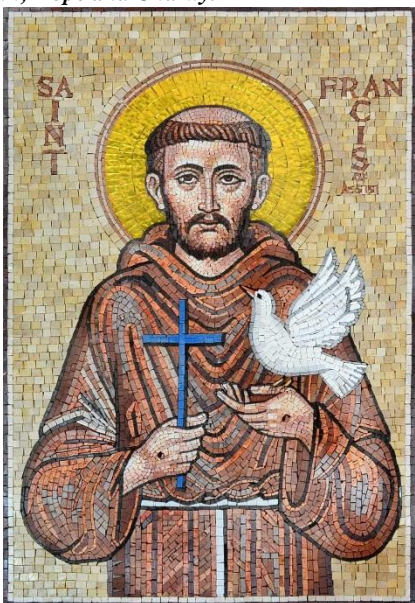


June 20, 2021
12th Sunday in Ordinary Time
THE FAITH COMMUNITY OF
ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

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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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

PLEASE NOTE: The Parish Office will be **CLOSED** Monday, June 21 thru Friday, June 25. Office will also be **CLOSED** on Monday, July 5. *Beginning Tuesday, July 6 office hours will be Tuesday through Thursday from 9:00AM until 3:00PM.*

THERE WILL NOT BE ALL DAY ADORATION on Friday, July 2 and the Rosary Society will not meet on Monday, July 5.

SAVE THE DATES: Sunday, Aug. 1 – Parish Picnic, Lorain Boro Park. Baskets are needed to chance off for our St. Francis Parish Picnic. Suggested value for donated baskets is \$20-\$25. Individual items could also be donated. Please bring to the Church or call Gale Bala (539-0155) or Cecilia Neiderer (534-0602) for information. **Signup sheet for the Parish Picnic can be found in the main vestibule. Deadline for signup: Sunday, July 18. Thursday, Aug. 19** – Trip to Sight & Sound – Queen Esther – **For reservations and details for Sight and Sound please contact Fran King at 536-3667.**

GOB SALE – There will be a Gob Sale on Saturday, June 26 from 9:00AM until 12:00PM at the Activity Center. A perfect addition to your 4th of July picnic!

CARD SHOWER for Agnes Sciuillo who is celebrating her 104th Birthday on June 22! Please help Agnes celebrate by placing cards and good wishes in the box that can be found in the vestibule. **HAPPY BIRTHDAY AGNES!** May God continue to Bless you!

A GENTLE REMINDER – For the time being, if you choose to wear a mask that is completely acceptable. However, if you have not received the 2 vaccinations, please for the time being, wear a mask. The chairs under the Stations of the Cross will remain in place for those of you who might feel uncomfortable in the re-opened pews. I ask that we all be charitable in dealing with the decision made by those vaccinated and those not vaccinated. Be kind, be charitable and be loving.

SANCTUARY CANDLE will burn this week for Health and Prayers for Great Nephew Cai by Aunt Bea, Uncle Jim & Sue Ellen and Uncle Tom. **CANDLE BY MARY, QUEEN OF HEAVEN** will burn for Birthday Remembrance for +Mary Cononie by Daughter Joe & Paulette Torchia.

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.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR PARISH LAST WEEK: Adults - \$2,217.02; Loose - \$49.00; Children - \$4.00 Monthly - \$81.00; Candles - \$54.00; St. Vincent - \$5.00; Holy Day - \$12.00; Peter Pence - \$30.00; Father's Day - \$107.00; Catholic Communication - \$5.00; Retired Religious - \$11.00; Donation - \$100.00; Misc. - \$800.00. Total Collection - \$3,475.02.

OPPORTUNITY FOR EMPLOYMENT – There is an opening for the position of Parish Secretary at St. Francis of Assisi Church. This position needs to be filled as soon as possible. Tentative hours are Monday through Thursday 8:00AM – 3:00PM. If you or someone you know is interested please contact the Parish Office or fr. Anthony Francis as soon as possible. All clearances are required and must be obtained before employment begins.

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.

