

November 18, 2018  
33<sup>rd</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.

**PLEASE TAKE NOTE:** Confession on Tuesday will remain at 5:45 and Mass will continue to be celebrated at 6:15PM. **Beginning Monday, December 2** and continuing until Ash Wednesday, daily Mass (Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday will be celebrated at **9:00AM**

**PARISH OFFICE** will be closed on Thursday, November 22 and Friday, November 23 for the Thanksgiving Holiday. Office will reopen on Monday, November 26.

**MASS ON THANKSGIVING DAY, NOVEMBER 22** will be celebrated at **9:00AM**. Fruit will be blessed and distributed to all present. Please join us and share in the "Fruits of the Mass."

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION** Classes will NOT be held on Sunday, November 25. Once again, parents are reminded of their promise made at Baptism to instruct their children in the Faith. Attendance at Religious Education classes are part of that promise.

**ADVENT GET-TOGETHER** with Deacon Bruce will take place on Wednesday evenings (December 5, 12, 19) from 6:00PM – 7:15PM (Location to be determined). The theme is The Birth of the Messiah. Please use the signup sheet that can be found in the vestibule and 2 side entrances.

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7** is the First Friday of the month. Adoration will begin after the continue until 5:30PM. New Signup sheets are in the vestibule of the Church. There should be at present for each time slot. (This is also a matter of safety for the Blessed Sacrament - adorers



8:00AM Mass and least two adorers adore and protect).

**THANK YOU** for all who helped in any way with the Fish Fry. Your dedication is greatly appreciated. The next Fish Fry has been scheduled for Friday, January 11, 2018. May God Bless you!

**AN ADDITIONAL THANK YOU** to the dedicated group of volunteers who sell the Gobs either at the Fish Fry or at Gob Sales. God's Blessing on all of you! Cindy

**SANCTUARY CANDLE** will burn this week for +M/M Albert Dadey Sr. & +M/M Stephen J. Prebehalla by Jim and Sue Ellen Dadey.

**CHRISTMAS PARTY** for the children of the Parish will be held on Sunday, December 9 from 1:00PM – 3:00PM. Please use the signup sheet located in the vestibule. Deadline for signup is Sunday, December 2.

**INCLUDED WITH THE BULLETIN LAST WEEK** were order forms for St. Francis of Assisi T-Shirts. All orders along with payment must be received by Sunday, November 26 for delivery by Christmas. No orders will be accepted after November 25. Checks are to be made out to St. Francis of Assisi Parish.

**GABRIEL PROJECT UPDATE:** The Christmas Tree for the Gabriel Project has been set up. In addition, we hope to give an educational toy to each baby. 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 - \$268.00; Adults - \$2,608.32; Children - \$12.00; Monthly - \$89.00; Candles - \$95.81; All Souls - \$15.00; Holy Day - \$35.00; Cemetery - \$5.00; Missalettes - \$15.00; Thanksgiving - \$32.00; St. Vincent de Paul - \$20.00; Donation - \$100.00; Misc. - \$15.23. Total Collection - \$3,310.36. 159 out of 314 families used envelopes. Thank you for your continued generosity to the parish.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, November 18, December 2, 9, 16 – Religious Education – 10:45AM – 12Noon

Thursday, November 22 – Thanksgiving Day Mass – 9:00AM

Wednesday, December 5, 12, 19 – 6:00PM – 7:15PM – "The Birth of the Messiah" presented by Deacon Bruce

Friday, December 7 – First Friday – Adoration 8:30AM – 5:30PM

Sunday, December 9 – Children's Christmas Party – 1:00PM – 3:00PM

January 15-22, 2019 – Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

**ARISE – The next Season: Change Our Hearts** will begin the week of March 3. If you did not participate in Season One, please consider taking part in the next season either as a participant or group leader. Dates & times of group meetings will be announced at a later date.

**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.*



**OFFERING ENVELOPES** for 2019 are now available for pick up at the rear of the Church. Any questions or concerns please contact the Parish Office Monday thru Thursday, 9:00AM – 3:00PM.

**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.

*Liturgical Reflection...* Throughout this liturgical year the inserts have reviewed the funerary rites of the Church with special attention to the care and final disposition of the body. The deceased Catholic normally has the following rites prayed at death: Vigil for the Deceased, Funeral Mass, and Committal Rites. If cremation was chosen, the Church asks that the body of the deceased be present for the Vigil and Funeral Mass. Both the body and the cremated remains of the deceased Catholic are to be formally buried in a cemetery accompanied with the Committal Rites. 2018, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 S. Logan Blvd., Hollidaysburg, PA 16648

*Stewardship Reflection...* The poor widow shows us the way to give to others from even what we have stored for our own needs. May your giving of your time, your talent, and your treasure reflect your love and deep gratitude for what God has placed before You.

*Stewardship Reflection...* May we be vigilant at all times by cherishing God's gifts in a responsible and accountable manner. May we always serve with the fullness of our calling to be good stewards.

**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 Sobocky, Leona Sutt, Agnes Swarney, Jeanne Toth, Elizabeth Virus, Irene Virus, and Sheila Weppner.

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**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**; **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, Kuwait; **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.

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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.

**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.

