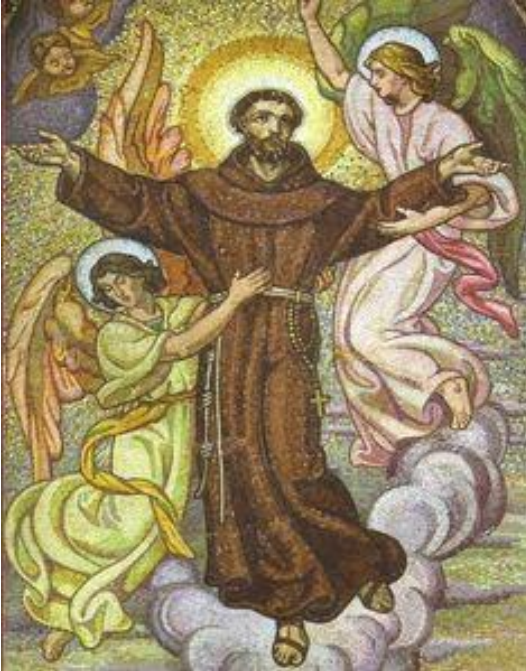


**APRIL 16, 2017**  
***Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord***  
**THE FAITH COMMUNITY OF**  
**ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI**

***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**  
**Mon., Wed.; Thurs., Fri. – 8:00AM; Tues.–6:30PM;**  
**Sat - 8:00AM**

**First Friday 8:00AM and 5:30 PM**

**Confession – Tues., 6:00PM, 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 – Ryan Woodruff – 659-9781**

**Finance Council President - TBA**

**Cemetery Council President - William Heim – 254- 2942**

**Director of Religious Education – Carol Pisula 254-1961**

**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.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to *Caleb AlecZander Herdman* and *Laila Grayce Herdman* who were Baptized and receive First Eucharist at the Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 15. May God Bless them as they continue their journey of Faith. Thank you to Georgetta LaBuda for preparing the children to receive these Sacraments.

**THANK YOU** to all who offered assistance in any way with the Easter Egg Hunt, Seder Meal, and decorating of the Church for Holy Week and Easter. Your willingness to serve your parish is admirable. May God continue to Bless you during this Easter Season and always!



**WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL** of +Ron Pavic, brother of our maintenance man, Thomas Pavic. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord.

**DIVINE MERCY NOVENA** will be prayed 15 minutes before all Masses and Liturgical Services until the Feast of Divine Mercy, Sunday, April 23. The Chaplet of Divine Mercy with Benediction will take place at 3:00PM on Sunday, April 23.

**THE NEXT FISH FRY** will be held on Friday, May 12. This will be the last Fish Fry until September. Thank you to all who helped in any way with the Lenten Fish Fries, your dedication is greatly appreciated. A final report will be published in the near future.

**RICE BOWLS** - Please return your Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowls as soon as possible.

**PARISH OFFICE** – will be CLOSED Easter Monday, April 17. The office will reopen on Tuesday, April 18.

**DEACON BRUCE** will be conducting a Course on the Resurrection Experience to be held April 19 from 6:30PM – 8:00PM. This presentation takes up the starting point for engaging Jesus then and now, namely the distinctive Christian understanding of the Resurrection. The Course will take place at the Rectory.

**SANCTUARY CANDLE** will burn this week for Special Intention for Matthew Dadey, grandson of Jim & Sue Ellen Dadey. **CANDLE BY THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS** will burn for Return to Good Health for Ray & Jeanne Toth by Michelle Maggs. **CANDLE BY ST. THERESE** will burn for +Mary Ann Holtz by Jeanne & Ray Toth. **CANDLE BY OUR LADY, QUEEN OF HEAVEN** will burn In Honor of Catherine Legat, Andrew Legat and Kathy for continued good health. **DIVINE MERCY CANDLE** will burn this week for the Fish Fry Workers by Maggie Breu. **CANDLE BY POPE ST. JOHN PAUL II** will burn for the Parishioners of St. Francis by Maggie Breu.

**CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR PARISH LAST WEEKEND:** Loose - \$580.00 - \$2,812.77; Children - \$35.00; Monthly - \$417.00; Catholic Relief - \$7.02; Flowers - \$2.00; Holy Thursday - \$4.00; Holy Land - \$8.00; Missalettes - \$17.02; Easter - \$62.00; Misc. - \$431.80. Total Collection - \$4,376.61. 213 out of 314 families used envelopes. Thank you for your continued generosity to the parish. All registered parishioners should be using parish envelopes.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

Lenten Course – Wednesday, April 19 – 6:30PM – 7:30PM

Divine Mercy Sunday – Sunday, April 23 – 3:00PM – Chaplet of Divine Mercy with Benediction

**PILGRIMAGE** - To celebrate the centenary of the founding of the Militia of the Immaculata, a Pilgrimage to Rome and Poland is being organized to take place from August 7-18, 2017 under the Spiritual Direction of Fr. James McCurry. This special pilgrimage includes 3 days in Rome with an excursion to Assisi as well as 7 days in Poland visiting Warsaw, Niepokalanow, Czestochowa, Auschwitz, the site of St. Maximilian's martyrdom, Wadowice, Krakow, Wieliczka, and Lagiewniki. For a copy of the Pilgrimage flyer or any other information, please contact the Friary or Mary Gorecki at PAT Tours at 1-800-388-0988, email:info@patours.com. Copies of the flyer are also available at the Parish Office.

