

JULY 30, 2017
17th 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.

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



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.)

PLEASE WELCOME Fr. Giles Zakowicz, OFMConv. to preach at our Masses on the missionary work of the Friars throughout the world. Fr. Giles has worked in Africa for 30 years. For the past 7 years he has been the Director of Novices for the Franciscans of the USA. Originally he hails from Western New York State. A second collection will be taken next weekend, August 5 & 6.

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.

MEN'S CLUB Labor Day Tickets will be available beginning next weekend, August 4 & 5. Cost: \$2.00.

GOB ICING will be made on Tuesday, August 8 beginning at 7:00AM. Help is appreciated anytime that morning and early afternoon. Packing of gobs will be on Wednesday, August 9 starting at 6:00PM. Donations of soda and water for workers would be deeply appreciated! **There will be a Gob Sale on Saturday, August 12 from 9:00AM until Noon.**

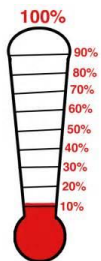
PARISH PICNIC will take place on Sunday, August 20 **Rain or Shine** at Resurrection Parish Picnic Grove, Tanneryville. We will begin with Mass at 12Noon. Donations of baskets are being accepted for a Basket Raffle. Everyone is asked to bring a dessert to share! A signup sheet for those who wish to attend can be found in the vestibule. Deadline for signup: Sunday, August 13.



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. A new engraver has been hired by Hilltop. 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 - \$269.97; Adults - \$2,380.77; Children - \$26.00; Monthly - \$13.00; Candles - \$42.00; Missalettes - \$15.00; St. Vincent de Paul - \$35.00; Donation - \$75.00. Total Collection - \$2,856.74. 170 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, and \$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

Saturday, August 12 – Gob Sale – 9:00Am until Noon.

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

Friday, September 8 – Fish Fry – 11:00AM – 6:00PM.

Sunday, September 11 – Religious Education Classes begin – 10:45AM – 12Noon – Resurrection Parish Center

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

Liturgical Reflection... Following the homily, the Sacrament of Matrimony is celebrated. Since the two witnesses stand, all in the assembly are invited to stand as witnesses to the commitment to be made in the Name of Christ by the bridegroom and bride. The Priest or Deacon addresses the couple (“in these or similar words”) on the sacredness and seriousness of the Sacrament about to be received. The address is followed by the statement of intention on the part of the bridegroom and the bride. Three questions are asked about their freedom of choice, fidelity to each other, and the acceptance and upbringing of children. Each responds separately, the man and, then, the woman. The questions and answers should be audible to all in the assembly. *Order of Celebrating Matrimony*, Numbers 60, 94, and 125. 2017, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 S. Logan Blvd., Hollidaysburg, PA 16648.

Stewardship Reflection... Good stewards treasure the Kingdom of Heaven regardless the cost to themselves.

BISHOP MARK BARTCHAK and the Family Life Office cordially invite all couples celebrating 1, 5, 10, 25, 40, 50, 55, and 60+ Wedding Anniversary in 2017 (and their families) to attend the Annual Wedding Anniversary Liturgy. Couples may attend Sun., Sept. 10 in Altoona at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament or Sun., Sept 17 in Johnstown at St. John Gualbert Cathedral. Both locations are handicap accessible. Liturgies in each location begin at 2:00PM. Bishop Mark will be the celebrant and homilist at each celebration. Punch and cookies will be available after the Mass for anniversary couples and their families. Reservations must be made through the Parish Office by Tuesday, Aug. 22.

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, 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 Sobecky, 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.

THE CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION will taking orders for Large and/or Small Lasagna Pans until August 6, 2017. Large Lasagna - \$18.00 and Small Lasagna - \$9.00. You can pick up your Lasagna after Mass on Saturday, August 12 or Sunday, August 13, in the Church Hall. Please call Pat Unger at 539-7351 or Irene Cristoff at 322-4915 to place your order.

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.

***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.***