

JANUARY 13, 2019
The Baptism of the Lord
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.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS the family and friends of +Wanda Waligora who was laid to rest last week. Welcoming God, receive from our hands the loved ones we return to You.

PARISH OFFICE will be open from **9:00AM until 1:00PM** - Tuesday, January 15 thru Thursday, January 17 and Monday, January 21 – Tuesday, January 22.

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 at 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.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1 is the First Friday of the month. Adoration will begin after the 9:00AM Mass and continue until 5:30PM. New 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 will be selling Valentine Special tickets in the vestibule this weekend. Cost: \$2.00. Thank you in advance for supporting the Men's Club.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR PARISH LAST WEEKEND: Loose - \$340.00; Adults - \$2,587.52; Children - \$11.00; Monthly - \$691.02; Candles - \$101.20; Holy Day - \$126.00; St. Vincent de Paul - \$10.00; First Offering - \$206.00; Retired Priest - \$27.00; Missalettes - \$184.02; Donation - \$110.00. Total Collection - \$4,393.76. 167 out of 286 families used envelopes. Thank you for your continued generosity to the parish.

SANCTUARY CANDLE will burn this week for Improved Health for Vince Petak by Jim & Sue Ellen Dadey.

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.

PREPARE FOR LENT by taking part in a follow up to **ARISE**. We will be studying/discussing *He Chose the Nails* by Max Lucado. If you are interested in taking part please use the signup sheets located in the vestibules A free-will offering will be taken to offset the cost of the book. **For those who have already indicated they will attend: The sessions will begin on Wednesday, January 16 at 6:00PM and on Thursday, January 17 at 9:30AM at the former convent.** *Books may be picked up in the sacristy. We ask that you read the first three chapters for the first session. They are short chapters and is an easy read. There is also a study guide in the back of the book for reference.* Michelle Rivetti and Barbara Bimeal will be conducting the study.

THANK YOU St. Francis of Assisi Parish – for the second year in a row you've given St. Vincent de Paul Soup Kitchen more than a ton of food. A ton is 2,000 pounds. You gave 2, 140 pounds. And that does NOT include your generous donations at Thanksgiving. Thanks again from the least of Jesus' brethren.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, January 13, 20, 27 – Religious Education – 10:45AM – 12Noon
Sunday, January 13 – Confirmation Class – 6:00PM – 8:00PM
Wednesday, January 16 – Book study – 6:00PM
Thursday, January 17 – Book Study – 9:30AM
January 15-22, 2019 – Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

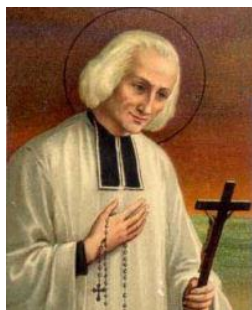
DONATIONS of snack items (potato chips, pretzels, etc.) along with cookies are being requested for a Teen Dance, sponsored by Bishop McCort Catholic High School that will take place at St. Francis of Assisi Activity Center on Saturday, February 2, 2019. Snack donations may be brought to the Parish Office Monday thru Thursday from 9:00AM until 3:00PM no later than Sunday, January 27. Thanks in advance for your generosity. Any questions – please see Deacon Bruce Becker.

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!

CITIZENS CONCERNED FOR HUMAN LIFE and St. Benedict Church is coordinating a bus to the 46th Annual March for Life in Washington, DC on Friday, January 18. The theme for this year is "Unique From Day One: Pro-Life is Pro-Science." The bus will depart from St. Benedict Church at 7:15AM. Mass will be offered at 6:30AM at St. Benedict. The cost to reserve a seat is \$10/student and \$15/ADULT. Money must be received prior to January 18. All people under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. Please do not let the cost of a ticket defer you from attending -if you need financial assistance, please contact Fr. Crowe

at the rectory. The bus will return back to St. Benedict at about 10:00PM the same day. We will stop for dinner, but please pack a breakfast and lunch. Please contact Joe Boito to register at (814) 266-1554 (leave a message if no one answers).

ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 27 Bishop Gregory of Nyssa of the Orthodox tradition will host an ecumenical service at Christ the Saviour Cathedral, 300 Garfield Street. The service begins at 3:00PM. Bishop Mark Bartchak will be in attendance. All are invited to participate in this prayer.



ST. JOHN VIANNEY RELIC PILGRIMAGE - The Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown has been selected as one of the stops in the national St. John Vianney Relic Pilgrimage. The Incorrupt Heart of St. John Vianney, Patron Saint of Priests, will be present at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Altoona on January 31. The faithful will have the extraordinary opportunity to venerate the relic throughout the day between 7:30AM and at 7:30PM. The Cathedral's usual daily Mass schedule – 6:45AM; 8:00AM, and Noon – will remain in place with the addition of a concelebrated Mass at 5:30PM with Bishop Mark presiding. Priests will be available throughout the day to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. A special indulgence has been granted to all those who will make the pilgrimage to the Cathedral for veneration of the first class relic of St. John Vianney, Patron of Priests.

A Prayer for Priests

O God, we ask Your blessing on those You have called to Priestly ministry. May they, above all, be faithful and passionate followers of Your Beloved Son, Jesus. May they be compassionate, as Jesus was, toward all who seek spiritual comfort and forgiveness. May they open wide their hearts; steeped in Your Word and teaching, on fire with, and breaking it open for all who are hungry for Your holy and transforming Word. May they be prophets, as Jesus was, speaking courageously for what is right and true, proclaiming Your Kingdom to all in need of Your Grace and giving voice to all Your children, especially the poor and marginalized. May they be prayerful, as Jesus was, hearts burning within them and set upon You above all. From the rising of the sun to its setting, may they be the voice of praise and thanksgiving, and of Faith, Hope, and Love to all their care. St. John Vianney, beloved Priest of God, pray for us and all your brother Priests. Amen.

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 Sobacky, 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 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, 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.

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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.

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH, Windber – Super Bowl Porkette Sale – Porkettes are \$4.00 each and must be ordered by January 25. Pick up Saturday, February 2 from 9:00AM until Noon at the Church Hall. To order please call 467-7292.

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.