

MAY 21, 2017  
6<sup>th</sup> 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**

**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 to attend.

**THURSDAY, MAY 25** is the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord and a Holy Day of Obligation. Vigil Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, May 24 at 5:30PM and on Thursday at 8:00AM and 5:30PM.



Remember -  
our fallen heroes.  
They are the reason  
that we are free.

**MEMORIAL DAY MASS** will be celebrated at 10:00AM on Monday, May 29 at St. Francis Cemetery. Please bring a lawn chair. In case of inclement weather Mass will be held in the Church.

**PARISH OFFICE** will be **CLOSED** Thursday, May 25 through Monday, May 29. Office will reopen on Tuesday, May 30.

**FIRST FRIDAY, JUNE 2** – Mass will be celebrated at 8:00AM followed by adoration until 3:00PM. The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be prayed at 3:00PM concluding with Benediction. There will NOT be a 5:00PM Mass on June 2.

**ROSARY SOCIETY** will meet the first Monday of each month at 6:00PM in the Church with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary and Benediction and a reflection. Come & join us! The next meeting will take place on Monday, June 5.



**INCLUDED WITH THE BULLETIN** is information concerning the trip to the Basilica of the National Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima, September 28 & 29. Please contact Fran King at 536-3667 with questions and for more information.

**THANK YOU** to a devoted parishioner for the beautiful tribute to Our Lady of Fatima that has been set up in the Sanctuary. May God Bless you for your efforts!

**BRICK PAVING PROJECT** – Please be aware that we have been in contact with Hilltop Nursery and have been assured that as soon as engraved bricks are received they will be placed. Thank you for your patience.

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE** to light a candle in honor of Our Lady of Fatima, please contact the Parish Office. The offering of \$3.00 may be placed in the candle money box at the rear of the Church.

**SANCTUARY CANDLE** will burn this week for +Elizabeth Dadey by Jim & Sue Ellen Dadey. **CANDLE BY OUR LADY QUEEN OF HEAVEN** will burn for Cpt. Aaron Donahey by Dave & Fran King.

**CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR PARISH LAST WEEKEND:** Loose - \$370.00; Adults - \$2,754.50; Children - \$25.00; Monthly - \$452.00; Candles - \$147.00; St. Vincent de Paul - \$15.00; Mother's Day - \$697.00; Missalettes - \$23.00; Ash Wednesday - \$3.00; Misc. - 279.42. Total Collection - \$4,765.92. 174 out of 314 families used envelopes. Thank you for your continued generosity to the parish.



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** will take place Monday, July 9 through Friday, July 14 from 9:00AM until 12Noon at the Activity Center. Registration forms will be available in the near future. This summer your children will embark on a discovery to hear the special mission God has for each one of them. Students explore marriage, the priesthood, religious life and missionaries during this energetic, Catholic Vocation Bible School! Exciting assemblies, creative art, fun games, terrific music, Catholic prayers, yummy snacks, remarkable role plays and more await your families. *There will be a meeting on Monday, May 22 at 3:00PM in the Rectory for all interesting in assisting with Bible School.*

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

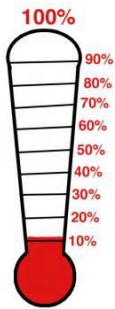
Wednesday, May 24 – Vigil Mass for the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord – 5:30PM

Thursday, May 25 – Feast of the Ascension of the Lord – 8:00AM & 5:30PM Mass

Monday, May 29 – Memorial Day Mass -10:00AM at St. Francis Cemetery (weather permitting), in case of inclement weather, Mass will be celebrated in the Church

Monday, July 10 thru Friday, July 14 – Vacation Bible School

Thursday, Sept. 28 & Fri., Sept. 29 – Trip to Basilica of the National Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima, Lewiston, NY



**CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE** (formerly known as the Annual Catholic Appeal) has now begun. While each parish is asked to achieve a “target” amount, unlike other years the parish will not be assessed if its target is not reached. *The target amount for St. Francis of Assisi is \$18,608.00 which breaks down to \$59.26 per family.* Contributions exceeding the target will be refunded to the parish. Total received as of May 14: 21 of 314 families contributed \$1,550.25 which is 8% of our goal.

*Liturgical Reflection...* According to the tradition in the Catholic Church, the spouses are the ministers of Christ’s grace in the Sacrament of Marriage. The man and woman mutually confer upon each other the Holy Sacrament by expressing their consent before the Church. The ordained minister is the official witness of the Church to this nuptial commitment. The spouses make a freely willed, public statement of their commitment to one another in the Name of the Lord. The Church gathers at the Sacrament of Marriage to celebrate with the bride and bridegroom as they ground their love on the love of the Bridegroom, Christ, for His Bride, the Church. The newly married man and woman receive sacramental grace to live out their nuptial promises. (Catechism of the Catholic Church Number 1623). 2017, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 S. Logan Blvd, Hollidaysburg, PA 16648.

*Stewardship Reflection...* Jesus says to us, “If you love Me, you will keep My commandments.” Is my love of Jesus reflected in the good stewardship of my time, talents, and material resources?

*Families and the Gospel...* May 21 – John 14:15-21 – In today’s Gospel Jesus prepared His Disciples for His departure. Family life is a series of departures. As we mature and grow older we constantly transition from the familiar to the unknown. Today Jesus assures us we are not alone in these transition. “I will not leave you orphans. I will come to you.”

**FAITH DAY** – sponsored by the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Sunday, July 2 at DelGrosso’s Amusement Park in Tipton. Highlights include: Liturgy with Bishop Mark at 3:00PM, picnic with delicious DelGrosso’s Food, non-perishable food item or cash collection to benefit Catholic Charities, best DAJ Dessert Contest, Discounted All Day Fun Passes (available at [www.dioceseaj.org/youthministry](http://www.dioceseaj.org/youthministry)), free parking and admission (park opens at 11:30AM).

**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 Sobecky, 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 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 Rovon 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, WY; **Sgt. Bryan Maxwell Porath**, **Captain Aaron Donahey**, US Army, Fort Benning, GA; **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; Fort Gordon, GA; **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; **Cpl Elliott Mulvehill**, USMC, New River, NC.

*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.

**FATHER JOHN D. BYRNES** Rector, and the Parish Family of St. Michael the Archangel Basilica, Loretto, invite the faithful to join us each Sunday evening at 7:00PM for the outdoor Sunday Mass at the beautiful Shrine of Our Lady of the Alleghenies in Loretto. The first Mass of the season will be celebrated on Sunday, May 28, 2017 and will continue through Labor Day Weekend, September 3, 2017. Please bring a lawn chair. In the event of inclement weather, the Mass will be held in the Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel.

**CELEBRATE 100 YEARS OF THE APPARITIONS OF MARY AT FATIMA** with the Franciscan Friars, T.O.R. – Fatima Devotions May 13<sup>th</sup> to Oct. 13, 2017 Tues., June 13; Thurs., July 13; Sunday, Aug. 13; Wed., Sept. 13 at 6:30PM, Sunken Gardens, Mount Assisi, Loretto. Fri., Oct. 13 6:30PM – Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel, Loretto. Bishop Mark will be the homilist at the Oct. 13 Devotions.

**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.

## *Our Lady of Fatima, Pray for Us*

***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.***