

November 4, 2018
31st 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.

PLEASE NOTE: TUESDAY EVENING MASS CHANGE: Due to the ARISE small group meetings, beginning Tuesday, October 9 and continuing until Tuesday, November 13 – *Confessions will be heard at 5:45PM and Mass will be celebrated at 6:15PM followed by Novena to St. Anthony.*

ROSARY SOCIETY meeting will take place on Monday, November 5 at 6:00PM. Please join us for Rosary, Reflection and Benediction.

MEN'S CLUB TURKEY & MEAT RAFFLE will be held on Sunday, November 4 at the Activity Center. Doors open at 1:00PM and raffle will take place from 2:00PM – 4:00PM. Members are asking for donations of door prizes. Prizes may be dropped off at the Parish Office or by calling Dolores Kasper at 255-4159. There are also envelopes in the vestibule containing raffle tickets for each family. Please pick up your tickets and return via the collection basket. Thank you for your continued support of the Men's Club.

FISH FRY will be held on Friday, November 9 from 11:00AM until 6:00PM. Once again, your help is needed for the continued success of the Fish Fry. Thank you to all who helped in October. Profit for the Fish Fry held in October: \$2,371.29.

GOB CREWS: Set up crews, creamer crew, gooper crew, icing crew, packer crew. A sincere thank you for all your hard work. It's not easy but with everyone working together we manage to put out the best gobs in town. Anyone who would like to join this great group of people please call Cindy at 539-3128. A special thank you to the lovely couple who provides a delicious lunch for the icing crew. May God Bless you! You did a fantastic job! *Cindy*

GABRIEL PROJECT UPDATE: Soon the Christmas Tree for the Gabriel Project will be set up. In addition, we hope to give an educational toy to each baby. Starting October 20th, we will have toys available. Anyone interested can purchase a toy from us, wrap it with the tag attached, and return it to our counter in the vestibule. Toys available: Laugh & Learn Puppy - \$16; Laugh & Learn Puppy Piano - \$12.75; Little People Train - \$10.60; Soothe & Glow Seahorse - \$16.75; Carrier Toy Bar - \$10.60. Contact Gale if interested. Also, we are beginning a 50/50 to provide a Christmas party for our babies and families. Tickets will be one for \$1.00, three for \$2.00, or ten tickets for \$5.00. Drawing will be Sunday, December 9. Questions? Call Gale at 539-0155.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR PARISH LAST WEEKEND: Loose - \$460.20; Adults - \$2,711.27; Children - \$11.00; Monthly - \$10.00; Candles - \$135.15; St. Vincent de Paul - \$7.00; Catholic University - \$3.00; All Souls - \$287.00; Cemetery - \$297.02; Mission Sunday - \$37.00; Hurricane Relief - \$981.16; Donation - \$10.00; Total Collection - \$4,949.80. 160 out of 314 families used envelopes. Thank you for your continued generosity to the parish.

ARISE – IS HERE! 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 season 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 Michele Rivetti as team leader. *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.*

Session Schedule

Tuesday, Nov. 6, 13- 7:00PM–8:30PM - Mixed Groups

Wednesday, Nov. 7, 14 - 6:00PM - 7:30PM - Mixed Group

Thursday, 8, 15 - 9:30 AM - 11:00AM - Mixed Group



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 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 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.

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 - \$8,307 has been received from 80 families which is 25% participation.



OUR ANNUAL non-perishable food and household items collection for the Joe Bartko Memorial St. Vincent de Paul Food Kitchen has begun. The collection will end on Sunday, November 11. Monetary donations will also be accepted and may be placed in the envelope provided in the vestibule and dropped in the collection basket. Donations may be placed in the vestibule or brought to the Parish Office during business hours. Donations should be non-perishable and NO glass containers. Suggested items include: canned vegetables, pasta, cereal, tuna, soup, stuffing mix, cake mix, salt, pepper, paper products (paper towels, toilet paper, napkins, etc.). Use your best judgement. ***Please use the bag provided for your donations.***

FROM BISHOP MARK: Bishop Mark Bartchak and the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown join so many others in praying for the victim of the shooting at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh. The Diocese stands with our Jewish brothers and sisters who are impacted by this tragedy. Bishop Bartchak is asking the faithful throughout Altoona-Johnstown to continue to pray for the victims, their families, their community and everyone affected. May God Bless them and may we see an end to hatred and violence in our world.

*Liturgical Reflection...*In planning and carrying out the funeral rites everyone should keep in mind the life of the deceased and circumstances of death, taking also into consideration the spiritual and psychological needs of the family and friends of the deceased to express grief and their sense of loss, to accept the reality of death, and to comfort one another. The Church is present to those who mourn bringing solace and hope. Throughout the funeral rites there is to be great respect and care taken with the body of the deceased. Order of Christian Funerals, 1998, Number 16. Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 S. Logan Blvd., Hollidaysburg, PA 16648.

*Stewardship Reflection...*Jesus asked us to be good stewards with all of our heart, all of our soul, all of our mind and all of our strength. How are we living as He asked?

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, November 4, 11, 18 – Religious Education – 10:45AM – 12Noon
Sunday, November 4 – Men’s Club Turkey & Meat Raffle – 2:00PM – 4:00PM
Friday, November 9 – Fish Fry – 11:00AM – 6:00PM
Sunday, November 11 – Confirmation Class - 6:00PM – 8:00PM – Parish Office
January 15-22, 2019 – Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

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 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 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; **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.

RESURRECTION PARISH Ladies Auxiliary will be sponsoring a Basket Party on Sunday, November 11 at Christ the Savior Reception Hall. Doors open at 12:30PM. Cost: \$10.00 includes lunch, 25 chances and eligibility for door prizes. For tickets call 539-5788, ext. 3.

CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION – Spaghetti Drive-By, Sunday November 25 from 10:30AM until 1:30PM. Meal includes: Spaghetti & Meatballs, Tossed Salad, Dinner Roll and Dessert. Cost: \$7.00

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.