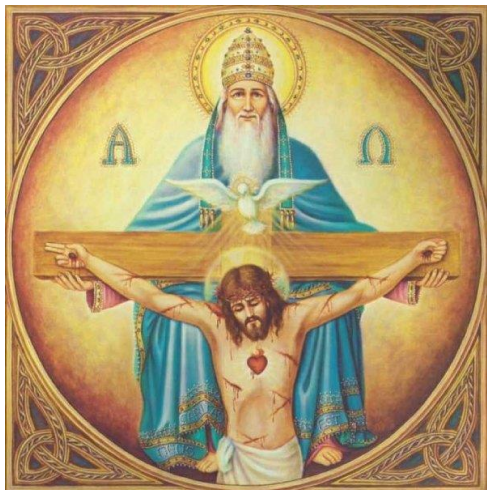


May 30, 2021
The Most Holy Trinity
THE FAITH COMMUNITY OF
ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Mission Statement: St. Francis of Assisi is a Roman Catholic worshipping Community of Faith, dedicated to the concept of putting "Christ first" in our hearts, lives, family and community, with the hope that our world can become a better place and that we can all be made worthy to enter into the Kingdom of God. Our ministry is centered on the Sacraments and our acts of Faith, Hope and Charity.



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Parish Council President – Gary Woodruff – 248-1776

Finance Council President – Brian Mayko

Cemetery Council President - William Heim – 254- 2942

Director of Religious Education – Carol Pisula 539-1632

Men's Club – Gregory Solomon

Rosary Society – Cecilia Neiderer

ALL ARE REMINDED TO DRESS WITH REVERENCE AND RESPECT AS THEY COME TO LITURGY ALL YEAR LONG

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 5:45 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.

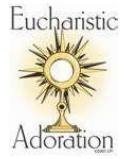
First Friday – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 9:30AM – 5:30PM.

Rosary Society – First Monday of the Month – 6:00PM in the Church

Men's Club – First Thursday of the Month – 7:00PM in the Activity Center – No meeting during summer months

GOBS will be sold after the Masses this weekend at the Activity Center.

PARISH OFFICE will be CLOSED Monday, May 31 for the Memorial Day Holiday.



FRIDAY, JUNE 4 is the First Friday of the month. Adoration will begin after the 9:00AM Mass and continue until 5:30PM. A new Signup sheet is in the main vestibule of the Church. There should be at least two adorers for each time slot. (This is also a matter of safety for the Blessed Sacrament – adorers adore and protect)

ROSARY SOCIETY will meet Monday, June 7 at 6:00PM. Please join us for Rosary, Reflection and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

SAVE THE DATES: Sunday, Aug. 1 – Parish Picnic, Lorain Boro Park; Thursday, Aug. 19 – Trip to Sight & Sound – Queen Esther – **For reservations and details for Sight and Sound please contact Fran King at 536-3667.**

LOOKING AHEAD - St. Francis of Assisi Parish was established in 1922 as a Slovak ethnic Parish in the West End of Johnstown, PA. The 1st Mass of the Parish was celebrated December 24, 1922. The present Parish Council is in the process of planning a 100th Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, October 2, 2022 (time to be determined) with a Mass celebrated by (Bishop Mark???) followed by an anniversary dinner. The question is: are you willing to assist the planning committee? If so, please contact the Parish Office at 539-1632. More information to follow in the coming weeks.



SANCTUARY CANDLE will burn this week for +Barbara Golojch by son Bernie. **CANDLE BY OUR LADY QUEEN OF HEAVEN** will burn this week for Special Intention for Paulette Mirilovich by Sue Ellen & Jim Dadey.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR PARISH LAST WEEK: Adults - \$1,754.31; Loose - \$197.00; Children - \$8.00; Monthly - \$261.00; Candles - \$100.50; Mother's Day - \$15.00; St. Vincent - \$20; Pentecost - \$522.02; Holy Day - \$20.02; Cemetery - \$35.00. Total Collection - \$2,932.85.

