

June 3, 2018
The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
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

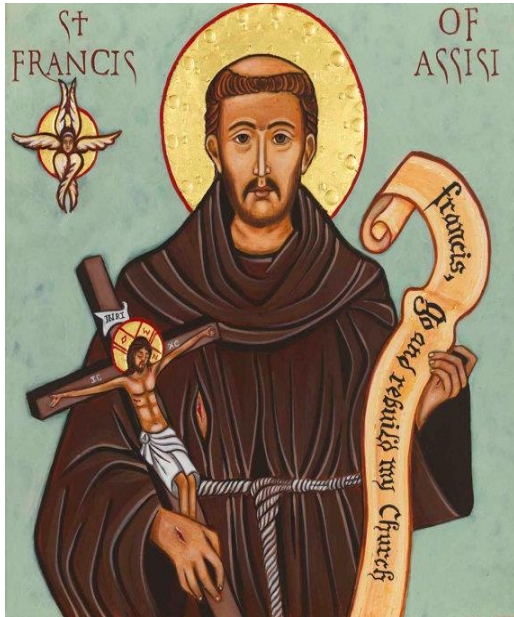
Office Hours – 9:00AM to 3:00PM – Mon. thru Thurs

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.

WE REJOICE IN THE BAPTISM OF *Garrett Philip Smith* and *Jack William Hauser* and congratulate their parents and Godparents as they begin their new life in Christ.

ROSARY SOCIETY will meet on **Monday, June 4** at 6:00PM. Please join us for recitation of the Rosary, reflection and Benediction.

FATHER'S DAY TRIBUTE will take place on Sunday, June 17 after the 7:30AM and 9:30AM Masses in the Activity Center. Join us in honoring our fathers, grandfathers, Godfathers and those who have been like a father to us!

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. To date - \$4,120.00 has been received from 43 families which is 13% 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. There are only 10 seats remaining for the trip! Payment in full is due ASAP!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL has been scheduled for Monday, July 16 through Friday, July 20 from 9:00Am until Noon. Watch the bulletin for more details!

SAVE THE DATES - JULY 21, 2018 & JULY 22, 2018- Fr. Nicholas Swiatek, OFMConv., former Parochial Vicar at Ss. Casimir & Emerich and St. Columba Parishes in Cambria City and St. Francis of Assisi Parish in the West End of Johnstown and St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Brownstown will be celebrating his 50th Anniversary of Priesthood. He will celebrate the 4:00PM Mass on Saturday, July 21 at St. Francis of Assisi followed by a dinner at 6:00PM in the Activity Center. **SIGN UP SHEET FOR THE DINNER CAN BE FOUND IN THE MAIN VESTIBULE. PLEASE INDICATE YOUR NAME, & NUMBER ATTENDING. We are also asking for desserts.** **DEADLINE FOR SIGNUP – SUNDAY, JULY 1.** He will celebrate a special 9:30AM Mass on Sunday, July 22 at St. Michael the Archangel Parish, Brownstown followed by a brunch in the Community Room. Please save the dates and plan on attending his 50th Anniversary of Priesthood. AD MULTOS ANNOS, Fr. Nicholas, OFMConv. CONGRATULATIONS and GOD’S BLESSINGS!

CANDLE BY THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS will burn this week In Memory of +Linda Huff Faibley who died nearly four years ago by Jeanne Holtz Toth and Raymond E. Toth. **SANCTUARY CANDLE** will burn for the health of Larry Haggerty by Jim & Sue Ellen Dadey.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR PARISH LAST WEEKEND: Loose - \$313.00; Adults - \$2,732.27; Children - \$17.00; Monthly - \$104.00.; Candles - \$127.00; Mother’s Day - \$27.00; Missalettes - \$7.00; Pentecost - \$337.02; Holy Day - \$41.00; Father’s Day - \$10.00; Catholic Communication - \$15.00; Catholic Home Mission - \$5.00. Total Collection - \$4,089.31. 175 out of 314 families used envelopes. Thank you for your continued generosity to the parish.

