

September 2, 2018  
22<sup>nd</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**

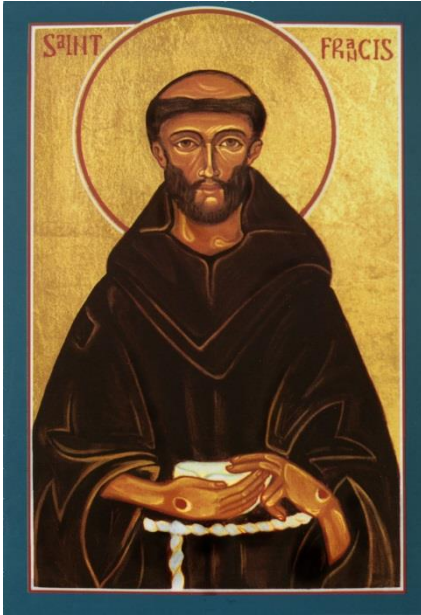
**Office Hours – 9:00AM to 3:00PM – Mon. thru Thurs**

**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.

**PARISH OFFICE** will be CLOSED on Monday, September 3 for the Labor Day Holiday. The office will reopen on Tuesday, September 4.

**MASS** on Monday, September 3, Labor Day, will be celebrated at **9:00AM**.

**ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHOIR** will begin practices on Wednesday, September 5 at 6:30PM in the Chapel area (use Barron Avenue entrance). New members are always welcome. The choir sings at 9:30AM Sunday Mass. For information, call Gale at 539-0155.

**MEN'S CLUB MEETING** will take place on Thursday, September 6 at 7:00PM at the Activity Center. New members are always welcome!

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7** 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). Due to the horrendous current events concerning the AG's report on the Dioceses of PA, what better place to bring our hurts and pains than at the Feet of our Eucharistic Lord.

**ROSARY SOCIETY** - due to the Labor Day Holiday, recitation of the Rosary will be moved to **Monday, September 10 at 6:00PM**. September is the month celebrating special events of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Mary's Birthday (Sept. 8), The Most Holy Name of Mary (Sept. 12), and Our Lady of Sorrows (Sept. 15). All are welcome to join us for an hour of prayer, reflection, adoration, and Benediction.

**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! Donations of baked goods will be accepted for sale at the Fish Fry.

**GABRIEL PROJECT UPDATE:** we are currently serving 35 babies and their families. Urgently needed, are baby wipes, wash, bottles and diapers. Any help given is greatly appreciated. *Visit our table at the Fish Fry on September 14.* We will be selling sub cards and candy bars in the vestibule the weekend of September 22 & 23. Thank you – Gale Bala, Volunteer Coordinator.

**CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR PARISH LAST WEEKEND:** Loose - \$342.80.; Adults - \$2,253.77; Children - \$14.00; Monthly - \$87.00; Candles - \$85.00; Holy Day - \$32.00; Peter's Pence - \$5.00; Donation - \$30.00. Total Collection - \$3,149.57. 163 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 - \$6,292 has been received from 62 families which is 19% participation.

**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. Registration forms are also available on the website. 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. Catholic H.S. & public H.S. students are expected to attend.



**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. 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, Michele Rivetti and Sue Paonessa as team leaders. *If you have any questions or want to be involved please call Barb Bimeal at 322-2810.*

**KEY REASONS FOR SIGNING UP FOR ARISE TOGETHER IN CHRIST:** *To know God better; To grow spiritually; to meet new people; To talk about God; To improve ourselves; To put Faith into action; To change the way we see the world; To improve relationships; To experience different prayer styles; To be rejuvenated.* **Watch the bulletin for information on how to join a small group - Days, time, places TBA.**

**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.

*Liturgical Reflection...* The Christian faithful are unequivocally confronted by the mystery of life and death when faced with the body of one who has died. Moreover, the body which lies in death naturally recalls the personal story of Faith, the loving family bonds, the friendships, and the words and acts of kindness of the deceased person. Indeed, the human body is inextricably associated with the human person, which acts and is experienced by others through the body. It is the body whose hands clothed the poor and embraced the sorrowing. Order of Christian Funerals, Cremation, 1998, Introduction, Number 411. Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 S. Logan Blvd., Hollidaysburg, PA 16648. *Please note: Ashes are to be buried – not to be scattered or kept at home. The body of a loved one is buried not kept at home to be viewed. Ashes are to be buried as well.*

**FAMILY MARIAN CELEBRATION** – Mass and Rosary will be held Sunday, September 30 at 3:00PM at St. Benedict’s Church, Bedford Street. The theme for this year’s celebration is “Mary, Mother of the Church.” Bishop Mark will be the principal celebrant and will give the homily. Please join Bishop Mark, along with Clergy, children and Religious organizations honoring our Blessed Mother. This Mass fulfills your Sunday obligation.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, September 3 – Labor Day Mass – 9:00AM  
Wednesday, September 5 – Choir Practice – 6:30PM  
Thursday, September 6 – Men’s Club Meeting – 7:00PM  
Friday, September 7 – First Friday – Adoration after 8:00AM Mass until 5:30PM Mass  
Sunday, September 9 – Religious Education – 10:45AM – 12Noon, Confirmation Class 6:00PM – 8:00PM  
Friday, September 14 – Fish Fry – 11:00AM – 6:00PM  
Sunday, September 30 – Feast Day Dinner – 4:00PM

### 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.

### 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 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**; **Master Sgt. 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; **Casey Meredith**, VMI, Virginia..

*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.

**SELF DEFENSE CLASS** – Resurrection Parish will host a Self Defense Class for adults and children 10 years of age or older on Tuesday, September 11 from 6:00PM – 8:00PM at the Church Hall. The instructor will be Karen Jones. To register for this class or for more information please call Faith at 814-479-2062.

**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, our Parish and the Dioceses of the Commonwealth of PA are many. Bring them to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.