elizabeth Virus, Irene Virus, and Sheila Weppner.

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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!