

AUGUST 6, 2017
The Transfiguration of the Lord
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.*

Our Holy Father, St. Francis Our Holy Mother, St. Clare



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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.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS the family and friends of +*Sophie Regula* and +*Stephen Fabina* who were laid to rest last week. Welcoming God, receive from our hands the loved ones we return to You.

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.

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. ***There will be a Gob Sale on Saturday, August 12 from 9:00AM until Noon.***

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE will burn this week for Successful Surgery for Alice Havers. **CANDLE BY OUR LADY QUEEN OF HEAVEN** will burn for Cindy Shorto (Birthday) by Maggie Breu.

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 and 5:30PM.

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 is scheduled for Sunday, August 20. Please see the bulletin insert for details.

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 - \$380.70; Adults - \$2,726.65; Children - \$19.00; Monthly - \$167.00; Candles - \$130.00; Missalettes - \$12.00; St. Vincent de Paul - \$504.02; Misc. - \$150.00. Total Collection - \$4,089.37. 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. *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. *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 10 – 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

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 COFIRMATION 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. 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... The Consent of the couple follows the three questions on freedom, fidelity, and acceptance of children. The Priest or Deacon invites the couple to publicly declare their consent to one another. The groom is first; the bride is second. There are two different formulae for the consent; the couple chooses which option of consent they wish for their wedding. There is also the option to repeat after the Minister or to simply say "I do." The bridegroom and the bride are the true ministers of this Sacrament in their public consent to each other. This Consent should be audible to all in the assembly. *Order of Celebrating Matrimony*, Numbers 61-63, 95-97, and 126-128. 2017, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 S. Logan Blvd., Hollidaysburg, PA 16648.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GATORADE DONATIONS FOR OUR MISSION TRIP! The Mission Trip Team would like to thank everyone for their generous support of our 2017 trip to Webster Springs, West Virginia by your donation of Gatorade and funds for our trip. Because of your generous support, our group of 57 members stayed well hydrated while completing 10 projects and helping 10 families in the process. Thank you from the team and, most importantly, thank you from the people that we served in West Virginia. There is no doubt that the experience of this trip impacted not only the people in West Virginia, but also changed the lives of those that worked on the teams. Thank you for donation to help others. Pictured are members of the group from Saint Francis parish. Top row: Bill Stibich, Kegan Solomon, Greg Solomon. Middle Row: Rhonda Stibich, Joyce Smith, Ken Piskuric. Bottom Row: Linda Grandinetti, Travis Piskuric, Becky Scarff.



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 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 Rowan 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.

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.

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