

July 29, 2018
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
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 539-1632



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.

THANK YOU from fr. Nicholas Swiatek to all those who gave/sent cards, monetary donations and helped in any way with the celebration last weekend. May God Bless you! Thank you from fr. Anthony Francis to all who gave time and talent to the celebration of fr. Nicholas' 50th Anniversary of Priesthood. You did it!



FRIDAY, AUGUST 3 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)

PARISH PICNIC will take place on Sunday, August 5 beginning with Mass at 12Noon and continuing until 6:00PM at Resurrection Picnic Grove, Tanneryville. Signup sheets are located in the main vestibule. Deadline for signup is Sunday, July 29. **Donations of baskets are being requested for the Picnic. Baskets may be dropped off at the Parish Office or brought to the Activity Center the morning of Saturday, August 4. For more information please contact Alice Havers at 536-0948.**

ROSARY SOCIETY meeting will be held on Monday, August 6 beginning at 6:00PM. Join us for recitation of the Rosary, reflection and Benediction.

MEN'S CLUB will be selling Labor Day Special Tickets in the vestibule of the Church beginning the weekend of August 4 & 5. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

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, candy bars and chances on a Mary & Jesus statue in the Church vestibule on the weekend of August 4/5.* Any help given is greatly appreciated. Thank you – Gale Bala, Volunteer Coordinator.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR PARISH LAST WEEKEND: Loose - \$337.00; Adults - \$2,403.77; Children - \$20.00; Monthly - \$85.50 Candles - \$123.72; Donation - \$92.00; Missalettes - \$15.00; St. Vincent de Paul - \$65.00. Total Collection - \$3,141.99. 166 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. 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.

A FRANCISCAN MISSIONARY will be here to preach about our Franciscan Missions the weekend of August 4-5. A 2nd collection will take place the following weekend August 11-12.

BISHOP MARK BARTCHAK and the Family Life Office cordially invite all couples celebrating 1, 5, 10, 25, 40, 50, 55, and 60+ Wedding Anniversaries in 2018 (and their families) to attend the Annual Wedding Anniversary Liturgy. Couples may attend Sunday, Sept. 9 in Altoona at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament or Sunday, Sept. 16 in Johnstown at St. John Gualbert Cathedral. Both locations are handicap accessible. Liturgies in each location begin at 2:00PM. Bishop Mark will be the celebrant and homilist at each celebration. Refreshments/snacks will be available after the Mass for anniversary couples and their families. Reservations must be made through the Parish Office no later than August 21.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, August 3 – First Friday – 8:00AM – Mass, followed by Adoration until 5:30PM Mass. Sunday, August 5 – Parish Picnic – Resurrection Picnic Grove – begins with Mass at 12Noon. Religious Education – begins Sunday, September 9 from 10:45AM until 12Noon. Watch the bulletin for more details. Fish Fry – Friday, September 14 from 11:00AM until 6:00PM.

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.

*Liturgical Reflection...*Burial in a cemetery adequately corresponds to the piety and respect owed to the bodies of the faithful departed who through Baptism have become temples of the Holy Spirit. The Church considers the burial of the dead as one of the Corporal Works of Mercy. Burial of the faithful departed in cemeteries encourages family members and the whole Christian community to pray for and remember the dead. Through the practice of burying the dead in cemeteries, in Churches or their environs, Christian tradition had upheld the relationship between the living and the dead. Instruction, Ad resurgendum cum Christo, Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, 2016, Number 3. Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 S. Logan Blvd., Hollidaysburg, PA 16648.

*Stewardship Reflection...*The account of the loaves and fishes is an awesome example of Christian stewardship. We re-create this miracle in our everyday lives when we generously share a portion of our time, talents, and possessions with others.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK OR HOMEBOUND

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

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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.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOUP KITCHEN will be holding a Rubber Duck Race/Family Fun Day on Sunday, August 5 from 11:00AM to 4:00PM at Sandyvale Memorial Park. Tickets are \$5.00 per duck and the race will start with a celebrity race at 1:00PM and the duck race at 2:00PM. We will have music, food for purchase and other activities during the event. For tickets please contact Greg at the Family Kitchen at 539-7811 or Georgia at 242-2083.

RESURRECTION PARISH - Groovin at the Grove in Tanneryville – Saturday, 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.