

**JANUARY 27, 2019**  
*3<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. – 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 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.



**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.



**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).

**ROSARY SOCIETY** will meet on Monday, February 4 at 6:00PM. Please join us for Rosary, Reflection, and Benediction.



**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 is 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.

**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.

**CATHOLIC EDUCATION** – The second collection next 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 today's bulletin. You may direct our 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.

**SANCTUARY CANDLE** will burn this week for Wanda S. Waligora by Jim and Sue Ellen Dadey.

**CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR PARISH LAST WEEKEND:** Loose - \$160.00; Adults - \$1,349.27; Children - \$29.00; Monthly - \$12.00; Candles - \$58.00; Holy Day - \$5.00; First Offering - \$25.00; Donation - \$100.00. Total Collection - \$1,738.27. 94 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, January 27 – Religious Education – 10:45AM – 12Noon
- Wednesday, January 30 – Book study – 6:00PM
- Thursday, January 31 – Book Study – 9:30AM
- Monday, February 4 – Rosary Society – 6:00PM
- Friday, February 8 – Fish Fry – 11:00AM – 6:00PM

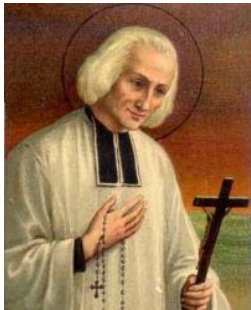
**DONATIONS** of snack items (potato chips, pretzels, etc.) along with cookies are being requested for a Teen Dance, sponsored by Bishop McCort Catholic High School that will take place at St. Francis of Assisi Activity Center on Saturday, March 2, 2019. Snack donations may be brought to the Parish Office 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.

**AS YOUR PASTOR** I remembered you at the Masses celebrated at various sites while visiting the Holy Land: The Holy Sepulchre, Church of the Visitation, Garden of Gethsemane, Capernaum, St. Catherine of Alexandria Church where Christmas Eve Mass is broadcast worldwide (located next to the Church of the Nativity) and prayers were offered for your intentions at other holy sites that we visited.

**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!

**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.

*Stewardship Reflection...* In today's first reading, the ancient Israelites are asked to rejoice in the Lord for His abundant food, and to give a portion to those who had nothing. As Christian stewards, we are called to do the same. The U.S. Bishops' Pastoral on stewardship reinforces today's reading from 1 Corinthians: "Because its individual members do collectively make up the Body of Christ, that body's health and well-being are the responsibility of the members – the personal responsibility of each one of us. We are all stewards of the Church" (Our Sunday Visitor, *ibid.*, page 28).



**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 a 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 in 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 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 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, Wv; 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, 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. THERESE PIROGHI SALE** – Call in orders Monday, January 28<sup>th</sup> at 539-7633 from 9:00AM to 11:00AM. \$6.50 dozen, with or without onions. Pick-up orders Friday, February 1 from 9:00AM to 2:00PM.

**CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION** will be having a Chicken over Biscuits Dinner Sunday, January 27, 2019 from 10:30AM to 2:00PM. Cost is \$10.00. Take-outs available by calling the School Hall, at 535-2698 to reserve your take out order.

**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.