

**August 12, 2018**  
**19<sup>th</sup> 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 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.

**ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH** experienced a “family get-together” at the annual Parish picnic this past Sunday at the Grove in Tanneryville. The picnic was magnificently chaired by Michael Grandinetti and a host of volunteers who came together and produced a magnificent time for all ages. There were children’s games, adult games (bingo), duck races on the creek, fabulous food and desserts, baskets and noon-time Mass at the Grove. But---St. Francis of Assisi Parish was blessed by God in a very special way – after several days of rainy/thunderstorms and flash flooding in some areas – the sun was out and shining all day Sunday for our family get-together. Thank you Lord for Your special blessings – no rain just beautiful sunshine. Thank you Michael and all of our volunteers who made the day so special. Fr. Peter, the visiting Franciscan Missionary from Uganda, Africa had a marvelous time!

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15** is the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and a Holy Day of Obligation for all Catholics. Vigil Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, August 14 at 5:30PM followed by the Novena to St. Anthony. There will NOT be a 6:30PM Mass on Tuesday. Mass on Wednesday, August 15 will take place at 8:00AM and 5:30PM.

**MEN’S CLUB** will be selling Labor Day Special Tickets in the vestibule of the Church this weekend. 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. Any help given is greatly appreciated. Thank you – Gale Bala, Volunteer Coordinator.

**FISH FRY** is scheduled for Friday, September 14 from 11:00AM until 6:00PM. Help is needed in all areas, no experience necessary! Come and join us – many hands make light work!



**SANCTUARY CANDLE** will burn this week for the Health of Francis G. Ozog by Jim & Sue Ellen Dadey.

**CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR PARISH LAST WEEKEND:** Loose - \$296.03; Adults - \$2,462.27; Children - \$12.00; Monthly - \$17.00 Candles - \$102.75; Donation - \$5.00; St. Vincent de Paul - \$512.02; Holy Day – 10.00. Total Collection - \$3,417.07. 145 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 - \$5,630 has been received from 46 families which is 13% participation.

**SECOND COLLECTION** this weekend will be for the Franciscan Missions. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

**REGISTER TODAY!**



**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES will begin on Sunday, September 9, 2018** for students in pre-school through 10<sup>th</sup> grade. Classes are held on Sunday mornings from 10:45AM – 12Noon at Resurrection Parish Center on Chestnut Street. *Parents are reminded of their obligation to see that their children are instructed in the Catholic Faith.* Registration forms are in the 3 vestibules of the Church and may be returned via the collection basket. Please return forms as soon as possible so that supplies may be ordered. Students in Grade 2 that attend Catholic School are required to attend classes to prepare for reception of the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Communion in this Parish Family. **11<sup>th</sup> GRADE**

**CONFIRMATION CLASSES** held the second Sunday of each month from 6:00PM – 8:00PM at the Rectory. The first class will take place on Sunday, September 9.

**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 it 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.

**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.

*Liturgical Reflection...* The Church continues to prefer the practice of burying the bodies of the deceased. The reason is that this ancient Christian custom shows a greater esteem towards the deceased. Nevertheless, cremation is not prohibited, unless it is chosen for reasons contrary to Christian doctrine. In the absence of motives contrary to Christian doctrine, the Church after the celebration of the Funeral Mass or Funeral Liturgy outside Mass, accompanies the choice of cremation. The relevant liturgical rites are provided. And care is to be taken to avoid any appearance of Religious indifference.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK OR HOMEBOUND**

James Edward Adams, Kathy Barczak; Rose Blaschak, Galynn Brady, Sister Carol Jean Czyrnik, 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Izeke W. Pinkas**, Fallon, NV; **Lt. Col. Joshua P. Higgins**, US Army; **Petty Officer 1<sup>st</sup> 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 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**; **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.

**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.

**A BLUE MASS** honoring first responders for their service 11:00AM Sunday, September 9 at St. John Gualbert Cathedral. This event is open to all police, law enforcement, public safety, firefighters, and EMTs and their families. The Blue Mass celebration is open to the general public and honors those who serve our community in a most outstanding way as first responders. For more information contact Evonne at 814-659-6240 or evyanz@hotmail.com

**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.