SECOND COLLECTION the weekend of June 16 & 17 will be for the Missionary Cooperative Plan. Envelopes will be included with the bulletin next week (June 9-10). Your generosity is gratefully appreciated.

*Liturgical Reflection...*What grounds us in our Faith? What gives us identity as believers in Christ? What is at the center of our Catholic lives? Today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. It is bread that becomes the true Body of the Lord and wine that becomes the true Blood of the Lord. The great gift of the Church is to gather on the day of Resurrection and meet our Christ in Word and Sacrament. Today we pause and give thanks for the great Sacrament of the Body and Blood of the Lord. 2018, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 S. Logan Blvd., Hollidaysburg, PA 16648.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, June 17 – Father’s Day Tribute – following the 7:30AM and 9:30AM Masses in the Activity Center
Monday, July 16 thru Friday, July 20 – Vacation Bible School
Saturday, July 21 – Celebration of 50th Anniversary of Priesthood – Fr. Nicholas – 4:00PM – St. Francis of Assisi
Sunday, July 22 – Celebration of 50th Anniversary of Priesthood – Fr. Nicholas – 9:30AM – St. Michael the Archangel, Brownstown.
Sunday, August 5 – Parish Picnic – Details are forthcoming

ARISE – is coming to St. Francis of Assisi in October. All parishes in our Diocese will be implementing this program this fall. Our focus is to enrich and strengthen your Faith, by learning about Jesus Christ our Lord and learning how His teachings reflect on our daily life and most important is the potential to grow and enrich your Faith. Our first session will be on **Encountering Jesus Today**- Learning more about Jesus. 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 welcome Mary Lieb as our first team leader. Further information is forthcoming in regard to signing up to participate in ARISE. Days, time, places TBA. ***If you have any questions or want to be involved please call Barb Bimeal at 322-2810. God Bless and keep praying for our Church.***

THANK YOU to William Heim, President of the Cemetery Committee, for coordinating the setup at the Cemetery for our Memorial Day Mass at the Cemetery.



VOCATION CRUCIFIX- A special Crucifix that travels from family to family ordinarily for 1 week to inspire prayer for vocations is available here at St. Francis of Assisi. The purpose of the Traveling Vocations Crucifix is to intercede for vocations and encourage children to consider a Priestly or Religious vocation themselves. The Crucifix represents the sacrifice Jesus made for us by dying on the Cross. Enthroned in a highly visible place in your home and pray together once each day for vocations. You may use the prayers included with the Crucifix, or substitute them with the Rosary or another simple prayer (such as the Our Father, Hail Mary, or the Glory Be). Each week the Crucifix travels to a new family.

The Traveling Vocations Crucifix is a wonderful way to unite Parishes in perpetual prayer for more Priestly and Religious vocations. If you or your family is interested in taking part in the Traveling Vocations Crucifix program, please contact the Parish Office at 539-1632.

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, Fr. John Slovikovski, Betty Spisak, Joanna Stone, Carol Sobacky, Leona Sutt, Agnes Swarney, Jeanne Toth, Elizabeth Virus, Irene Virus, and Sheila Weppner.

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 Guarino, 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 Rován 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, Wyo; Sgt. Bryan Maxwell Porath, Captain Aaron Donahey, US Army, deployed to Dongducheon, Korea; Petty Officer 1st

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, 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; **Sgt. 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.

RESURRECTION PARISH is having their **9th Annual Summerfest** on Sunday, June 10 at the Picnic Grove in Tanneryville. The festival will start with an outdoor Mass at 10:30AM. Music: 1-4PM – 3 of Hearts, 5:30PM-8:30PM – Flood City Brass. Ethnic food (including Homemade Potato Pancakes), games of chance, bar, baked goods and more.

ST. THERESE 71ST ANNUAL SUMMER FESTIVAL – Friday, June 15 from 7PM – 10PM, Saturday, June 16 from 5PM – 10:30PM and Sunday, June 17 from 1PM – 10:30PM on Church grounds, Upper Decker Avenue. Rides, games, prizes, ethnic foods and music. Fireworks on Sunday at 10:30PM.

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!