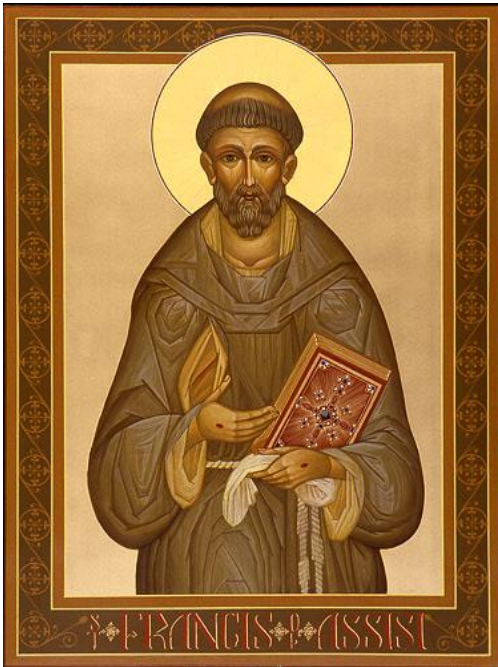


**May 6, 2018**  
**Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
**THE FAITH COMMUNITY OF**  
**ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI**

*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**  
**Permanent Deacon Bruce Becker**



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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 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.

**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.

**PARISH OFFICE** will be CLOSED on Wednesday, May 9.

**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! Profit for Fish Fry held April 13 - \$1,944.89.

**MEN'S CLUB** Mother's Day tickets have all been sold. Thank you to all for your support.

**GABRIEL PROJECT NEWS-** Next 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 next 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.

**CANDLE BY OUR LADY QUEEN OF HEAVEN** will burn this week for +Mary Cononie (50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary) by Daughter, Paulette & Joseph Torchia.

**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 50<sup>th</sup> 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 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Priesthood. AD MULTOS ANNOS, Fr. Nicholas, OFMConv. CONGRATULATIONS and GOD'S BLESSINGS!

**CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR PARISH LAST WEEKEND:** Loose - \$249.00; Adults - \$2,225.52; Children - \$15.00; Monthly - \$70.00.; Easter - \$30.00.; Candles - \$124.80; St. Vincent de Paul - \$327.00 Mother's Day - \$55.00; Catholic Mission - \$154.00; Missalettes - \$30.00; Donation - \$30.00; Misc. - \$400.00. Total Collection - \$3,710.32. 154 out of 314 families used envelopes. Thank you for your continued generosity to the parish.



**UPCOMING EVENTS**

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
Saturday, July 21 – Celebration of 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Priesthood – Fr. Nicholas – 4:00PM – St. Francis of Assisi
Sunday, July 22 – Celebration of 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Priesthood – Fr. Nicholas – 9:30AM – St. Michael the Archangel, Brownstown.

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS** (Altar Servers, Lectors, and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion) are asked to please advise the Parish Office of any dates during the summer (June, July and August) that you are NOT available to serve.

*Liturgical Reflection...*The Lord gives us the Great Commandment: love one another as I have loved you. We are commanded to love one another. When we die, the judgement will take into account the degree to which we have loved our brothers and sisters. At the Final Commendation, we give thanks for the many blessings God bestowed on the deceased. The blessings of living in community and loving one another as Christ commanded. At the Committal, we acknowledge that Faith in God’s love united the deceased to the community of believers, calling on God’s mercy and love to welcome our brother or sister into the Kingdom. **Order of Christian Funerals**, 1998/1989, Numbers 175 and 222. Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 S. Logan Blvd., Hollidaysburg, PA 16648.

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:~: **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.***

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**RESURRECTION PARISH MISSION TEAM** is available to help with your fix- up projects! Perhaps you need some yard clean up, minor repairs, painting or help moving things for the spring cleaning days ahead. The Webster Springs mission team would like to help and at the same time allow you to help in the Mission Trip cause. Here how it works: Call Terry Dietz to schedule your project at 814-242-4244. You supply the materials needed and the mission team will do the work. The only request is that in exchange for the work being done, is that you make a donation to this year’s mission trip team to help continue our work in Webster Springs. Projects cannot involve plumbing, electrical, roofing or other items requiring permits.

**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 Slovickovski, Betty Spisak, Joanna Stone, Carol Sobbecky, 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 Rován 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.

**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. 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!

*Love • ONE • Another*