

February 23, 2020
7th 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

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 5:00PM

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 – Gary Woodruff – 248-1776

Finance Council President – Brian Mayko

Cemetery Council President - William Heim – 254- 2942

Director of Religious Education – Carol Pisula 539-1632



ALL ARE REMINDED TO DRESS WITH REVERENCE AND RESPECT AS THEY COME TO LITURGY ALL YEAR LONG

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 5:45 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 9:30AM – 5:30PM.

Rosary Society – First Monday of the Month – 6:00PM in the Church

Men’s Club – First Thursday of the Month – 7:00PM in the Activity Center

LENT SCHEDULE: Ash Wednesday, February 26 – 9:00AM, 12:05PM, 6:30PM. Daily Mass will be celebrated on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at **12:05PM** and on Tuesday at 6:15PM with Novena to St. Anthony of Padua. Stations of the Cross will take place at 7:00PM on Fridays of Lent. Lenten Lamentations will be prayed on Sunday afternoon beginning at 3:00PM with Divine Mercy Chaplet followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

FISH FRY SEASON is fast approaching! Our first Lenten Fish Fry will take place on **Ash Wednesday, February 26** and continue on each Friday of Lent beginning Friday, March 6 from 11:00AM until 6:00PM. Once again, YOUR help is needed and greatly appreciated. Together we can make this a very successful Fish Fry Season. If you are interested in helping please contact the Parish Office for more information. *PLEASE – if you have indicated that you will help – DON'T FORGET – we are counting on you!* Donations of baked goods, soda and water for the Fish Fries will be accepted.

THANK YOU to all who contributed in any way to the success of the Mardi Gras last weekend. May God Bless you for all your efforts for the good of the parish. It was super! *fr. Anthony Francis*

MOVIE NIGHT – Come join us on Sunday, March 8 at 4:00PM in the Activity Center to watch the movie “Molokai” about Father Damien who ministered to the people on the island of Molokai, Hawaii, who were afflicted with leprosy. Water, soda and popcorn will be provided. You are welcome to bring snacks to share and pizza will be offered after the movie. A special movie starring???? will be shown before the main attraction.

SANCTUARY CANDLE will burn this week for Improved Health of John Kasper by Family.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR PARISH LAST WEEK: Adults - \$2,206.79; Children - \$8.00; Monthly - \$195.00; Loose - \$320.55; First Offering - \$30.00; Candles - \$167.75; Register - \$10.00; Missalettes - \$5.00; Donation - \$110.00; Misc. - \$74.00. Total Collection - \$3,127.05. 152 out of 283 used envelopes last week.

THE ST. FRANCIS GABRIEL PROJECT pro-life ministry needs diapers, baby wipes, grooming products, and baby clothing. Your donations are greatly appreciated. Questions or to refer families please call Gale at 539-0155. **Special Collection for the Gabriel Project: \$913.00. Thank you for your generosity!**

ADULT EDUCATION CLASS – Deacon Bruce will be teaching an adult education class on the Book of Esther. The class will be held on Thursday, March 5, 12, 19, 26 from 6:30PM – 7:30PM in the **former convent**. All are invited to attend.

WINNERS of the Men’s Club Valentine Special: #970 – Mary Ann Moore; #969 – Carl Teeter; #971 – Kristen Weaver. Thank you once again for your continued support of the Men’s Club.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, February 23, March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 - Religious Education – 10:45AM – Noon
ARISE – Tuesday, February 25 – 7:00PM – 8:30PM, Wednesday, February 26 – 6:00PM – 8:30PM; Thursday, February 27 – 10:00AM – 11:30AM
– **all sessions are held at former Convent**
Adult Education – Thursday, March 5, 12, 19, 26 – 6:30PM – 7:30PM – **former Convent**
Ash Wednesday, February 26 – Fish Fry – 11:00AM – 6:00PM
Friday, February 28 – Stations of the Cross – 7:00PM
Sunday, March 1 – Lenten Lamentations/Divine Mercy/Benediction – 3:00PM
Friday, March 6 – First Friday – Adoration – 12:30PM – 5:30PM, Stations at 7:00PM
Friday, March 6 – 11:00AM – 6:00PM – Fish Fry
Sunday, March 8 – 4:00PM – Movie Night – Activity Center

ARE YOU WORRIED ABOUT THE LACK OF VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD? THEN READ ON! VOCATION CRUCIFIX-

A special Crucifix that travels from family to family or household to household ordinarily for 1 week or longer to inspire prayer for vocations is available here at St. Francis of Assisi. The purpose of the Traveling Vocations Crucifix is to intercede for vocations and encourage children to consider a Priestly or Religious vocation themselves. The Crucifix represents the sacrifice Jesus made for us by dying on the Cross. Enthroned in a highly visible place in your home and pray together at least once each day for vocations. You may use the prayers included with the Crucifix or substitute them with the Rosary or another simple prayer (such as the Our Father, Hail Mary, or the Glory Be). Each week or longer the Crucifix travels to a new family or household to help assist our awareness of a need for vocations.

