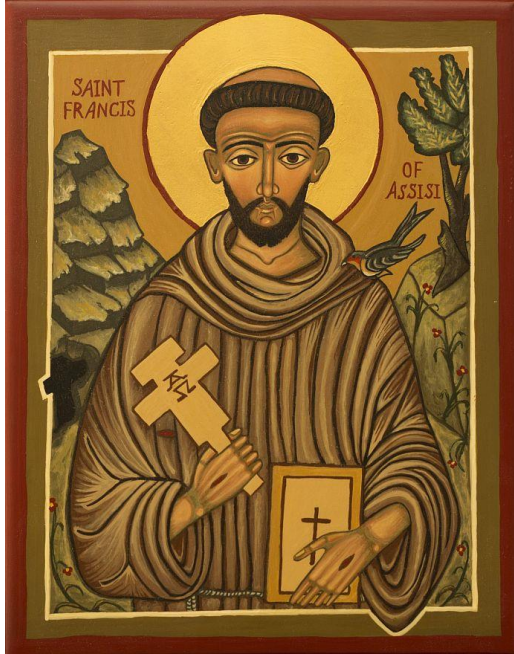


FEBRUARY 3, 2019
4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
THE FAITH COMMUNITY OF
ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

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. – 9:00AM; Tues. 6:15PM;
Sat - 9:00AM

First Friday 9:00AM and 5:30 PM

Confession – Tues., 5:45PM, Sat. 3:15 – 3:45PM

First Friday 5:30PM

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

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.

MARDI GRAS will take place on Saturday, February 23, 2019! Tickets will be available beginning January 5 in the vestibule before and after Masses. Tickets are \$20.00 and include Turkey Dinner, music by Flood City Brass. You may also reserve a table for \$10.00. Anyone who would like to donate any of the following alcoholic beverages: Amaretto, Rum, Whiskey, Vodka, Wine, or Peach Schnapps please drop off to ticket seller before or after Masses in January. Also, if you would like to donate a basket (\$25 value) you may give it to the ticket seller or call Alice at 536-0948. Thank you, Mardi Gras Committee.

ROSARY SOCIETY will meet on Monday, February 4 at 6:00PM. Please join us for Rosary, Reflection, Benediction and time for silent prayer. We pray for those who are discerning a vocation to Religious Life, Priesthood, especially those men currently in Religious formation for the Priesthood for the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown.

FISH FRY is scheduled for Friday, February 8 from 11:00AM until 6:00PM. Once again your help is greatly appreciated. Thanks to all who volunteered their time at the January Fish Fry. Included with the bulletin last week was the updated price list for the Fish Fry. As you know, the cost of fish has risen twice and unfortunately we have to raise our prices. Thank you for understanding. Donations of bottled water and baked goods are welcome. Profit for Fish Fry held January 11 - \$3,866.80

MEN'S CLUB will meet on Thursday, February 7 at 7:00PM at the Activity Center. New members are always welcome. Valentine Special tickets have all been sold. Thank you for your support. All returns should be made as soon as possible.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION – The second collection this weekend is for our local Catholic Schools to help financially qualified students attending Catholic grade schools, middle school or Bishop McCort. Please use the envelope included in last week's bulletin. You may direct your gift to a specific school or several schools (Divine Mercy East, Divine Mercy West, Divine Mercy Middle School, Bishop McCort). Thank you in advance for your generous response to this scholarship collection.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR PARISH LAST WEEKEND: Loose - \$411.00; Adults - \$2,504.27; Children - \$12.00;; Candles - \$128.50; Holy Day - \$20.00; First Offering - \$5.00; Catholic Register - \$10.00; Donation - \$10.00. Total Collection - \$3,100.77. 144 out of 286 families used envelopes. Thank you for your continued generosity to the parish (especially because of the severe winter weather which made driving and walking difficult).

BRICK PROJECT UPDATE: The majority of the bricks are now in place. If you have purchased a brick and it is not yet installed or if there is a spelling error that needs corrected please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible. Thank you for your patience.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, February 3, 10, 17, 24 – Religious Education – 10:45AM – 12Noon
Monday, February 4 – Rosary Society – 6:00PM
Wednesday, February 6 – Book study – 6:00PM
Thursday, February 7 – Book Study – 9:30AM
Friday, February 8 – Fish Fry – 11:00AM – 6:00PM
Sunday, February 10 – Confirmation Class – 6:00PM – 8:00PM

DONATIONS of snack items (potato chips, pretzels, etc.) along with cookies are being requested for a Teen Dance, sponsored by Bishop McCort Catholic High School that will take place at St. Francis of Assisi Activity Center on Saturday, March 2, 2019. Snack donations may be brought to the Parish Office Monday thru Thursday from 9:00AM until 3:00PM no later than Sunday, February 24. Thanks in advance for your generosity. Any questions – please see Deacon Bruce Becker.

