

October 21, 2018
29th 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.*

PARISH OFFICE will be **CLOSED** on Wednesday, October 24.

GOB ICING is scheduled to be made on Tuesday, October 23 beginning at 7:00AM. Gobs will be filled on Wednesday, October 24 at 8:00AM and again at 6:00PM. Please consider sharing some of your time and talent. Many hands make light work!

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1 is the Solemnity of All Saints and a Holy Day of Obligation. Vigil Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, October 31 at 5:30PM and on Thursday, November 1 at 8:00AM and 5:30PM.

ANNUAL MEMORIAL CELEBRATION of Parishioners who were laid to rest this year (November 1, 2017 – October 31, 2018) will be celebrated on Friday, November 2 at 7:00PM. Members of the families of the deceased are invited to take part in this Mass by lighting a candle in their memory. Please contact the Parish Office if you or a member of the family or friend of our departed loved ones are able to participate in this Liturgy. All are welcome to join us in this celebration of Christ's victory over sin and death, and the hope of Eternal Life. Pictures of deceased loved ones to be displayed in the Sanctuary may be brought to the Parish Office between 9:00AM – 3:00PM Monday through Thursday.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2 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).

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.

ALL CHILDREN OF THE PARISH are invited to participate at the 9:30AM Mass on Sunday, November 4 by dressing as their favorite Saint. Costumes are provided. The **children are asked to gather in the vestibule of the Church no later than 9:00 AM** so we can dress the children in "Holy garb."

THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE lost their homes and their places of employment due to the recent hurricanes that have impacted especially Florida, Georgia, and South Carolina. Please be generous in response to a Special Hurricane Relief Collection being taken up in all parishes throughout the Diocese. All donations will be forwarded to Catholic Charities USA which administers the funds directly to those most in need. Keep the people of those places in your prayers. The collection will be taken the weekend of November 3 & 4.

SANCTUARY CANDLE will burn this week for +Neil Schonvisky by Family. **CANDLE BY SACRED HEART OF JESUS** will burn for Francis G. Ozog by Jim & Sue Ellen Dadey.

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. 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 Sunday, December 9. Questions? Call Gale at 539-0155.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR PARISH LAST WEEKEND: Loose - \$413.18.; Adults - \$2,055.27; Children - \$11.00; Monthly - \$250.00; Candles - \$166.00; Retired Priest - \$10.00; St. Vincent de Paul - \$15.00; Total Collection - \$2,920.45. 151 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, October 23, 30, Nov. 6, 13- 7:00PM–8:30PM - Mixed Groups

Wednesday, October 24, 31, Nov. 7, 14 - 6:00PM - 7:30PM - Mixed Group

Thursday, October 25, Nov. 1, 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 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 - \$8,007 has been received from 76 families which is 19% participation.

Liturgical Reflection... In the face of death, the Church confidently proclaims that God has created each person for Eternal Life and that Jesus, Crucified and Risen Lord, has broken the chains of sin and death that bound humanity. At the death of a Christian, whose life was begun in the waters of Baptism and strengthened at the Eucharistic Table, the Church intercedes on behalf of the deceased because of its confident belief that death is not the end nor does it break the bonds forged in life. The human body is to be treated with the utmost respect throughout the funerary rites. Ultimately, the body or cremated remains are to be placed in a grave, that is, a cemetery or mausoleum.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, October 21, 28 – Religious Education – 10:45AM – 12Noon
Friday, November 2 – Annual Memorial Celebration – 7:00PM
Sunday, November 4 – Men’s Club Turkey & Meat Raffle – 2:00PM – 4:00PM
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 Slovickovski, Betty Spisak, Joanna Stone, Carol Sobczyk, 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.

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA, WINDBER – Spaghetti Dinner, Sunday, October 21 from 11:00AM – 2:00PM, Church Hall. Adults - \$8.00, children - \$4.00. Take outs available.

RESURRECTION PARISH will hold their Annual Meat/Turkey Raffle on Saturday, November 3 at 6:00PM in Resurrection Church Hall. There is no admission. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. All are welcome!

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.

Next Year Jerusalem !