

JULY 23, 2017
16th 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.

Rosary Society – First Monday of the month at 6:00PM. Recitation of the Rosary, Reflection, Benediction.



FRIDAY, AUGUST 4 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.)

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, August 7.

PARISH PICNIC will take place on Sunday, August 20 *Rain or Shine* at Resurrection Parish Picnic Grove, Tanneryville. We will begin with Mass at 12Noon. Donations of baskets are being accepted for a Basket Raffle. Everyone is asked to bring a dessert to share!



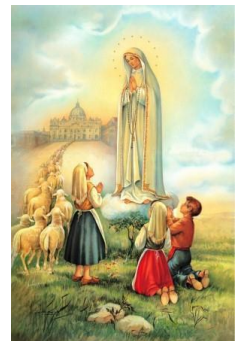
BRICK PAVING PROJECT – NOTE: New bricks are continuing to be installed. Please be aware that we have been in contact with Hilltop Nursery and have been assured that as soon as engraved bricks are received they will be placed. Thank you for your patience.

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 an envelope marked Our Lady of Fatima and placed in the candle money box at the rear of the Church.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR PARISH LAST WEEKEND: Loose - \$407.25; Adults - \$3,257.77; Children - \$29.00; Monthly - \$165.00; Candles - \$170.00; Peter Pence -\$5.00; Missalettes - \$17.00; St. Vincent de Paul - \$125.00; Misc. - \$42.10. Total Collection - \$4,218.12. 159 out of 314 families used envelopes. Thank you for your continued generosity to the parish.

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 30: 63 of 314 families contributed \$8,520 which is 46% of our goal. Let’s keep working to meet the Parish goal. Thanks to all who have contributed to help meet the goal.

IN HONOR of the 100th Anniversary of the Apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima, Lodestar Tours and St. Francis of Assisi Church: Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima and Niagara Falls, NY, September 28 & 29, 2017. Cost: \$165.00 per person, twin accommodations, \$155 per person triple, \$150.00 per person quad. \$225.00 single accommodations. Price includes: Round trip deluxe motor coach with Lodestar Bus Lines, 1 night hotel accommodation at the Comfort Inn “The Pointe”, full hot breakfast is included, baggage handling, taxes and driver’s gratuity. Deposit of \$50.00 per person is required to book your reservation... balance due by August 16, 2017. No refunds unless replacement is found. For reservations or information contact: Fran King, 250 Spring St., Johnstown, PA 15906, phone (814) 536-3667. Make checks payable to St. Francis of Assisi Church. If you have a passport, you can walk across the bridge to the Canadian side. *There are 18 seats left.*



UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, August 20 – Parish Picnic at Resurrection Picnic Grove. Begins with Mass at 12Noon.

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

*Liturgical Reflection...*The Scripture readings are followed by the homily. The Priest or Deacon breaks open the selected Readings proclaimed at the Liturgy of the Word or reflects on some aspect of the Ritual of Holy Matrimony. When Matrimony is celebrated within Mass, the Church sees the Priest giving the homily. When Matrimony is celebrated outside Mass, the Priest or Deacon gives the homily. Because of the various meeting between the clergy and the couple, the homily should witness familiarity with the bride and groom, addressing the Sacrament of Matrimony to the man and woman to be married. At the heart of the homily is the mystery of Christian Marriage, the dignity of conjugal love, and the responsibilities of married people. *Order of Celebrating Matrimony*, Numbers 57, 91, and 123. 2017, *Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 S. Logan Blvd., Hollidaysburg, PA 16648.*

*Stewardship Reflection...*When each of us shares our time, our talents, and treasure through the Parish, the Faith community thrives as our example inspires others to become good stewards. May your good stewardship of free will cause you to bear much fruit as a disciple of our Risen Lord.

Families and the Gospel – July 23 – Mt 13:24-43 – Parents plant values in their children anticipating the tiny seeds of honesty, respect, commitment and fidelity will grow with their child and that one day they will become “a safe haven” to many.

OUTDOOR MASS for Married Couples with Bishop Mark – The Altoona-Johnstown Diocesan Family is invited to participate and to pray for those living the Sacrament of Marriage at an Outdoor Mass honoring Married Couples on Sunday evening, July 23 at 7:00PM at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Alleghenies in Loretto. Bring a lawn chair. Indoors if rain. Bishop Mark is the celebrant and homilist. This is a wonderful way to celebrate, encourage and support married couples!

Mission Trip Gatorade Donation Request - Several members of St. Francis will be joining members of other local churches and traveling to Webster Springs, West Virginia July 26th through July 30th to participate in a Mission Trip. Webster Springs is a small town in the Appalachian Mountains that has been hard hit with long term poverty. Our group of approximately 55 high school students and adults will work on various projects to improve homes of individuals and families who would otherwise be unable to afford to have basic repairs done. The Mission Trip team is asking for your help. We will be working for 4 days in the heat of July in West Virginia. To keep the team members hydrated while working hard on their projects, could you donate one case of Gatorade for our trip? A case of 8 bottles of 20 ounce Gatorade in any flavor would be very helpful. St. Francis parishioners that will be going on the Mission Trip will be collecting the Gatorade at Masses the weekend of July 22nd and 23rd. Thank you for help and please pray for a safe and successful Mission Trip for our group.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK OR HOMEBOUND

James Edward Adams, Rose Blaschak, Galynn Brady, Sister Carol Jean Czrnyk, Mary Davis, Joan Delusa, Stephen Fabina, LeAnn Golby, Alicia Junghans, Susan Keselyak, Scott Lanz (Godson of Fr. Anthony Francis), Kathryn Legat, Tyler McKinley, Larry Olek, Sandy Ream, Sophie Regula, Alexandra Rice, Carly Rice, Doug Rice, James Schuster, Mary Slezak, Bernadette Solomon, Joanna Stone, Carol Sobacky, Leona Sutt, Agnes Swarney, Jeanne Toth, Irene Virus, Agnes Warhul and 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 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 Rovon 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.

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.

RESURRECTION PARISH is sponsoring Groovin at the Grove on Saturday, August 19, music by Flood City Brass from 7:00PM – 10:00PM at the Picnic Grove in Tanneryville. Free parking and admission. Rain or shine – Good music with good food and drink. An Outdoor Mass will be celebrated at 5:30PM. Gate opens at 5:00PM.

A TRIDUUM IN HONOR OF ST. ANNE will be held July 24, 25, & 26 at St. John Gualbert Cathedral, 117 Clinton St. Mass and devotions will be held at 7PM each evening with Confessions following Mass.

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.**