

**June 24, 2018**  
**The Nativity of St. John the Baptist**  
**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.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Brian Stibich and Katherine Nayock on their marriage last weekend. May God Bless them as they begin their life together.

**WE REJOICE** in the Baptism of Paxton James Courter and congratulate his parents and Godparents as he begins his new life in Christ.

**GOB ICING** will be made on Tuesday, June 26 beginning at 7:00AM. Gobs will be filled on Wednesday, June 27 from 8:00AM – 10:00AM and from 6:00PM – 8:00PM. As always, your help will be greatly appreciated.

**4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY GOB SALE** – there will be a Gob Sale on Saturday, June 30 from 9:00AM until 12Noon at the Activity Center. Stock up for your holiday picnics!

**FRIDAY, JULY 6** 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)

**ROSARY SOCIETY** will meet on **MONDAY, JULY 9** at 6:00PM. Please join us for recitation of the Rosary, reflection and Benediction. **PLEASE NOTE THE DATE CHANGE!**

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** has been scheduled for Monday, July 16 through Friday, July 20 from 9:00AM until Noon at the Activity Center. This year the children will discover that Jesus is with us 24/7. **Registration forms are now available in the main vestibule. Deadline for registration is June 30. We are in need of Aides – perfect opportunity for students needing service hours! Contact Cel Neiderer (534-0602) or the Parish Office if interested.**

**GABRIEL PROJECT UPDATE:** we are currently serving 23 babies and their families. Urgently needed are baby wipes, wash, bottles and diapers. To raise funds we are selling Tony's Sub coupons for \$9.00. Soon we will be selling chances on a Mary & Jesus statue and also lottery tickets. Any help given is greatly appreciated. Thank you – Gale Bala, Volunteer Coordinator.

**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. **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 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 - \$419.55; Adults - \$2,353.25; Children - \$4.00; Monthly - \$65.00.; Candles - \$165.07; Father's Day - \$494.50; Mission Appeal - \$745.00; Donation - \$127.00; Misc. - \$16.69. Total Collection - \$4,390.06. 153 out of 314 families used envelopes. Thank you for your continued generosity to the parish.

**OUR COLLECTION** of food for St. Vincent DePaul's Kitchen totaled 122 pounds in May with a total for the year of 939 pounds. GREAT JOB in feeding your neighbors. You've made Jesus smile :)

**2018 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE** –Thank you to all parishioners who have responded to the 2018 Catholic Ministries Drive. All contributions received beyond our parish target of \$20,332 will be returned to the Parish. To date - \$5,110 has been received from 43 families which is 13% participation.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, June 26 – Gob Icing beginning at 7:00AM  
Wednesday, June 27 – Gobs filled – 8:00AM – 10:00AM and 6:00PM – 8:00PM  
Saturday, June 30 – Gob Sale – 9:00AM – 12Noon  
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.  
Sunday, August 5 – Parish Picnic – Details are forthcoming

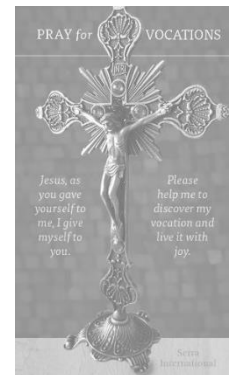
**ARISE** – is coming to St. Francis of Assisi in October. All parishes in our Diocese will be implementing this program this fall. Our focus is to enrich and strengthen your Faith, by learning about Jesus Christ our Lord and learning how His teachings reflect on our daily life and most important is 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 and now we welcome Michele Rivetti as our second 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.***

**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 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 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, Wyo; **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**; **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; **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.*

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**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.

**ANOINTING MASS** will be held 1:30PM, Sunday, July 15 at St. John Gualbert Cathedral. This particular liturgy will be especially joyous as we offer praise and thanks to receive God's healing. We will celebrate the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick with Mass that satisfies the Sunday obligation. For more information, please call 814-539-2611.

**RESURRECTION PARISH** - Groovin at the Grove at the Grove in Tanneryville – Saturday, June 30/ Boomers; July 21/Ground Zero; August 18/Flood City Brass. Each event begins with Outdoor Mass at 5:30PM, food will be available after Mass. Music from 7:00PM – 10:00PM.

**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 to adore and protect the Blessed Sacrament. PLEASE SIGN UP on the schedule of times provided in the Main Vestibule. The needs of our World, our Nation, our City, and our Parish are many. Bring them to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.