REMINDER: Deadline for bulletin announcements is Wednesday at Noon.

NEEDED: In order for the Fish Fry to continue in the fall a new coordinator(s) is needed. The Fish Fry is a very important fund raiser as well as an event for the entire community. If you are willing to accept this task please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible so planning for the fall may begin.



DO YOU HAVE A GREEN THUMB? – even if you don't but are willing to assist with the upkeep of the flowers and shrubs surrounding the parish complex (as an individual or a group on a rotating basis) please contact the Parish Office or fr. Anthony Francis.

SUMMER TRADITION RETURNS – Outdoor Masses will be celebrated at the Our Lady of the Alleghenies Shrine in Loretto every Sunday night at 7:00PM beginning on Memorial Day weekend – May 30 – and continuing through Labor Day weekend – September 5. Those attending are asked to bring their own lawn chair. In the event of inclement weather, Mass will be celebrated inside the Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel next to the shrine. The historic Prince Gallitzin Chapel House, next to Our Lady of the Alleghenies Shrine, will be open on the following Sunday afternoons from 3:00Pm – 6:00PM for self-guided tours and visits: June 6 & 20, July 18; and August 1, 15, & 29.

Background on the Gospel Reading

This week we return to the Liturgical Season of Ordinary Time. This Sunday and next Sunday, however, are designated as Solemnities, special days that call our attention to the central mysteries of our Faith. Today, on the first Sunday after Pentecost, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. This Feast invites us to consider what we believe about God, Who has revealed Himself to us in the Trinity, one God in Three Persons. The Gospel for this Solemnity is taken from the Gospel of Matthew. In its conclusion, Matthew's Gospel quickly moves from the Disciples' discovery of Jesus' empty Tomb and Jesus' appearance to Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to the commission that Jesus gives to His Disciples in today's Gospel.



The final commission, as this part of Matthew's Gospel is sometimes called, is given on the mountaintop. Throughout Scripture, many of the most important events happen on a mountaintop, and Matthew used this motif often. Peter, James, and John saw Jesus transfigured on the mountaintop, and Jesus taught the crowds from the mountaintop in the Sermon on the Mount. In today's Gospel, the eleven Disciples go to the mountaintop in Galilee, as Jesus had instructed them through Mary Magdalene and the other Mary. They see Jesus, and they worship and doubt at the same time. Jesus approaches them and commissions them to Baptize and teach. It is a task for which Jesus had previously prepared His Disciples; recall that Jesus had already sent the Twelve Apostles to preach the Kingdom of God and to heal. Yet earlier, the Twelve were sent only to the House of Israel; in this final commission, the Eleven are told to go to all nations. The mission of Jesus is now to be taken to all people, and the task is to Baptize and to teach.

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St. Joseph, Man Chosen by the Blessed Trinity, pray for us.

“We know that Joseph was a lowly carpenter, betrothed to Mary. He was a just man ever ready to carry out God's will as revealed to him in the Law and through four dreams. After a long and tiring journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem, he beheld the birth of the Messiah in a stable...He witnessed the adoration of the shepherds and the Magi, who represented respectively the people of Israel and the pagan peoples.” (Mt 1:18, 19, 20; 2:1-13, 19, 22; Lk 1:22, 27, 39; 2:1-12, 7-20).

St. Joseph was chosen by God, the Father, to be his representative on earth. God granted him all the Graces and blessings he needed to be a worthy representative. Joseph was chosen by God, the Son, to be His foster father. After Mary, Joseph is the holiest of the Saints. Joseph was chosen by the Holy Spirit. He is the mutual Love of the Father and the Son – the heart of the Trinity. Joseph had a most responsible vocation – to open the way for redemption of the world and to prepare for it by the education and guidance of the youth of the God-man. <https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/devotions/day-three>; 2021, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown Liturgy Committee, Liturgy Office, *Mary, Mother of the Church Pastoral Center*, 2713 W. Chestnut Ave., Altoona, PA 16601.

