

**JUNE 18, 2017**  
*The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ*  
**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  
**Acting Finance Council President** – Eugene Petak  
**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.

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

**CALLING ALL GRADUATES!** – We will honor all those graduating from 8<sup>th</sup> Grade, High School and College at the 9:30AM Mass on *Sunday, June 25*. Please use the signup sheet located in the vestibule if you are able to attend or wish to be acknowledged. **NOTE THE DATE CHANGE! Deadline for sign up – Sunday, June 18.**

**GOB SALE** will be take place on Saturday, June 24 from 9:00AM until Noon. Get Gobs for your 4<sup>th</sup> of July and summer picnics!

**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, July 3.

**“CARD SHOWER”** for Agnes Sciuлло on the occasion of her 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday on June 22. Cards may be sent to Agnes Sciuлло, 935 Sunnehanna Drive, Johnstown, PA 15905.

**BRICK PAVING PROJECT – NOTE:** New bricks are continuing to be installed. 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 God’s Blessings on Agnes Sciuлло for her 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday!

**CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR PARISH LAST WEEKEND:** Loose - \$384.92; Adults - \$2,521.07; Children - \$22.00; Monthly - \$79.00; Candles - \$67.25; Father’s Day - \$160.00; Holy Day - \$10.00; Pentecost - \$20.00; Cemetery - \$25.00; Catholic Communications - \$20.00; St. Vincent de Paul - Misc. - \$325.91. Total Collection - \$3,645.15. 181 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 are available in the vestibule.** 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.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, July 25 – 9:30AM Mass to honor graduates

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 31: 49 of 314 families contributed \$5,835.25 which is 31% of our goal. Let’s keep working to meet the Parish goal. Thanks to all who have contributed to help meet the goal.

**VISITNG MISSIONARY** – We welcome Fr. Geejo Pattath, V.C., a Vincentian Missionary Priest from India, to our Parish this weekend to participate in our Annual Missionary Cooperation Plan. He will share his missionary experience at all the Masses this weekend and will make an appeal on behalf of the Vincentian Missions. The Vincentian Missionaries need our help to carry out their many missionary, educational and charitable activities in their missions. They also request our special financial support for the training of young men studying for the Priesthood. There will be a special collection today to help the Missionary work of the Vincentian Missionaries. We urge you to be generous in your mission offering since these Missionaries need our help. If you did not have an opportunity to make an offering today or would like to make additional offering, you make your offering through the general parish collection next weekend in a specially marked envelope. Thank you very much for your prayers and generous financial support. The Vincentian Missionaries keep you and St. Francis of Assisi Parish in their prayers and Masses.

*Liturgical Reflection...*The *Order of Celebrating Matrimony* offers three distinct rituals for celebrating the Sacrament of Matrimony. First, there is the Order of Celebrating Matrimony within Mass; secondly, there is the Order of Celebrating Matrimony without Mass; and the Church presents a ritual for celebrating Matrimony between a Catholic and a Catechumen or Non-Christian. All three orders contain the following: Scripture and Homily, questions addressed to the bride and groom, consent, blessing, and giving of rings, Universal Prayer, Our Father, and Nuptial Blessing. Of course, it is the usual custom to have two Catholics married within Mass. 2017, *Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 S. Logan Blvd., Hollidaysburg, PA 16648.*

*Stewardship Reflection...* We, with our many and varied gifts, are indeed one body – the Body of Christ.

*Families and the Gospel* – June 18 – John 6:51-58 – Parenting is a Eucharistic activity because from the first moment of conception children consume us, our flesh, blood, energy, time and resources. If we don't sacrifice ourselves, our children would not have life. This is the Priesthood of parenting. Christ is present in this self-sacrifice. Fathering is an awesome responsibility and not for the weak and transient.

*A Prayer for Fathers*

Happy  
*Father's*  
Day

We give our thanks, Creator God, for the fathers in our lives. Fatherhood does not come with a manual, and reality teaches us that some fathers excel while others fail. We ask for Your blessings for them all and forgiveness where it is needed. This Father's Day we remember the many sacrifices fathers make for their children and families, and the ways – both big and small – they lift children to achieve dreams thought beyond reach. So, too, we remember all those who have helped fill the void when fathers pass early or are absent; grandfathers and uncles, brothers and cousins, teachers, Pastors and coaches and the

women of our families. For those who are fathers, we ask for wisdom and humility in the face of the task of parenting. Give them the strength to do well by their children and by You. In Your Holy Name, O God, we pray. Amen

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

James Edward Adams, Rose Blaschak, Galynn Brady, Sister Carol Jean Czyrnik, Mary Davis, Joan Delusa, Stephen Fabina, LeAnn Golby, Alicia Junghans, Susan Keselyak, Scott Lanz (Godson of fr. Anthony Francis), Kathryn Legat, Larry Olek, Sandy Ream, Sophie Regula, Alexandra Rice, Carly Rice, Doug Rice, James Schuster, Mary Slezak, Bernadette Solomon, Joanna Stone, Carol Sobczyk, 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; **Master at Arms 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 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 Donahy**, 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.; **A1C Jeremy Williams**, Sheppard AFB, Texas.

*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.

**ST. THERESE 70<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SUMMER FESTIVAL** will be held Fri., June 16 from 7PM – 10:30PM; Sat., June 17 from 5PM – 10:30PM; and Sun., June 18 from 1PM – 10:30PM on Church grounds, Upper Decker Ave. Come enjoy the rides, games, prizes, themed baskets, ethnic foods and music. On Sun., there will be a Spaghetti Dinner from 11AM – 3PM and at 10:30PM enjoy a spectacular Fireworks display.

**AN ANOINTING MASS** will be held 1:30PM, Sunday, July 9 at St. John Gualbert Cathedral, 117 Clinton Street. This particular liturgy will be especially joyous as we offer praise and thanks receive God's healing. We will celebrate the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick within Mass that satisfies the Sunday obligation. For more information, please call (814) 539-2611.

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

*Our Lady of Fatima, Pray for Us*