

**April 21, 2019**  
***Easter Sunday of the Resurrection 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***

***Lent Schedule – Mon thru 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.

**Men’s Club** – First Thursday of the month at 7:00PM.

**PARISH OFFICE** will be **CLOSED** Monday, April 22 and Monday, April 29.

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

**NOTE:** Daily Mass schedule will return to: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday at 9:00AM. Tuesday: Confessions at 5:45, Mass at 6:15PM. This week the Divine Mercy Novena will be prayed 15 minutes prior to the start of Mass. **Divine Mercy celebration will take place on Sunday, April 28 at 3:00PM.**

**THANK YOU** to all who helped in any way with the decorating of the Church for the Easter Season and also to **Heather Kmetz** for the wonderful Easter Egg Hunt on Palm Sunday. May God Bless you for your efforts.

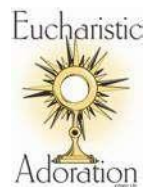
**THE PASCHAL CANDLE** this year was donated by Alice Havers and Frank Bazyk in loving memory of +Don Havers and +Kathy Bazyk. **SIDE CANDLES** were donated by Andrew & Kathy Legat. May God Bless you for your generosity.



**THE CHILDREN OF THE PARISH** will receive Our Lord for the first time in Holy Communion on Sunday, May 5 at the 9:30AM Mass: *Jayse Anderson, Gianna Glennon, Caleb Luther, Jade Murray, Johnny Paonessa, Savannah Spaugy and John Sweeney.* May God Bless them as they continue their Faith Journey.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION** classes will end on Sunday, April 28. Thank you to all the teachers and aides who shared their time and talents in teaching our children: *Georgetta Labuda, Dawn Svirsko, Elyse Anderson, Sue Paonessa, Chris & Brian Britton, Becky & Lou Deskevich, Denise Courter, Greg Solomon, Barb Bimeal, Bill Stibich.*

**FRIDAY, MAY 3** 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, May 6 at 6:00PM. Please join us for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary, Reflection and Benediction.

**MANY THANKS** to all who helped in any way with the success of the Lenten Fish Fries (especially the “newbies” and non-parishioners). May God Bless you for sharing your time and talents! A report will be made in the near future.

**NEEDED:** With the Lenten Fish Fries over and the next one scheduled for May, a new chairperson(s) will be needed to take over this endeavor in September. The ideal situation would be for someone to volunteer to oversee the Fish Fry as soon as possible to shadow our current chairperson and “learn the ropes!” For more information please contact the Parish Office SOON! Our Fish Fries are in jeopardy of ceasing!

**GOBS ARE BEING MADE** for the next Fish Fry. Icing will be made on Tuesday, April 30 beginning at 7:00AM and packed on Wednesday, May 1 at 8:00AM – 10:00AM and in the evening at 6:00PM. Even if you can only come for an hour or so anytime during those time periods there are always things that need to be done. Any help you can give is greatly appreciated.

**CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR PARISH LAST WEEKEND:** Loose - \$430.00; Adults - \$2,664.06; Children - \$9.00; Candles - \$5.00; Monthly - \$135.02; Flowers - \$45.00; St. Vincent de Paul - \$32.02; Catholic Relief - \$10.00; Easter - \$25.00; Holy Thursday - \$26.00; Missalettes - \$19.02; Good Friday - \$11.00; Misc. - \$400.00. Total Collection - \$3,811.12. 186 out of 286 families used envelopes. Thank you for your continued generosity to the parish.

**CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE (CMD)** –Thank you to all parishioners who have responded to the 2019 Catholic Ministries Drive. Please join them in supporting our parish and a select group of ministries that provide outreach to the poor, family life, youth and seminarians. On behalf of these vital ministries thank you for your

sacrificial gifts of prayer and treasure. All gifts received beyond our parish target amount of \$19,977.00 will be returned to the parish. *Please note again: 100% of your gift goes to these ministries!*

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, April 28 – Religious Education – 10:45AM – 12Noon – Last Class of the Year  
Sunday, April 28 – Divine Mercy Celebration – 3:00PM  
Tuesday, April 30 – Gob Icing – 7:00AM  
Wednesday, May 1 – Gob packing – 8:00AM and 6:00PM  
Saturday, May 4 – First Communion Rehearsal and Breakfast – 10:00AM  
Sunday, May 5 – First Holy Communion, May Crowning – 9:30AM Mass  
Sunday, May 5 – Confirmation Class – 6:00PM – 8:00PM  
Monday, May 6 – Rosary Society – 6:00PM  
Friday, May 10 – Fish Fry – 11:00AM – 6:00PM  
Tuesday, May 14 – Confirmation – St. John Gualbert Cathedral – 7:00PM

**STAY INFORMED AND ENGAGED IN DIOCESAN NEWS** – The Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown has launched an on-line newspaper *Proclaim!* : *The Good News of Altoona-Johnstown* featuring diocesan news, information, and commentary – including happenings at all parishes and schools. Visit the site at [proclaim.dioceseaj.org](http://proclaim.dioceseaj.org) and sign up for regular e-mail updates delivered to your inbox. Beginning soon, monthly editions of *The Catholic Register* will be available here at the parish.

**DIOCESAN PRAYER DAY/LUNCHEON** for those who have lost a spouse through death. Remember your loved ones on Wednesday, May 8 with Mass at 11:00AM. Theme of the day: “Where there is darkness, let there be light.” All spouses will be mentioned and remembered at Mass. Luncheon to follow. All person who have lost a spouse through death are invited to attend. Sponsored by the Diocesan Family Life Office and hosted by Immaculate Conception Church, 1640 New Germany Road, Summerhill, PA. Reservations required by May 1. A \$5 donation is suggested. Contact the Family Life Office at 814-886-5551.

**NOCTURNAL ADORATION SCHEDULE:** May 2 – St. Anne, Moxham; June 6 – St. Therese; July 4 – No meeting; August 1 – St. Francis of Assisi; September 5 – Holy Trinity (Conemaugh); October 3 – St. John the Baptist (Woodvale); October 31 – St. Mary; December 5 – St. Clare of Assisi; January 2 – No meeting; February 6 – No meeting; March 5 – No Meeting. Meetings take place from 7:00PM – 8:00PM on the Thursday before First Friday.

*Families and the Gospel* – April 21 – John 20:1-9 – Millions of Christians around the world celebrate the Resurrection today. It all began simply on the first Easter with one person telling another: “Mary told Peter” and “they believed.” Faith is passed one person to another; it is caught, not taught and parents are the most effective persons to pass Faith to their children.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK OR HOMEBOUND

James Edward Adams; Rose Blaschak, Galynn Brady, Sister Carol Jean Czrynik, Joan Delusa, LeAnn Golby, Alicia Junghans, Kathryn Legat, Dennis Mochan, Tyler McKinley, Rick McKinley, Ron Petak, Rowen Ream, Alexandra Rice, Carly Rice, Doug Rice, Rose Rice, James Schuster, Mary Slezak, Betty Spisak, Joanna Stone, Carol Sobecky, Leona Sutt, Agnes Swarney, Jeanne Toth, Elizabeth Virus, Irene Virus, and Sheila Weppner.

### 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.; **Senior Airman Jeremy Williams**, Kandahar Air Base, Afghanistan; **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.*

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**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.

**SATURDAY, MAY 11 – ANNUAL WEST END PICKERS, TRASH TO TREASURES** indoor yard sale, St. Therese Social Hall from 8:00AM – 1:00PM. Something for everyone. Get your Spring cleaning done and donate your good saleable items. We will accept clothing this year. Every little bit helps. Call 322-5558 or 248-8989 for pickup of your items or drop off on Friday May 10<sup>th</sup> at the hall. Proceeds from this sale go towards our projects – surveillance cameras, garden/flower boxes, community events.

**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.