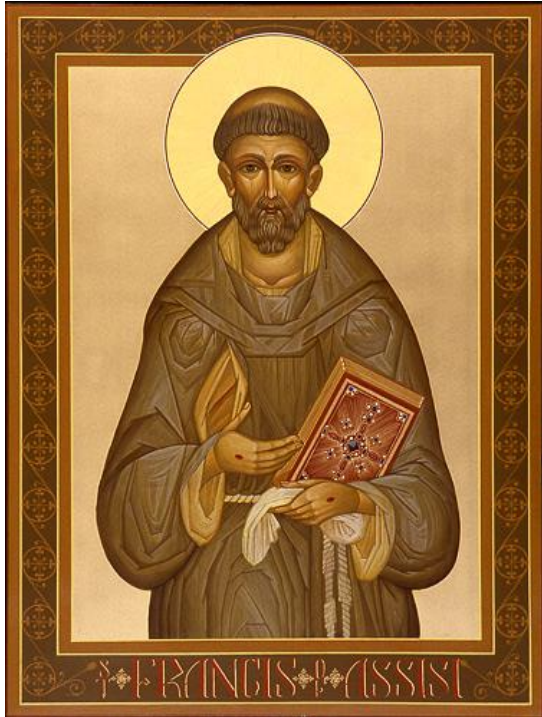


May 13, 2018
Seventh Sunday of Easter
**THE FAITH COMMUNITY OF
ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI**

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.

Pastor – Fr. Anthony Francis Spilka, OFMConv



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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 REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS the family and friends of +Bernardine Solomon who was laid to rest last week. Welcoming God receive from our hands the loved ones we return to You.

GABRIEL PROJECT NEWS- This weekend 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.



MEN'S CLUB will sponsor a Mother's Day treat after the 7:30AM and 9:30AM Masses this weekend. All are welcome to come and pay tribute to our mothers, grandmothers, godmothers and stepmothers and those who have been like mothers to us.

CEMETERY MASS – Memorial Day, May 28 Mass will be celebrated at St. Francis Cemetery at 10:00AM (weather permitting). Please bring a lawn chair.

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 30, 2018 - \$3,660.00 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.

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. (More information about the dinner to follow). 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. (More information about the brunch to follow). Please save the dates and plan on attending his 50th Anniversary of Priesthood. AD MULTOS ANNOS, Fr. Nicholas, OFMConv. CONGRATULATIONS and GOD'S BLESSINGS!

SANCTUARY CANDLE will burn this week for +Elizabeth Dadey and +Delores Prebehalla by Sue Ellen and Jim Dadey.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR PARISH LAST WEEKEND: Loose - \$399.00; Adults - \$2,691.52; Children - \$15.00; Monthly - \$638.02.; Candles - \$134.00; St. Vincent de Paul - \$161.00; Mother's Day - \$80.00; Catholic Mission - \$46.00; Missalettes - \$144.02; Cemetery - \$5.00; Pentecost - \$20.00; Holy Day - \$33.00; Donation - \$10.00; Misc. - \$184.94. Total Collection - \$4,561.47. 162 out of 314 families used envelopes. Thank you for your continued generosity to the parish.

Liturgical Reflection... The Church continues the great Easter celebration. For fifty days we commemorate the glorious Resurrection of Christ from the dead. It is the Resurrection of the Lord that grounds our Faith. At the Funeral Mass we commend our deceased brother or sister in the sure and certain hope that, together with all who have died with Christ, our dead will rise with Christ on the last day. Death and Resurrection are at the heart of the believing Christian. Christ died for the forgiveness of our sins. His Resurrection confirms the Father's love for His children. Life has been restored and there is victory over sin and death. **Order of Christian Funerals**, 1998/1989, Numbers 175. Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 S. Logan Blvd., Hollidaysburg, PA 16648.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, May 28 – Memorial Day – Mass at St. Francis Cemetery (weather permitting) – 10:00AM
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.

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. **The following families have agreed to take part in praying for vocations: Lou & Becky Deskevich; Robert & Elyse Anderson; Robert & Lauren Shaffer and Patrick & Nicole Esposito.** If you or your family is interested in taking part in the Traveling Vocations Crucifix program, please contact the Parish Office at 539-1632.

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. 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 everyone for their prayers & cards during my recent illness and I ask for your prayers as I continue with my recovery. A special thank you to: Cecilia Neiderer, Kathy Legat & family, Paul & Dolores Gresik, Gale Bala, Rita Kopco, Kathy Kush and Aggie Filo for all their help. Many thanks and God's Blessings. *Betty Scott and sisters.*

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, 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 Sobecky, 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 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.; **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; **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.

THE FRANCISCAN FRIARS, TOR, from Loretto, invite you to participate with them in celebrating the Fatima Devotions on Sunday, May 13 at 6:30PM at the Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel. The singing will led by the choir from the Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel and sermon will be delivered by Fr. Jim Morman, T.O.R. We would like to extend a cordial welcome to all.

ST. THERESE HANDMADE PIROGHI SALE – Handmade/homemade potato and cheese piroghi. Call in orders on Monday, May 21 at 539-7633 from 9:00AM – 11:00AM. Cost is \$6.50/doz. (with/without onions). Pick up your order on Friday, May 25 from 9:00AM – 2:00PM at our Social Hall, Upper Decker Ave.

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!

