

**October 7, 2018**  
**27<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 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 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.



**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.

**MASS** on Columbus Day, **Monday, October 8** - will be celebrated at 9:00AM.

**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** will meet on Monday, October 8 at 6:00PM. Please join us for Rosary, Reflection and Benediction. All are encouraged to attend.

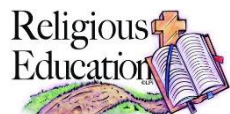
**FISH FRY** is scheduled for Friday, October 12 from 11:00AM until 6:00PM. Prep work will take place all week. Please check the schedule that was included with the bulletin a few weeks ago. God's Blessing on all who helped in any way with the Fish Fry last month. **BREADERS** are need for the 7:30AM – 9:30AM, 11:00AM – 1:00PM, and 2:00PM – 3:30PM shifts. *Help is needed in all areas.* Great opportunity for students needing service hours! Donations of baked goods for the bake sale are happily accepted.



**ANNUAL MEMORIAL CELEBRATION** of Parishioners who were laid to rest this year (November 1, 2017 – October 31, 2018) will be celebrated on 7:00PM on Friday, November 2. 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.

**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.

**SANCTUARY CANDLE** will burn this week for +Frank Bazyk by Frank & Alice.



**PARENTS** are reminded of their obligation to see that their children are instructed in the Faith. Attendance at Religious Education Classes are available to assist in this obligation of the parents. Classes are held on Sunday from 10:45AM until Noon at Resurrection Parish Center.

**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 the weekend of October 20 & 21.

**CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR PARISH LAST WEEKEND:** Loose - \$275.02.; Adults - \$2,339.37; Children - \$14.00; Monthly - \$87.00; Candles - \$123.75; St. Vincent de Paul - \$504.02; Catholic University - \$7.00; Retired Priest - \$493.82; Holy Day - \$4.00; Missalettes - \$7.00; All Souls - \$5.00; Christmas - \$6.00; Donation - \$55.00. Misc. - \$507.77. Total Collection - \$4,428.75. 157 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 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 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 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.* 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, October 9, 16, 23, 30, Nov. 6, 13- 7:00PM–8:30PM - Mixed Groups (Registration Closed)

Wednesday, October 10, 17, 24, 31, Nov. 7, 14 - 6:00PM - 7:30PM - Mixed Group

Thursday, October 11, 18, 25, Nov. 1, 8, 15 - 9:30 AM - 11:00AM - Mixed Group

**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.

**MEMBERS** of Resurrection Parish Ladies Auxiliary will be selling chances on a handmade, queen size quilt made by their Sewing Ministry next weekend, October 13 & 14. Chances are \$2.00/each for 3 for \$5.00.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Sunday, October 7, 14, 21, 28 – Religious Education – 10:45AM – 12Noon

Sunday, October 7 – Living Rosary presented by the Religious Education Program and Parishioners – immediately following the 9:30AM Mass.

Monday, October 8 – Rosary Society – 6:00PM

Friday, October 12 – Fish Fry -11:00AM – 6:00PM

Sunday, October 14 – Confirmation Class – 6:00PM – 8:00PM

Friday, November 2 – Annual Memorial Celebration – 7:00PM

Sunday, November 4 – Men’s Club Turkey & Meat Raffle – 2:00PM – 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 Slovikovski, Betty Spisak, Joanna Stone, Carol Sobacky, 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 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 Rován 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; **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.*

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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.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ASSEMBLY 954** – Spaghetti Dinner, Sunday, October 14 from 11:00AM - 3:00PM at St. John Gualbert Cathedral Parish Hall. Join your local Knights of Columbus for an afternoon of Catholic fellowship and dinner, and a Chinese auction/Basket Party. Knights will serve salad, spaghetti and meatballs, and your choice of homemade desserts. Cost: \$8.00 per person, children under 5 free.

**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.

**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.