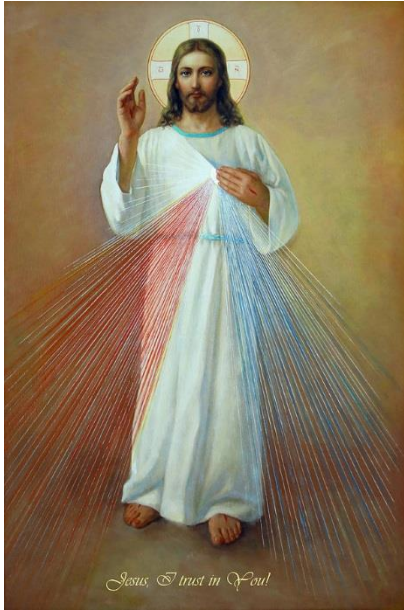


April 28, 2019
Second Sunday of Easter – Divine Mercy Sunday
THE FAITH COMMUNITY OF
ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

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.

Pastor – Fr. Anthony Francis Spilka, OFMConv.; Permanent Deacon Bruce Becker



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Daily Mass Schedule at St. Francis of Assisi

Schedule – 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.

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

DIVINE MERCY CELEBRATION will begin at 3:00PM on Sunday, April 28. Please join us in this beautiful devotion.

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

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS family and friends of +Ronald Zahornetz and +Dennis Mochan who were laid to rest recently. Welcoming God receive from our hands the loved ones we return to You.

<p>NOTE: Daily Mass schedule has returned to: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday at 9:00AM. Tuesday: Confessions at 5:45, Mass at 6:15PM.</p>



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*.

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.

MEN'S CLUB meeting will take place on Thursday, May 2 at 7:00PM at the Activity Center. New members are always welcome.

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.

THANK YOU to the Men's Club for purchasing Ice Wands for the Activity Center Kitchen and for the generous donations to the Parish toward the Easter Egg Hunt and First Communion Breakfast as well as the donation to the Parish. May God Bless you for all you do!

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!

CANDLE by Sacred Heart of Jesus will burn for Better Health of Ray & Jeanne Toth by Family. **Candle by Mary, Queen of Heaven** will burn for Good Health of Michelle Marie Maggs by parents Ray & Jeanne Toth. **Candle by St. Therese** will burn for +Angela Toth - in memory of our daughter by Ray & Jeanne Toth. **Sanctuary Candle** will burn for 54th Wedding Anniversary of Raymond Eugene & Jeanne Ann Toth by Family.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR PARISH LAST WEEKEND: Loose - \$479.00; Adults - \$1,939.52; Children - \$20.00; Monthly - \$40.00; Easter - \$3,381.27; Flowers - \$5.00; Candles - \$101.50; Holy Thursday - \$442.02; Good Friday - \$563.35; Donations - \$230.00. Total Collection - \$7,201.66. 118 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
Tuesday, April 30 – Gob Icing – 7:00AM
Wednesday, May 1 – Gob packing – 8:00AM and 6:00PM
Thursday, May 2 – Men’s Club Meeting – 7:00PM
Sunday, May 5 – First Holy Communion, May Crowning – 9:30AM Mass
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 and sign up for regular e-mail updates delivered to your inbox. **COPIES OF THE CATHOLIC REGISTER** are available in all three vestibules. Please **ONLY ONE COPY PER FAMILY.**

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 persons 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. *The donation will be undertaken by St. Francis of Assisi Parish in honor of your deceased spouse. Please notify the Parish Office if you are attending as you notify the Family Life Office.* 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.

Stewardship Reflection...”As the Father has sent Me, so I send you” (John 20:21). This week, reflect on how Jesus sends you forth to wisely use your unique combination of God-given talents with love and mercy.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK OR HOMEBOUND

James Edward Adams; Rose Blaschak, Galynn Brady, Sister Carol Jean Czynnik, Joan Delusa, LeAnn Golby, Alicia Junghans, Kathryn Legat, 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 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.; **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.

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 10th 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.

50 DAYS FOR OUR DELIGHT: FOR CHRIST IS RISEN AS ALL THINGS
TELL. GOOD CHRISTIAN, SEE YE RISE AS WELL. ❁❁❁