*Liturgical Reflection...* Today Christians remember the glorious Resurrection of our Savior. Death could not keep the Lord in the tomb. Christ has conquered death and new life is ours. On Easter Sunday we stand and renew our Baptismal promises. We reject evil and sin, and profess our Faith in God Who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We are claimed for Jesus Christ Who died and rose. For fifty days we will sing our alleluias and praise God for the gift of Resurrection. Sorrow leads to joy; despair fades into hope, and apathy is overcome by Divine love. Happy Easter! 2017, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 S. Logan Blvd., Hollidaysburg, PA 16648.



## THE MEANING AND SAVING SIGNIFICANCE OF THE RESURRECTION

(from The Catechism of the Catholic Church)



651 – “If Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your Faith is in vain.” The Resurrection above all constitutes the confirmation of all Christ’s works and teachings. All truths, even those most inaccessible to human reason, find their justification if Christ by His Resurrection has given the definitive proof of His Divine authority, which He had promised.

652 – Christ’s Resurrection is the fulfillment of the promises both of the Old Testament and of Jesus Himself during His earthly life. The phrase “in accordance with the Scriptures” indicated that Christ’s Resurrection fulfilled these predictions.

653 – The truth of Jesus’ divinity is confirmed by His Resurrection. He had said: “When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am He.” The Resurrection of the Crucified One shows that He was truly “I AM”, the Son of God and God Himself. So St. Paul could declare to the Jews: “What God promised to the

fathers, this He has fulfilled to us their children by raising Jesus; as also it is written in the second Psalm, “You are My Son, today I have begotten You.” Christ’s Resurrection is closely linked to the Incarnation of God’s Son, and is its fulfillment in accordance with God’s eternal plan.

654 – The Paschal Mystery has two aspects: by His death, Christ liberates us from sin; by His Resurrection, He opens for us the way to a new life. This new life is above all justification that reinstates us in God’s Grace, “so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.” Justification consists in both victory over the death caused by sin and a new participation in grace. It brings about filial adoption so that men become Christ’s brethren, as Jesus Himself called His Disciples after His Resurrection: “Go and tell my brethren. “We are brethren not by nature, but by the gift of grace, because that adoptive filiation gains us a real share in the life of the only Son, which was fully revealed in His Resurrection.

655 - Finally, Christ’s Resurrection – and the Risen Christ Himself is the principle and source of our future resurrection: “Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep...For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.” The Risen Christ lives in the hearts of His faithful while they await that fulfillment. In Christ, Christians “have tasted...the powers of the age to come” and their lives are swept up by Christ into the heart of divine life, so that they may “live no longer for themselves but for Him Who for their sake died and was raised.”

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

James Edward Adams, Rose Blaschak, Galynn Brady, Sister Carol Jean Czymnik, Mary Davis, Joan Delusa, Stephen Fabina, LeAnn Golby, Alicia Junghans, Susan Keselyak, Scott Lanz (Godson of fr. Anthony Francis), Kathryn Legat, Larry Olek, Sophie Regula, Alexandra Rice, Carly Rice, Doug Rice, James Schuster, Mary Slezak, Joanna Stone, Carol Sobacky, Mary Subich, Leona Sutt, Agnes Swarney, Jeanne Toth, Irene Virus, and Agnes Warhul, 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; **Brandon Burdett**, USMC; **Master at Arms 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Izeke W. Pinkas**, Okinawa, Japan; **Lt. Col. Joshua P. Higgins**, US Army; **Petty Officer 1<sup>st</sup> Class Paul Rambish**, US Navy, Coronado Naval Base, San Diego; **Major Melinda Rovan Corallo**, Lakenheath Air Force Base, England; **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, Wyo; **Sgt. Bryan Maxwell Porath**, **Captain Aaron Donahay**, US Army, Fort Bliss, El Paso, Texas; **Petty Officer 1<sup>st</sup> Class Heather L. Dovala**, Great Lakes, IL.; **Spec Jarod Pisarchik**, Army National Guard; **Ens. Kara Yingling**, Pentagon; **Lt. JG Shannon Yingling**; **Pvt Daniel Maslo**, Camp Geiger, NC; **Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class 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; **Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Anthony Rosage**, USAF, The Presidio, Monterey, CA.; **Tech Sgt. Daniel Bracken**, USAF, deployed to Kobal Afghanistan; **Adken Torchia**, US Army, Fort Benning, GA; **PVT. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Lucas Tomak**, US Army, Fort Hood, TX; **Lt. Kenneth Yacynych**, US Army, Afghanistan.

*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.*

### 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.

**WEST END PICKERS/TRASH TO TREASURES** Indoor Yard Sale sponsored by the West End Improvement Group, Saturday, April 22 from 8Am – 1PM, St. Therese Church Hall (Decker Ave). Get your Spring cleaning going and donate your items. Every little bit helps (would prefer no clothing, large appliances or large furniture). Call 322-5558 or 248-8989 for pickup of your items or drop off on Friday, April 21 (evening). Proceeds from this sale go towards our projects.

**ALL YOU CAN EAT SPAGHETTI DINNER** to benefit Resurrection Parish Mission Trip, Saturday, April 22 from 3:00PM – 8:00PM at St. Francis of Assisi Activity Center. Adults - \$8.00; children (4-12) - \$5.00, under 3, free.

**ATRIUM'S BASKET PARTY** – April 30, 12:00PM – 3:00PM at St. John Gualbert Activity Center. Tickets sold in advance to \$10 includes 25 chances and a light luncheon. Get your tickets at the Atrium, 216 Main St.

**ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI:** Every 1<sup>st</sup> Friday there is Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 8:30AM – 5:30PM. Our nation needs our prayers. Come before Jesus in the Eucharist with our hopes and concerns.

***ALL LIVES MATTER – INSIDE THE WOMB AND OUTSIDE THE WOMB  
IT'S NOT ABOUT A WOMAN'S RIGHT TO KILL HER BABY...  
IT'S ABOUT HER BABY'S RIGHT TO BE BORN***