

September 30, 2018
26th 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 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 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.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS the family and friends of +Patrick Toth & +Robert Meagher who were laid to rest last week. Welcoming God, receive from our hands the loved ones we return to You.

CEMETERY CLEAN UP – Please remove all decorations, etc. from St. Francis Cemetery no later than Monday, October 1. Thank you for your cooperation.



TRANSITUS –the passing of St. Francis from Earthly Life to Eternal Life will be commemorated on Wednesday, October 3 at 7:00PM. The Transitus is a Franciscan devotion to ritually remember the passing of Saint Francis from this life into God.

MEN’S CLUB will meet on Thursday, October 4 at 7:00PM in the Activity Center. New members are always welcome.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5 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.

BLESSING OF ANIMALS will take place on Saturday, October 6 at 10:00AM under the canopy in front of the Church.

LIVING ROSARY presented by the children of the Parish will take place on Sunday, October 7 immediately following the 9:30AM Mass in honor of the Month of the Rosary. **WE NEED YOUR ASSISTANCE** – in order to complete the 5 decades of the Rosary everyone is encouraged to participate and represent a bead of the Rosary. We will gather in the parking lot beside the former Convent and form the Rosary. *Please bring a lawn chair.* In case of inclement weather the Rosary will be held in the Church. Please help us to teach our children the importance of praying the Rosary in these difficult times.

FISH FRY is scheduled for Friday, October 12 from 11:00AM until 6:00PM. Prep work will take place all week. Please check the schedule that was included with the bulletin a few weeks ago. God’s Blessing on all who helped in any way with the Fish Fry last month. Profit for September Fish Fry: \$2,729.15.

SANCTUARY CANDLE will burn this week for Birthday Remembrance for +Don Havers by Wife, Alice.
CANDLE BY OUR LADY QUEEN OF HEAVEN will burn for Health of Barbara Fatula by Catherine Leech.
CANDLE BY SACRED HEART OF JESUS will burn for Health of Jason Dadey by Sue Ellen & Jim Dadey.

GABRIEL PROJECT UPDATE: is currently serving 36 babies and their families. Urgently needed are diapers sizes 1-4, baby wipes and cash in order to provide car seats or Pack & Plays for a safe place for baby to sleep. Please call 539-0155 for information. We will be selling sub cards and candy bars in the vestibule this weekend.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR PARISH LAST WEEKEND: Loose - \$224.96.; Adults - \$2,421.62; Children - \$9.00; Monthly - \$7.00; Candles - \$101.25; St. Vincent de Paul - \$21.00; Catholic University - \$1.00; Retired Priest - \$5.00; Donation - \$10.00. Total Collection - \$2,800.83. 162 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 - \$8,007 has been received from 76 families which is 19% participation.

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 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.* Sessions will be starting the week of October 7, 2018 and will be held in the Convent on Barron Ave. next to the parking lot. Please use the door of the sun porch to enter.

Session Schedule

Tuesday---7 p.m. --8:30 Mixed Group
Wednesday ---6 p.m.---7:30 Women's Group
Wednesday ---6 p.m.---7:30 Mixed Group
Thursday ---9:30 a.m. ---11 Mixed Group
Saturday ---10:30 a.m. ---12 Young Adult

Please use the signup sheets that are located in the vestibules.



VOCATION CRUCIFIX- A special Crucifix that travels from family to family or household to household 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 or household.

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 Catholic Church commends its deceased members to the mercy of God by means of its Funeral Rites. It likewise asks that the Christian faithful continue to offer prayer for deceased family members, friends, and fellow parishioners. The annual celebration of All Souls Day, the commemoration of all the faithful departed on Nov. 2, attests to this honorable practice. Masses celebrated for the dead on the anniversaries of death or other significant times continue the Church's prayer and remembrance. For Catholic Christians, cemeteries, especially Catholic cemeteries, call to mind the Resurrection of the Dead. Order of Christian Funerals, Cremation, 1998, Number 416. Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 S. Logan Blvd., Hollidaysburg, PA 16648.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, September 30, October 7, 14, 21, 28 – Religious Education – 10:45AM – 12Noon
Wednesday, October 3 – Transitus of St. Francis of Assisi – 7:00PM
October 6 – Blessing of Animals – 10:00AM
Sunday, October 7 – Living Rosary presented by the Religious Education Program and Parishioners – immediately following the 9:30AM Mass.
Friday, October 12 – Fish Fry -11:00AM – 6:00PM
Sunday, October 14 – Confirmation Class – 6:00PM – 8:00PM

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 Slovikovski, Betty Spisak, Joanna Stone, Carol Sobbecky, 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 Guarino, 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 Rowan 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; **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.

OKTOBERFEST – St. Therese Church will host its Annual Oktoberfest on Sat., October 6 from 4:00PM – 8:00PM and Sun., October 7 from 11:00AM – 4:30PM. Join us for delicious ethnic food including Kolbassi, Haluski, German Potato Salad, Pigs, Piroghi, Lamb, Apple Strudel, Homemade Pies, Beverages, and much more. Sat. there will be a Large Wheel Raffle (5:30PM – 8:00PM), instant bingo, 50/50, theme basket raffle. Music by the Rhythm Masters (5:30PM – 8:30PM) Sun. 1:00PM – 4:00PM, and from 2:00-2:30PM a performance by Jacqueline’s Dance Studio. Drawing for the Basket Raffle will be at 4:00PM Sun.

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.