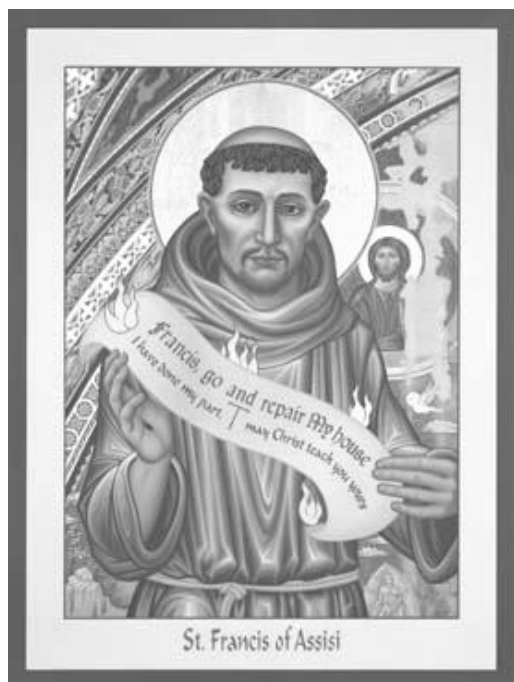


AUGUST 13, 2017
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
THE FAITH COMMUNITY OF
ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

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 – Brian Mayko

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.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 15 is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and a Holy Day of Obligation. Vigil Mass will be celebrated on Monday, August 14 at 5:30PM. Mass on Tuesday, August 15 will take place at 8:00AM. **The 5:30PM Mass on Tuesday will include the Novena to St. Anthony of Padua.**



FISH FRY will take place on Friday, September 8 from 11:00AM until 6:00PM. **HELP is needed all day.** Please consider sharing some of your time and talent. In order for the Fish Fries to continue, *YOUR ASSISTANCE* is vital. This is an excellent opportunity for students and Confirmation candidates to fulfill their obligation for service hours.

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.

ROSARY SOCIETY will meet on *Monday, September 11* at 6:00PM in the Church with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary and Benediction and a reflection. Come & join us! Please note the date change due to the Labor Day Holiday.

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 - \$337.00; Adults - \$2,611.52; Children - \$24.00; Monthly - \$649.00; Candles - \$134.50; St. Vincent de Paul - \$90.00; Mission Appeal - \$928.04; Misc. - \$451.17. Total Collection - \$5,225.23. 180 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. *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 July 24: 63 of 314 families contributed \$8,920 which is 47% 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. **All those who are accompanying us...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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

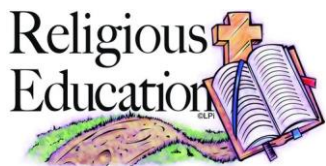
Sunday, August 20 – Parish Picnic at Resurrection Picnic Grove. Begins with Mass at 12Noon.

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

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

Monday, September 11 – Rosary Society - 6:00PM

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



ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI YOUTH FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMS– Our Faith Formation Goals are simple: We aim to grow in love of God and ourselves and to spread that love to those around us. We aim to have our young people find community with each other and feel part of our parish family. Faith formation is life long and ongoing. It is an important part of your child's life. She/he should be attending classes whether or not it is a Sacramental year. All classes meet in Resurrection Parish Center on Chestnut St. **Classes for our youth are held from September 10 until the**

beginning of May. Pre-K through eighth grade classes meet Sunday after the 9:30AM Mass until Noon. 9TH AND 10TH CONFIRMATION CLASSES WILL ALSO TAKE PLACE ON SUNDAY at the Resurrection Oratory from after the 9:30AM Mass until Noon. THE 11TH GRADE CONFIRMATION CLASS will meet the second Sunday of each month at the Rectory from 6:00PM – 8:00PM. REGISTRATION FORMS CAN BE FOUND IN THE VESTIBULE OF THE CHURCH. *Sacramental preparation and celebration of the Sacraments of Penance / Reconciliation, First Eucharist, and Confirmation is to be parish based and family inclusive. It is presumed that candidates and their parents participate weekly at Sunday Mass at their parish. Parish based sacramental preparation is in addition to education in either the Catholic School or home schooling.*

Liturgical Reflection... Following the Consent (marriage vows) of the couple, the revised *Order of Celebrating Matrimony* directs the Reception of the Consent. The Priest or Deacon addresses the bride and bridegroom asking God to strengthen the Consent made before the Church. An acclamation on the part of the assembly follows. The acclamation may be sung. This acclamation could be the alleluias

of the Gospel Acclamation; the refrain of the Responsorial Psalm, the refrain to the *Glory to God*, or any appropriate acclamation of praise. The cantor would lead those gathered for the wedding in this refrain of praise to God. This addition to the revised rite gives those present for the Sacrament of Matrimony to publicly give thanks to God for the marriage of this couple. *Order of Celebrating Matrimony*, Numbers 64-65, 98-99, and 129-130. 2017, *Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 S. Logan Blvd., Hollidaysburg, PA 16648.*

Liturgical Reflection... This Tuesday, August 15, is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. The Church commemorates that Mary, who bore the Incarnate and Risen Word in her womb, did not experience death and decay. Rather she is the first to share in her Son's risen life and is assumed into Heaven. As the East refers to this Feast, the Virgin Mary fell asleep into Eternity. 2017, *Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 S. Logan Blvd., Hollidaysburg, PA 16648.*

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, LeAnn Golby, Alicia Junghans, Kathryn Legat, Tyler McKinley, Larry Olek, Sandy Ream, Alexandra Rice, Carly Rice, Doug Rice, James Schuster, Mary Slezak, Bernadette Solomon, Joanna Stone, Carol Sobczyk, Leona Sutt, Agnes Swarney, Jeanne Toth, Irene Virus, Agnes Warhul and 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; Senior Airman 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.

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.

SPAGHETTI DRIVE BY sponsored by The Church of the Transfiguration, Sunday, August 27, 2017. Meal includes Spaghetti & Meatballs, tossed salad, dinner roll and dessert. Cost: \$7.00.

A BLUE MASS honoring first responders for their service at 11:00AM, Sunday, September 10 at St. John Gualbert Cathedral. This event is open to all police, law enforcement, public safety, firefighters, and EMT's and their families. The Blue Mass celebration will be open to the general public and honors those who serve their community in a most outstanding way as first responders.

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