

OCTOBER 22, 2017  
29<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**DEACON BRUCE** is offering a course entitled “Days of the Martyrs.” The course will cover the period of the second and third centuries; when politics and persecution forged a global Faith of Christianity. The course will cover persecutions of the Church and internal division on matters of Faith. The relationship between Judaism and the conversion to Christianity will be studied in addition to the affect the Emperors Nero and Constantine had on the Faith. *The classes will be held Wednesday, Oct. 25, Wednesday, Nov. 1, 8, & 15 from 6:00PM – 7:00PM in the Parish Office. The class on Wed., Nov. 1 will be at 7:00PM following the Holy Day Mass at 5:30PM.*

**GOB ICING** will be made on Tuesday, October 24 beginning at 7:00AM. Packing of Gobs will take place on Wednesday, October 25 at 6:00PM. All help is deeply appreciated. We are looking for donations of powdered sugar, vanilla, Imperial margarine and soda and water for the thirsty workers!

**CEMETERY CLEAN UP** – All decorations should be removed from the cemetery between October 22 and October 29. Items remaining after October 29 will be discarded. Flags will be removed after Veteran’s Day. Thank you for your cooperation.

**CALLING ALL SAINTS** - The children of the Parish are invited to dress as their favorite Saint and attend the 9:30 AM Mass on **Sunday, October 29, 2017**. Costumes will be provided, however you are welcome to dress your child as the Saint of his/her choice. The **children are asked to gather in the vestibule of the Church no later than 9:00 AM** so we can dress the children in costume. Plan on taking part in this tribute to All Saints! The children will also take part in the Offertory Procession at Mass. It was a wonderful celebration last year and we hope to repeat it again!



**ALL SOULS** – If you would like to have a picture of a deceased loved one placed at the Altar for All Soul’s Day, please bring the picture to the Parish Office or the Church. All photos must be received no later than Thursday, October 26.

**ANNUAL MEMORIAL CELEBRATION** of Parishioners who were laid to rest this year (November 1, 2016 – October 31, 2017) will be celebrated at 6:00PM on Thursday, November 2. Members of the families of the deceased are invited to take part in this Mass by lighting a candle in their memory. Please contact the Parish Office if you or a member of the family or friend of our departed loved ones and are able to participate in this Liturgy. All are welcome to join us in this celebration of Christ’s victory over sin and death, and the hope of Eternal Life.

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3** 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.)



**MEN’S CLUB TURKEY RAFFLE** will take place on Sunday, November 5. Doors open at 1:00PM and raffle will take place from 2:00PM – 4:00PM. There are also envelopes in the vestibule containing raffle tickets for each family. Thank you for your continued support of the Men’s Club. Donations of door prizes are now being accepted. Donations may be brought to the Parish Office or contact Dolores Kasper at 255-4159.

**ROSARY SOCIETY** will meet on **Monday, November 6** at 6:00PM in the Church with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary and Benediction and a reflection. Come & join us.

**WINTER SPECIAL** tickets for the month of January 2018 will be available for purchase this weekend. Chance to win \$500 on New Year’s Day, \$100 on Saturdays and Sundays and \$50 each weekday, \$200 – Martin Luther King. Cost: \$5.00. Tickets will also be available at the Fish Fry.

**CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR PARISH LAST WEEKEND:** Loose - \$283.00; Adults - \$2,351.64; Children - \$34.00; Monthly - \$195.00; Candles - \$160.95; Feast Day - \$15.00; Disaster Relief - \$1,690.12. Total Collection - \$4,729.71. 178 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 September 30: 75 of 314 families contributed \$9,867.00 which is 53% of our goal. Let’s keep working to meet the Parish goal. Thanks to all who have contributed to help meet the goal.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, October 22, 29 – Religious Education – 10:45AM – 12Noon
Tuesday, October 24 – Gob Icing – 7:00AM
Wednesday, October 25 – Gob Packing – 6:00PM
Wednesday, October 25 – “Days of the Martyrs” – 6:00pm – 7:00PM – Rectory

