

JUNE 25, 2017
12th 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

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 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.

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES! – *Rebecca Scarff, Greater Johnstown High School; Noelle Smith, Greater Johnstown Middle School; Samantha Troyan, Divine Mercy Academy.*

PARISH OFFICE will be open from 9:00AM until 12 Noon, Monday, June 26 thru Thursday, June 29. The office will be CLOSED on Monday, July 3 and Tuesday, July 4.

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.

FRIDAY, July 7 is the First Friday of the month. Adoration will begin after the **8:00AM Mass** and continue until 5:30PM. Signup sheets are in the vestibule of the Church. There should be at least two adorers present for each time slot. (This is also a matter of safety for the Blessed Sacrament – adorers adore and protect.)

THANK YOU to the Men's Club for sponsoring the Father's Day treat last week! Your efforts were greatly appreciated.

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 Better Health and God's Blessings for Raymond & Jeanne Toth by Family. **CANDLE BY OUR LADY QUEEN OF HEAVEN** will burn for +Mary Mihalik-Subich by Raymond & Jeanne Toth.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR PARISH LAST WEEKEND: Loose - \$450.86; Adults - \$2,093.52; Children - \$25.00; Monthly - \$130.00; Candles - \$118.50; Father's Day - \$507.02; Pentecost - \$5.00; Catholic Communications - \$10.00; Mission Co-op - \$1,065.10 Misc. - \$152.30. Total Collection - \$4,507.30. 155 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 12 Noon 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.

PLEASE REGISTER ASAP in order for us to prepare crafts, snacks, etc. You are asked to provide a clean white T-shirt for your child and place in the basket located in the vestibule. **AIDES are asked to attend a meeting in the Activities Center on Monday, July 3 at 11:00AM.**

UPCOMING EVENTS

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 June 21: 54 of 314 families contributed \$6,395.50 which is 34% of our goal. Let's keep working to meet the Parish goal. Thanks to all who have contributed to help meet the goal.

VISITING MISSIONARY – Fr. Geejo Pattath, V.C., and all the Vincentian Missionaries thank you for your prayers and generous mission offering last weekend. Your offerings will help them to carry out their many missionary, educational and charitable activities in their missions and will help them educate young men studying for the Priesthood. If you did not have an opportunity to make an offering or would like to make an additional offering you can make your offering through the general parish collection in a specially marked envelope. Thank you very much

for your generous support. If you would like to sponsor a seminarian and help him to become a Priest, you may write: Fr. Francis Cheruparampil V.C., Mission Procurator, PO Box 45, Hazlet, NJ 07330 or email fcheru@ao.com. The Vincentian Missionaries keep you and St. Francis of Assisi Parish in their prayers and Masses.

GREAT JOB St. Francis of Assisi Parish on feeding the hungry. The project started on February 12. We collected so far: February – more than 249 pounds and cash; March – 256 pounds of food; April – 206 pounds of food; May – 186 pounds of food! This is wonderful and St. Vincent de Paul Soup Kitchen’s Food for Families really appreciates everything we give them. Thanks so much and please help us to continue over the summer when the need continues. It is Jesus Who is saying “Just as you did for the least of My brethren, you did for Me.” God Bless you!

*Liturgical Reflection...*When celebrating Matrimony within Mass or without Mass, the Introductory Rites direct that the Priest or Deacon informally address both the bride and groom, warmly greeting them and telling them that the Church shares their joy on their wedding day. This greeting is informal, personal, and welcoming. Microphones are not on for this ritual act. The bride and groom are acknowledged and affirmed by the Church. They are about to celebrate a great Sacrament. Jesus Christ is the Bridegroom, as this man assumes to be the groom to his bride; and the Church is the bride, as this woman assumes the role of bride to her husband. 2017, *Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 S. Logan Blvd., Hollidaysburg, PA 16648.*

*Stewardship Reflection...*How does the Lord rescue the lives of the poor today? Through your additional sharing of gifts He has placed in your care.

Families and the Gospel – June 25 – Mt 10:26-33 – Jesus says, “Do not be afraid” three times in today’s Gospel and reminds us “all concealed secrets will be revealed.” Do not be afraid to acknowledge problems in your family. If they remain “hidden in darkness” they will destroy the body and soul. Healing, understanding and hope are found only “in the light” of openness. “Do not be afraid.”

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK OR HOMEBOUND

James Edward Adams, Rose Blaschak, Galynn Brady, Sister Carol Jean Czernik, 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 Sobecky, Leona Sutt, Agnes Swarney, Jeanne Toth, Irene Virus, and Agnes Warhul, Sheila Weppner.

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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; **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 Benning, GA; **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; Fort Gordon, GA; **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; **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.

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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.

118th ANNUAL FORUETH OF JULY PICNIC, Immaculate Conception Church, New German Grove. 11AM – 3PM Buffet Chicken Dinner with homemade noodle soup, adults/10, children under 12/\$5. Crafts, food, refreshments, games, entertainment. Grounds open at 11:00AM.

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA, WINDBER, ANNUAL FESTIVAL – Sat., July 8, from 5-11PM. Sun., July 9 from 3-9PM. Ethnic foods, games, baskets, children's corner, bake sale and more!

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 1st 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



***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.***