

April 8, 2018
Divine Mercy Sunday
**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.

DIVINE MERCY CELEBRATION will begin at 3:00PM on Sunday, April 8 with Mass.

BOOK DISCUSSION will resume on Wednesday, April 11 from 6:30PM – 7:30PM at the Activity Center.



FISH FRY - The next Fish Fry will take place on Friday, April 13 from 11:00AM until 6:00PM. Your continued help and support is greatly appreciated. Donations of baked goods as well as soda and water will be accepted.

THANK YOU to the Men's Club for the generous donation to the Parish for Easter. May God Bless you!

CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR PARISH LAST WEEKEND: Loose - \$677.00; Adults - \$3,008.77; Children - \$9.00; Monthly - \$727.02; Easter - \$4,091.02; Flowers - \$60.00; Candles - \$105.50; Good Friday - \$603.02; Holy Thursday - \$507.02; Catholic Relief - \$30.00; Catholic Register - \$5.00; Missalettes - \$141.02; Ash Wednesday - \$10.00; Mandeville - \$10.00; Black & Indian Mission - \$10.00; Mother's Day - \$5.00; Father's Day - \$5.00; Donation - \$185.00. Total Collection - \$9,587.35. 143 out of 314 families used envelopes. Thank you for your continued generosity to the parish.

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. Thank you for your joyful participation during the Easter Season.

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. **WOW** – Great job in feeding the hungry. Last year we started in February and collected 248 lbs. This year we had 155 lbs. in January and 222 lbs. in February. That is 377 lbs. by March! This is wonderful. May God Bless You!

Liturgical Reflection... We stand with Thomas today to make one of the greatest professions of Faith in Scripture to Jesus Christ, "My Lord, and My God!" Thomas comes face to face with the Risen Christ. The celebration of the Christian funeral brings hope and consolation to the living. When a Christian dies we proclaim the Gospel Jesus Christ with certainty and witness to Christian hope in the Resurrection. The Funeral Rites recall God's mercy and judgment and meet the human need to turn always to God in times of crisis. Death has lost its power. We live in the mercy of God, in the risen life of the Easter Jesus.

Stewardship Reflection... In his first encyclical, Pope Benedict XVI states that "Only if I serve my neighbor can my eyes be opened to what God does for me and how much He loves me." On this Divine Mercy Sunday, practice Christian stewardship (serve others) through works of mercy and reconciliation.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, April 8, 15, 22, 29 – Religious Education – 10:45AM – 12Noon
Sunday, April 8 – Divine Mercy Mass & Novena – 3:00PM
Sunday, April 15 – Confirmation Class – 6:00PM – 8:00PM
Friday, April 13 – Fish Fry – 11:00AM – 6:00PM
Sunday, April 22 – Rite of Sending
Tuesday, April 24 – Confirmation

MANY THANKS TO: Sandra and all the workers for the Lenten Fish Fries; Mary Frances and all the volunteers for the Seder Meal on Holy Thursday; Dravyn, Bryce, and JJ for carrying the Cross during the Stations of the Cross on Lenten Fridays; Glenn Klimeck, nephew of Joseph and Dolores Fatula for the creation of the Tomb for the Resurrected Christ; Gale Bala, Jack Fabry, organist and singers for the Lenten Lamentations and the Easter music; Cecilia, Joseph and Dolores, Bernie Golojch and Michele for decorating the Church for Easter; Thomas, our faithful maintenance man for all his extra work; Carol, our faithful Parish Secretary for all her extra work in preparation for Easter festivities for our Parish; Michele, our Church housekeeper for her dedicated service in keeping our Church super clean. Many, many Thanks!



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.

THE SISTER SERVANTS OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS invite all women to a Weekend Retreat (Stepping Stones to Prayer) beginning with dinner at 6:00PM on Friday, April 13 and ending Sunday, April 15 with a brunch at 12Noon. Those who can only make it on Saturday are welcome to join us at 8:30AM for Mass followed by breakfast. Please register by Wednesday, April 11 by contacting Sister Jacinta at sisterjacinta@gmail.com or 814-886-4459. Suggested donation is \$75.



Resurrection Stories

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

He is Risen! He is Truly Risen!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Gospel of St. Matthew: Chapter 27: 62-66; Chapter 28:1-20

Gospel of St. Mark: Chapter 15:42-47; Chapter 16:1-20

Gospel of St. Luke: Chapter 23:50-56; Chapter 24:1-49; The Ascension in St. Mark: Chapter 24:50-53

Gospel of St. John: Chapter 19:38-42; Chapter 20:1-31; Conclusion Chapter 20:30-31

Appendix of the Gospel of St. John: Chapter 21:1-25

The Ascension: Acts of the Apostles: Chapter 1:6-11

The Christian's Spiritual Life: St. Paul's Letter to the Romans: Chapter 8:1-39

The Resurrection of the Dead: St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians: Chapter 15:1-58

Recommendations of St. Paul: St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians: Chapter 13: 11-13

Exhortation of St. Paul, The New Life in Christ: St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians: Chapter 4:17-32; 5:1-20

General Rules for Christian Behavior: St. Paul's Letter to the Colossians: Chapter 3:5-25; 4:1-6

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK OR HOMEBOUND

James Edward Adams, Kathy Barczak; Rose Blaschak, Galynn Brady, Sister Carol Jean Czynnik, Mary Davi, 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 Slovickovski, Betty Spisak, Joanna Stone, Carol Sobacky, 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.

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA, WINDBER – Gnocchi Dinner – Take out only! Saturday, April 14 from 5:00PM – 6:30PM. Pasta & 2 meatballs - \$7.00. Salads (\$2.00) and Cake (\$1.00). Offered by the Ladies Guild.

BASKET PARTY – Divine Mercy Catholic Academy PTO Basket Party will be held Sunday, April 15 at the St. Andrew Hall in Benscreek. Doors open at Noon and drawings begin at 2PM. Donation is \$10 and includes lunch, dessert, beverage, and 25 chances. All admission tickets are sold in advance and are available at all three campuses: East Campus – 2306 Bedford St., West Campus – 430 Tioga St.; Middle School (Bishop McCort) -25 Osborne St.

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.