

APRIL 9, 2017
Palm Sunday of the Passion 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 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.

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

CONGRATULATIONS to *Caleb AlecZander Herdman* and *Laila Grace Herdman* who will be 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 these children to receive these Sacraments.

CHILDREN'S EASTER EGG HUNT will be held on Sunday, April 9 beginning at 12:30PM in the Activity Center



SEDER MEAL – Annual Commemoration of the Seder Meal will take place on Holy Thursday, April 13 at 5:00PM in the Activity Center. This will be a covered dish event with the Parish providing the meat. Bring your favorite dish to share and join other parishioners in this celebration of the Passover Meal.

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA will be prayed 15 minutes before all Masses and Liturgical Services beginning on Good Friday, April 14 until the Feast of Divine Mercy, Sunday, April 23.

PLEASE NOTE: No candles are to be lit after the Easter Vigil.

ALTAR SERVERS: Please take home your albs to the cleaned for the upcoming Easter Season. You are also reminded to be please be present at the 7:00PM Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday.



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 Holy Thursday, April 13, Good Friday, April 14 and Easter Monday, April 17. The office will reopen on Tuesday, April 18.

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE will burn this week for the Fish Fry Workers by Maggie Breu. **CANDLE BY OUR LADY QUEEN OF HEAVEN** will burn for the Parishioners of St. Francis by Maggie Breu. **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.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR PARISH LAST WEEKEND: Loose - \$353.00 - \$3,658.02; Children - \$24.00; Monthly - \$610.02; Candles - \$101.75; Black & Indian Mission - \$7.00; Catholic Relief - \$32.00; Mandeville - \$7.00; Ash Wednesday - \$7.00; First Offering - \$5.00; Catholic Register - \$257.02; Flowers - \$55.00; Donation - \$10.00. Total Collection - \$5,126.81. 204 out of 314 families used envelopes. Thank you for your continued generosity to the parish. All registered parishioners should be using parish envelopes.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY signup sheets for Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday are located in the vestibule. Please consider participating in these Solemn Liturgies.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Monday, April 10 – 8:00AM Mass, 11:00AM – Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, Altoona

Tuesday, April 11 – 12Noon Mass; 6:30PM Mass, Novena to St. Anthony of Padua

Wednesday, April 12 – 12Noon Mass

Thursday, April 13 – Holy Thursday – 5:00PM Seder Meal; 7:00PM – Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by adoration until 10:00PM

Friday April 14 – Good Friday – 9:00AM – Tenebrae; 2:45PM – Divine Mercy Novena, 3:00PM - The Passion of the Lord; 7:00PM – Stations of the Cross

Saturday, April 15 – Holy Saturday – 9:00AM – Tenebrae; 1:00PM & 2:00PM - Blessing of Food; 8:15PM – Divine Mercy Novena, 8:30PM –Great Vigil of Easter

Sunday, April 16 – Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord – 7:30AM & 9:30AM - Mass

DEACON BRUCE will be conducting a Course on the Resurrection Experience to be held April 19 from 6:30PM – 7:30PM. 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. **PLEASE NOTE: CLASS WILL NOT BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12.**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Easter Egg Hunt – Sunday, April 9 – 12:30PM

Seder Meal – Holy Thursday, April 13 – 5:00PM

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

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

Liturgical Reflection... The nuptial covenant between God and His people Israel had prepared the way for the new and everlasting covenant in which the Son of God is inseparably united to His people. By becoming incarnate, giving His life on the Cross, and rising from the dead, Jesus Christ has gifted all mankind with redemption, thus preparing His people for “the wedding feast of the Lamb” (Revelation 19:7). Marriage stands as true sign of our salvation forever sealed by the death and Resurrection of the Lord (Catechism of the Catholic Church Number 1612). 2017, *Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 S. Logan Blvd., Hollidaysburg, PA 16648.*

Stewardship Reflection... The two disciples in today’s Gospel added to Jesus’ request for two animals by contributing their own cloaks. Imagine how you can help fulfill His mission with the gifts you possess.

Families and the Gospel - Mt 26:14-27:66 – The cruel death of Jesus tells us bad things can and do happen to very good people. It also tells us God is present during the suffering. Bad things happen but God does not abandon us.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK OR HOMEBOUND

James Edward Adams, Rose Blaschak, Galynn Brady, Sister Carol Jean Czynnik, 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 Sobbecky, 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 Guarno, USCG; **Brandon Burdett**, USMC; **Master at Arms 2nd Class Izeke W. Pinkas**, Okinawa, Japan; **Lt. Col. Joshua P. Higgins**, US Army; **Petty Officer 1st Class Paul Rambish**, US Navy, Coronado Naval Base, San Diego; Major **Melinda Rován Corallo**, Lakenheath Air Force Base, England; **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 Bliss, El Paso, Texas; **Petty Officer 1st 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 1st Class 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; **Airman 1st 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. 1st 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.

DIVINE MERCY ACADEMY – Registration for 2017-2018 – East Campus (PK3-6) at 2306 Bedford St.; West Campus (PK3-6) at 430 Tioga St., Middle School (gr 7-8) at 25 Osborne St. PreK3 and PreK4 students must have reached their birthdays on or before 9-1-2017. Office hours: Mon-Fri 7:30AM – 3:30PM. Telephone – 824-266-3837 ext. 4 for Barbara Honkus or contact one of the schools directly. Register through website: www.divinemeracy.academy. Contact us to arrange a personal tour.

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.

THE FESTIVAL CHOIR AND CHAMBER ENSEMBLE will be performing Tenebrae: A Service of Shadows at 7:30PM Friday, April 14 at St. John Gualbert Cathedral. This event is sure to be a moving experience for you this Holy Week. There is no admission but a freewill offering will be taken.

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI: Every 1st Friday there is Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament during Lent from 12:30pm – 5:30PM. Our nation needs our prayers. Come before Jesus in the Eucharist with our hopes and concerns.