PASCHAL CANDLE – if anyone would like to consider donating cost of the Paschal Candle and/or the Altar Candles in memory of a loved one –please contact the Parish Office.

ONLINE GIVING - Thank you to those who are using Online Giving. If you have not yet signed up for Online Giving, please consider this option. This convenient system does not require you to contact your bank to sign up or make changes. You can use any of your checking or savings accounts and the funds will automatically transferred to our parish bank account. And it's convenient for you because you can make changes at any time. You can see reports

on your contribution history and generate tax statements at each year's end. Go to our website: <http://www.stfrancisofassisijohnstown.com> and click on Online Giving to get started!

*Liturgical Reflection...*The primary and original reason for reservation of the Eucharist outside Mass is the administration of Viaticum. The secondary ends are the giving of Communion to the sick and the adoration of our Lord Jesus Christ present in the Sacrament. The reservation of the Sacrament for the sick led to the praiseworthy practice of adoring the Heavenly Food that is reserved in Churches. This cult of adoration has a sound and firm foundation, especially since Faith in the Real Presence of the Lord has as its natural consequence the outward, public manifestation of belief in the Real Presence of the Lord found in the consecrated elements. Holy Communion and Worship of the Eucharist Outside Mass, 1975, Number 5. Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 S. Logan Blvd., Hollidaysburg, PA 16648.

*Stewardship Reflection...*Only when you share your time, abilities and finances with an attitude of gratitude founded in the love of Jesus, can that sharing be seen as Christian stewardship.

Families and the Gospel – February 3 – Luke 4:21-30 – Mary and Joseph must have been proud when their village “all spoke well of Jesus and were amazed at His Words.” But they probably felt shame when the same people drove Him out of town. Like Mary and Joseph, the highs and lows of parenting are our path to being a Holy Family.



WE ARE CONSIDERING A TRIP TO OBERAMMERGAU (GERMANY) TO THE PASSION PLAY 2020, HELD EVERY TEN YEARS. A centuries old promise – drawing crowds from all over the world, the Passion Play of Oberammergau is a musical drama of epic dimensions and regarded as the longest running play in history. It's staged every ten years from May to October in the small, picturesque village of Oberammergau nestled in a valley amidst Germany's Bavarian Alps. According to the story passed down through generations, as the Black Plague swept through Europe in 1633 a villager inadvertently exposed Oberammergau to the dreaded disease. After 84 people died, the survivors gathered and made a solemn oath: if God spared them, every ten years they would present a day-long play depicting the last week in the life of Christ. The villagers' prayers were answered; there were no more deaths. In 1634, the townspeople performed their Passion Play for the first time on a stage erected over the graves of plague victims. Eventually their children and their descendants took up the vow, holding themselves responsible for the promise made by their forefathers. To this day, the villagers of Oberammergau have kept their promise virtually unbroken. The first public performance of the Passion Play 2020 will be on May 17. The modern play takes place on an open-air stage with a covered auditorium seating 4,700, against a beautiful backdrop of towering Alpine mountains. With a total cast of 1,000, the play boasts 130 speaking parts and hundreds of smaller parts. To be eligible for a role, the person must have either been born in Oberammergau or lived there 20 years. Watching the last days of Jesus unfold before you will leave you with renewed Faith and an affirmation of the importance of His Life and Resurrection! *If you are interested in taking part in a trip – please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible. Details will be available soon!*

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, Ron Petak, Rowen Ream, Alexandra Rice, Carly Rice, Doug Rice, James Schuster, Mary Slezak, Betty Spisak, Joanna Stone, Carol Sobecky, 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 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 Rován 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, Afghanistan; **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 - Rigatoni Dinner, Sunday, February 17 from 11:00AM until 2:00PM – takeout only. Dinner consists of Pasta, 2 meatballs, salad and cake - \$8.00.

DAY TRIP TO THE HOLOCAUST MUSEUM in Washington, DC. – Monday, April 8. Charter bus will leave at 6:00AM from the parking lot of St. Patrick’s Church (corner of Park Avenue and Village Street, Moxham) and return around 8:30PM. Cost - \$70.00. To reserve a seat call 814-255-9797 or 814-241-3736.

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 9:30AM 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.