

May 5, 2019  
*Third Sunday of Easter*  
**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**

**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 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.

**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, Giannna Glennon, Caleb Luther, Jade Murray, Johnny Paonessa, Savannah Spaugy and John Sweeney.* May God Bless them as they continue their Faith Journey.



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



**OUR HIGH SCHOOL** students will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Tuesday, May 14 at 7:00PM at St. John Gualbert Cathedral. Please remember them in your prayers: *Christian Grandinetti, David Johns, Alyssa Lee, and Emily Sauro.*

**ROSARY SOCIETY** will meet on Monday, May 6 at 6:00PM. Please join us for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary, Reflection and Benediction.

**DEACON BRUCE** will conduct a class entitled “The Angels” on Thursday, May 9 and Thursday, May 16 at 6:30PM to 8:00PM. The class will take place in the former convent. Signup sheet can be found in the vestibule.

**PLEASE TAKE NOTE:** The date of the next Fish Fry has been changed to **Friday, May 17.** Once again, any help you may give is greatly appreciated!

**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!

**ATTENTION: LITURGICAL MINISTERS (Altar Servers, Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion)** – Please inform the Parish Office of any travel plans or dates when you are NOT able to take part in your ministry during the upcoming summer months. Thanks for your cooperation.

**PLEASE** use your discretion when receiving the Precious Blood – especially if you are experiencing cold or flu symptoms.

**CANDLE BY MARY, QUEEN OF HEAVEN** will burn this week for +Mary Cononie and +Marion Torchia by children Paulette and Joseph Torchia.

**WOW** – over five Sundays in April, 313 pounds of food was donated, bringing the total for the year so far to 698 pounds. What an awesome effort by everyone involved. Every little bit counts and adds up. You made Jesus smile that you would take care of the least of your brothers and sisters. It is wonderful!

**CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR PARISH LAST WEEKEND:** Loose - \$353.00; Adults - \$2,249.54; Children - \$18.00; Monthly - \$132.00; Easter - \$237.00; Mother’s Day - \$170.00; Candles - \$343.11; Holy Thursday - \$15.00; Good Friday - \$22.00; St. Vincent de Paul - \$5.00; Pentecost - \$5.00; Missalettes - \$7.00; Catholic Home Mission - \$271.02; Donations - \$115.00; Misc. - \$190.33. Total Collection - \$4,133.00. 144 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

Monday, May 6 – Rosary Society – 6:00PM  
Thursday, May 9 – “The Angels” – 6:30PM – 8:00PM in the former convent  
Tuesday, May 14 – Confirmation – St. John Gualbert Cathedral – 7:00PM  
Thursday, May 16 – “The Angels” – 6:30PM – 8:00PM in the former convent  
Friday, May 17 – Fish Fry – 11:00AM – 6:00PM

**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.

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

James Edward Adams; Rose Blaschak, Galynn Brady, Sister Carol Jean Czyrnik, 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.

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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 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, 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.*

**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.

**DIVINE MERCY CATHOLIC ACADEMY** will be holding the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Night at the Races on May 18 at the East Campus (St. Benedict's) Cafeteria to help fund the football program and equipment needs. Tickets to the event will be on sale at each campus for \$15 each and include a light dinner, beverages and 1 horse for the races. All ticket stubs and money must be turned into offices no later than May 14. For more information, please call Sue Lavelly at 814-619-9990 or John Oakley at 814-659-5255.

**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.