*Liturgical Reflection...* With the Order of Celebrating Matrimony without Mass, the rite consists of the Liturgy of the Word and the Celebration of Matrimony. There is no Penitential Rite or Glory to God. The regular Scripture readings offered for the celebration of Matrimony are selected. There is always a homily. Following the Universal Prayer, the concluding prayer is the Lord’s Prayer. Omitting the “Deliver us,” the Nuptial Blessing is prayed over the newly married couple. When two Catholics are married, there may be Communion outside Mass. Also, the local customs of placing a flower before the image of the Blessed Mother, giving flowers to the mothers of the Bride and Groom, and introducing the newly married couple may take place. *2017, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 S. Logan Blvd., Hollidaysburg, PA 16648.*

*Stewardship Reflection...* Each year at tax time, we conscientiously give to “Caesar what belongs to Caesar.” Does my stewardship indicate that I am also as faithful about giving “to God what belongs to God?”

*Families and the Gospel...* October 22 – Mt 22:15-21 – Jesus sounds like a frustrated parent when He says “Why are you testing me?” Children test parents because that is how they learn limits. Imitate Jesus in today’s Gospel: be firm but fair.

**SAVE THE DATE** – The Shroud of Turin talk will be held once again at St. Benedict Church on Sunday, October 29 at 3:00PM. In 2013 Bill Wingard established “Shroud Talks” to present the history and science of the Shroud of Turin and tackle the biggest mystery...Is the shroud the actual burial cloth? Personal research coupled with the knowledge and help of the original photographer, Barrie Schwartz, for scientific evaluation in 1978 make for a powerful and comprehensive presentation that will not disappoint. You are invited to hear the talk and see the full size replica of the Shroud of Turin. Attendees are encouraged to bring their cameras. Priests will be available after the presentation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. No tickets are required; a love offering will be collected. For more information contact Deacon Michael at 814-288-3036. All are welcome!

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK OR HOMEBOUND**

James Edward Adams, Kathy Barchak; Rose Blaschak, Galynn Brady, Sister Carol Jean Czyrnik, Mary Davis, Joan Delusa, LeAnn Golby, Alicia Junghans, Kathryn Legat, Tyler McKinley, Rick McKinley, Larry Olek, Ed Popovich, 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, 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 Guarno**, USCG; **Master at Arms 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> Class Maxwell Schutte**, F. E. Warren, WY; **Sgt. Bryan Maxwell Porath**, **Captain Aaron Donahey**, US Army, Fort Stewart, GA; **Petty Officer 1<sup>st</sup> 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, 193<sup>rd</sup> Special Operations Wing; **Lt. Col Steven Thomas**, USAF, deploying to the Middle East; **2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Colin Harrington**, US Army, Bethesda, MD; **2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Ryan Powers**, USMC, Camp Lejeune, NC; **Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Anthony Rosage**, USAF; Fort Gordon, GA; **Tech Sgt. Daniel Bracken**, USAF, deployed to Kobal Afghanistan; **Adken Torchia**, US Army, Fort Benning, GA; **PVT. 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**THE CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION** is having a Semi-Annual Sportsman’s Raffle, Saturday, October 28 at 6:00PM. Doors open at 6:00PM, raffle begins at 6:30PM - ??? Donation: \$10.00. Please call 535-2250 for tickets.

**WEST END IMPROVEMENT GROUP** is hosting a Basket Party on Sunday, October 29 at St. Therese Social Hall. Doors open at 11:30AM. Basket drawing begins at 1:00. Tickets are \$8 and price includes 25 basket chances and lunch. Tickets can be purchased at the door. Call 322-5558 or 248-8989 for info.

**ARTS & CRAFTS SHOW** – St. John Vianney Church, Saturday, October 28 – 9:00AM – 7:00PM and Sunday, October 29 – 11:00AM – 5:00PM. Food and refreshments will be available.

**RESURRECTION PARISH** – Meat & Turkey Raffle on Saturday, November 4 in the Church Hall, Fourth Avenue at Chestnut Street, featuring meats, cheeses, turkeys, hams. Door prizes, 50-50 chances, cash drawing.

**ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI:** Every 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