Families and the Gospel... Trinity Sunday – Matthew 28:16-20 – In today's Gospel Jesus commands, “Teach them to carry out everything I have commanded you.” This command is meant for every Christian. In light of this command, parenting is not only the most difficult task a person can take on, it is also one of the most apostolic and missionary tasks. Jesus commands all parents to teach their children “all that I have commanded you.”

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK OR HOMEBOUND

James Edward Adams, Odessa Bobak, Galynn Brady, Doreen Chiodo, Sister Carol Jean Czynnik, Jim Dadey, Verne Esposito, Caleb Herdman, Alicia Junghans, Tyler McKinley, Rick McKinley, Paulette Mirilovich, Margaret Murray, Rowen Ream, Alexandra Rice, Carly Rice, Doug Rice, Rose Rice, James Schuster, Gary Singel, Betty Spisak, Joanna Stone, Carol Sobecky, Leona Sutt, Agnes Swarney, Joe Torchia, 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, Fallon, NV; Lt. Col. Joshua P. Higgins, US Army; Petty Officer 1st Class Paul Rambish, US Navy, Coronado Naval Base, San Diego; Major Melinda Rován Corallo, Nellis Air Force Base, Las Vegas, NV; 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, **Sgt. Bryan Maxwell Porath**, **Captain Aaron Donahey**, US Army, South Korea; **Petty Officer 1st Class Heather L. Dovala**, Great Lakes, IL.; **Sgt. Jarod Pisarchik**, Army National Guard; **LCDR Kara Yingling**, San Diego; **LCDR Shannon Yingling**; **S/SSgt Devon Gilbert**, Kadena Air Force Base, Okinawa; **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; **Senior Airman Anthony Rosage**, USAF; Fort Gordon, GA; **Tech Sgt. Daniel Bracken**, USAF, deployed to Kobal Afghanistan; **Sgt. Adken Torchia**, US Army, Fort Drum, NY;; **Lt. Kenneth Yacynych**, US Army, Fort Lewis, WA; **Sgt. Elliott Mulvehill**, USMC, Ginowan, Japan.; **Senior Airman Jeremy Williams**, Kandahar Air Base, Afghanistan; **Kasey Meredith**, O.C.S., USMC, Quantico, VA.; **Pvt. Harrison Barham**, US Army, Fort Leonard Wood, MO.; **Cpl. Aunna Yingling**, US Army; **Petty Officer 2nd Class, Gage Pollino**, US Navy.

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.

A PRAYER FOR OUR DEPLOYED MILITARY: Heavenly Father, inspire those who are overseas for the cause of peace. Send Your Son, Jesus Christ, as the Prince of Peace. Bless the men and women of our military who respond to the needs of peacekeeping. Keep them safe from harm. Let them be models of discipline and courage and bring them home safely to their loved ones. We ask this in Your Name. Amen.

COMMUNITY NEWS

PRO LIFE VIGIL Every Thursday from 3:00PM - 4:00PM. We hold a prayer vigil across from the Franklin Street Planned Parenthood facility here in Johnstown. For more information, call Gale at 539-0155.

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI: Connect with your Creator, Redeemer, and Spiritual Guide in a stress-free environment at the Eucharistic Adoration every First Friday of the month from 9:30AM until 5:30PM at St. Francis of Assisi Church. It is important that each ½ hour or hour have two adorers to adore and protect the Blessed Sacrament.

STUFFED CHICKEN BREAST DINNER – Church of the Transfiguration, June 6, 10:00AM – 2:00PM. Dinner includes Stuffed Chicken Breast, mashed potatoes, vegetable, salad, roll & butter and dessert for \$10.00.

CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION – Gob Sale, orders due Monday, June 7, 2021. Cost is \$1.25/gob, \$7.50/half dozen, or \$15.00/dozen. Call Irene Cristoff at 814-322-4915 or Andy Solomon at 814-322-3287. Orders may be picked up Saturday, June 19 from 3:30PM – 6:30PM & Sunday, June 20 from 9:30AM – 12:30PM.