Background on the Gospel Reading

As we continue in Ordinary Time, our reading today is taken from the Gospel of Mark, the primary Gospel reading in Lectionary Cycle B. Mark's Gospel presents a vivid portrait of Jesus, Whose Words and deeds show that He is the Son of God. Today's Gospel describes the end of a day of teaching in Jesus' ministry. Jesus taught the crowd in parables and then offered explanations of these parables to His Disciples. Jesus then led His Disciples away from the

crowds and into the boats that they will use to cross the Sea of Galilee. The sea and its surrounding area are the settings for Jesus' teachings and miracles in this part of Mark's Gospel. Today's reading describes how Jesus calmed a storm at sea. It is the first of four miracles that are presented in sequence at this point in Mark's Gospel.

As is typical in Mark's Gospel, Jesus' Disciples are frightened by the sudden storm; they do little to inspire confidence in the reader. Mark notes the contrast between the Disciples' terror and Jesus' peace. Jesus is sleeping, untroubled by what is going on around Him.

The Disciples' words to Jesus are telling. They are familiar enough with Jesus to dare to wake Him. Their words to Him are words of reproach, questioning His care for them. A careful reader might wonder what the Disciples expected Jesus to do. Are they more troubled by the storm or by Jesus' inattentiveness to their needs? How many of us have chided a family member or friend for not agreeing with our assessment of the severity of a situation?

Today's Gospel offers evidence of Jesus' power and authority as He calms the storm. In His day, power over nature we believed to be a sign of Divinity – only God calms storms. Jesus' rebuke of the storm also echoes the rebuke He uses when He talks to and expels demons. In each situation, Jesus' power and authority is a sign of His Divinity. Indeed, the Disciples are left wondering about Jesus' identity at the conclusion of today's Gospel. They see before them a human being who acts with the authority and power of God. The Disciples' uncertainty about Jesus' identity is a recurring theme in Mark's Gospel.

This Gospel is a metaphor for our lives. We are in the boat, the storms of life are raging around us, and like the Disciples, we may believe that Jesus is unconcerned, or "sleeping." We hope that we will be as familiar with Jesus as His Disciples. If we feel that Jesus is sleeping, are we comfortable enough to wake Jesus and present Him with our needs? Jesus does not chide His Disciples for waking Him. Instead He chides them for their lack of Faith, for their lack of perspective. When we bring our worries to God in prayer, we might just begin to learn to see things from God's perspective.

Stewardship Reflection... Our Faith may be challenged by some unanswered questions in our personal relationships. Sometimes questions are asked as a community like in a time of a natural disaster. One of the most amazing experiences about storms in nature is that they come to an end. There is a strength and a sort of natural wisdom that comes from surviving a storm beyond our control. But we do not survive only on our own strength.

In the midst of these times of turmoil we need to take the time to turn to God and ask for help. The Lord will respond and give us strength because it helps us remember who we really are as beloved people of God. The voice of God addressing Job and the voice of Jesus calming the storm both assures us of God's presence, power and love in our lives through many blessings.

Our faithful response to this love should be increased trust and a sense of stewardship of the gifts with which we have been blessed. (*Stewardship Reflection*, Catholic Stewardship Consultants, Inc. 2012/7/01)

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, 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 Sobacky, Leona Sutt, Agnes Swarney, Joe Torchia, 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 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, Ft. Stewart, GA; **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.

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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. ***There will be NO all day adoration on Friday, July 2.***

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA, Windber, will have their Ethnic Festival Food the weekend of July 10 and 11 for take-out only. Saturday, July 10 from 3:00PM – 7:00PM and Sunday, July 11 from 11:00AM – 4:00PM.

CALLING ALL GOLFERS – Resurrection Parish is pleased to announce our *Inaugural Resurrection Fun Day of Golf* on Saturday, August 7th at 9:00AM, from beautiful Oakbrook Golf Course in Jennerstown, PA. Only \$60 per golfer! 18-holes with carts, delicious lunch afterwards, skill prizes and great cash prizes for our winners. Hurry! First 18 teams of 4-players get the spots. Call Pat Barrett at (814) 532-6567 to reserve your spot!

Happy
Father's
Day