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 are interested in taking part in the Traveling Vocations Crucifix program, please take the case with the Vocations Crucifix which is now located in the main vestibule. Please sign the signup sheet, not only with your name, but also the date you are taking the Vocations Crucifix and the date you plan to return it, so that we are aware of where the Vocations Crucifix is located.

ARISE – SEASON FOUR has begun. There will be six faith sharing sessions that invite us to embrace in our lives a “New Heart, New Spirit.” The first session helps us to see Lent as a time to review our life choices and to measure them against the Scriptures. Lent is a time to get in touch with whom we really are, and who we are called to be. The rest of the season invites us to look at the power of forgiveness, the Church as the home for all God’s family, and freedom and peace as the first fruits of the Resurrection. Please join us for six wonderful and challenging weeks of Lent. *If you have any questions or want to be involved please call Barb Bimeal at 322-2810.*



Session Schedule

Tuesday, February 25, March 3, 10, 17, 24 - 7:00PM-8:30PM – led by Barb Bimeal
Wednesday, February 26, March 4, 11, 18, 25- 6:00PM - 7:30PM – led by Michele Rivetti
Thursday, February 27, March 5, 12, 19, 26 – 10:00AM – 11:30AM – led by Cel Neiderer
Signup sheets can be found in the main vestibule. **All sessions take place at the former convent.**



LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES

Thursday, March 26 – St. Anthony of Padua, Windber – 6:00PM
Tuesday, March 31 – Visitation – 5:30PM
Tuesday, March 31 – Our Mother of Sorrows – 6:00PM
Wednesday, April 1 – West End Penance Service – place/time TBD
Thursday, April 2 – St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Windber – 6:00PM
Thursday, April 2 – St. John Gualbert Cathedral – 6:30PM
Monday, April 6 – St. Benedict – 5:00PM

ARE YOU LOOKING to enrich your Faith during Lent? The Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown Office of Communications is offering a series of daily video reflections throughout the season. Presenters will offer brief thoughts on topics including prayer, fasting, almsgiving, and the Corporal Works of Mercy. The presenters include Bishop Mark Bartchak; Fr. Matthew Reese; Fr. Neil Dadey; Fr. Jude Brady, O.S.B.; Sr. Joachim Anne Ferenchak, O.Carm.; Andre McCarville and Jeanne Thompson. The reflections will be posted daily on the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. Also, the Very Reverend John Byrnes, JCL, JV, will offer weekly Lenten reflections of Proclaim! TV, which airs every Sunday at 10:30AM on WATM ABC 23.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK OR HOMEBOUND

James Edward Adams; Rose Blaschak, Odessa Bobak, Galynn Brady, Sister Carol Jean Czynnik, LeAnn Golby, Caleb Herdman, Alicia Junghans, John Kasper, Kathryn Legat, Tyler McKinley, Rick McKinley, Margaret Murray, Carl Pavlosky, Ethel Petak, Rowen Ream, Alexandra Rice, Carly Rice, Doug Rice, Rose Rice, James Schuster, Gary Singel, Betty Spisak, Joanna Stone, Carol Sobecky, Leona Sutt, Agnes Swarney, Jeanne Toth, Sheila Weppner, Dorothy Youchak.

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 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, Fort Stewart, GA; **Petty Officer 1st Class Heather L. Dovala**, Great Lakes, IL.; **Sgt. Jarod Pisarchik**, Army National Guard; **Ens. Kara Yingling**, Pentagon; **Lt. JG Shannon Yingling**; **S/SSgt 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; **Spc. Adken Torchia**, US Army, Fort Drum, NY; **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; **Kasey Meredith**, O.C.S., USMC, Quantico, VA.; **Pvt. Harrison Barham**, US Army, Fort Leonard Wood, MO.; **Cpl. Aunna Yingling**, US Army, Afghanistan; **Petty Officer 2nd Class, Gage Pollino**, US Navy.

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.

COMMUNITY NEWS

PRO LIFE VIGIL Every Thursday from 3:00PM - 4:00PM. We hold a prayer vigil across from the Franklin Street Planned Parenthood facility here in Johnstown. For more information, call Gale at 539-0155.

BREAKFAST sponsored by Resurrection Knights of Columbus – Sunday, March 1 from 8:30AM – Noon at Resurrection Church Hall. Adults - \$6.00, children under 12 free.

ST. THERESE Lenten Piroghi Sale – home-made potato and cheese piroghi made fresh each week during Lent. Call in orders every Monday starting February 24 until March 30 from 9:00AM until 11:00AM (539-7633). Cost is \$7.00 per dozen (with or without onions). Pick up your order on Fridays from 9:00AM until 2:00PM at our Social Hall, Upper Decker Avenue. No orders will be taken during Holy Week.

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. Adoration during the Lenten Season (March & April) is from 12:30PM – 5:30PM.