

**JANUARY 6, 2019**  
*The Epiphany 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 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.

**ROSARY SOCIETY** will meet on Monday, January 7 at 6:00PM. Please consider joining us for Rosary, Reflection and Benediction.

**FISH FRY** will take place on Friday, January 11, 2019 from 11:00AM until 6:00PM. Your help is always needed (especially with frying of fish). Please consider sharing some of your time and talent with the Fish Fry! Donations of baked goods will be accepted for a Bake Sale.



**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.

**MEN'S CLUB** will be selling Valentine Special tickets in the vestibule beginning this weekend. Cost: \$2.00. Thank you in advance for supporting the Men's Club.

**CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR PARISH LAST WEEKEND:** Loose - \$385.10; Adults - \$2,391.25; Children - \$18.00; Monthly - \$212.00; Candles - \$112.90; Christmas - \$537.02;; Holy Day - \$1,002.00; St. Vincent de Paul - \$453.02; Cemetery - \$10.00; Flowers - \$17.00; First Offering - \$241.02; Donation - \$29.00. Total Collection - \$5,408.31. 204 out of 314 families used envelopes. Thank you for your continued generosity to the parish.

**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 9:00AM 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.

**VOCATION CRUCIFIX**- 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. Thank you to all who have had the Traveling Crucifix in your home.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

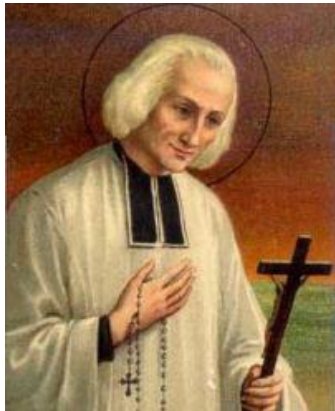
- Sunday, January 6, 13, 20, 27 – Religious Education – 10:45AM – 12Noon
- Rosary Society – Monday, January 7 – 6:00PM
- Friday, January 11 – Fish Fry – 11:00AM – 6:00PM
- Sunday, January 13 – Confirmation Class – 6:00PM – 8:00PM
- Wednesday, January 16 – Book study – 6:00PM
- Thursday, January 17 – Book Study – 6:00PM
- 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 46<sup>th</sup> 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 to participate in the St. John Vianney Relic Pilgrimage. On Thursday, January 31, 2019 the relic of St. John Vianney (his entire incorrupt heart) will be in the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament. It will be placed there at the conclusion of the 6:45AM Mass and remain throughout the day. The usual Mass schedule at the Cathedral (8:00AM and 12Noon) will be observed and there will be a concelebrated Mass at 5:30PM. The relic will remain in the Cathedral for a short time after Mass for private veneration (until about 7:30PM). This relic pilgrimage to various places in the United States is sponsored by the *Knights of Columbus* who will be providing support in preparation for the visit to our Diocese as well as logistical support throughout the day. You may be asking why this relic pilgrimage? St. John Vianney is not only the Patron Saint of parish Priests but he is also Patron Saint of all Priests. He ministered during a tumultuous time in France where so many Priests were imprisoned or defected. He was given the most lowly parish assignment in the diocese. Even though he was not blessed with an abundance of talents, his pastoral ministry as a leader, reformer, and confessor was extraordinary. In imitation of the ministry of St. John Vianney, arrangements are being

made for the Sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation to be heard throughout the day that the relic will be present at the Cathedral.

**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 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, 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. 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.