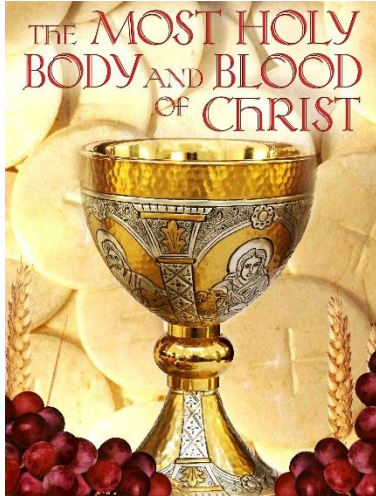


June 6, 2021
The Most Body & Blood of Christ
THE FAITH COMMUNITY OF
ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

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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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

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS +Mary Ann Becker, mother of Deacon Bruce Becker who was laid to rest last week. Welcoming God receive from our hands the loved ones we return to You.

INCLUDED with the bulletin this week is an insert for a Triduum to St. Anthony of Padua. Because the Feast of St. Anthony occurs on a Sunday this year it is NOT celebrated. The Triduum prayers begin on Thursday, June 10 and conclude on Saturday, June 12.

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

WINNER OF THE MEN'S CLUB Memorial Day Ticket - #485 – Amanda Smith, #484 – Amanda Smith, #486 – Amanda Smith!

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.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR PARISH LAST WEEK: Adults - \$2,121.25; Loose - \$102.00; Children - \$14.00; Monthly - \$100.00; Candles - \$94.50; St. Vincent - \$312.00; Pentecost - \$16.00; Holy Day - \$1.00; Cemetery - \$428.00; Father's Day - \$30.00; Misc. - \$75.00. Total Collection - \$3,293.75.

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.

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.

Patris Corde 1. A Beloved Father, Head of the Holy Family

The greatness of St Joseph is that he was the spouse of Mary and the father of Jesus. In this way, he placed himself, in the words of St. John Chrysostom, “at the service of the entire plan of salvation.” In a similar way, every father plays an essential role in bringing their families to Christ, because fatherhood is at the service of God's plan for salvation.

The veneration and naming of the Feast of St. Joseph was established by Pope Sixus in 1479 for the growing commemoration of his marriage to Mary and his conscientious fatherhood and his defense of life. So let us pray that all fathers fulfill that role well, as they love and serve their families. St. Joseph, a beloved father, head of the Holy Family, pray for us. (Pope Francis Apostolic Letter *Patris Corde*, 1. Dec. 8, 2020; *St. Joseph Man of Faith*, Jacques Gauthier, Catholic Book Publishing, N.J., 2014) Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Committee, Liturgy Office, *Mary, Mother of the Church Pastoral Center*, 2173 W. Chestnut Ave., Altoona, PA 16601.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today, the Second Sunday after Pentecost, we celebrate a second Solemnity, which marks our return to Ordinary Time in the liturgical calendar. Today is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. At one time, this day was called *Corpus Christi*, the Latin words for “the Body of Christ.” In the most recent revision of our liturgical rites, the name for this day is expanded to be a more complete reflection of our Eucharistic theology.

In our reading for today, we read the account of the Last Supper found in the Gospel of Mark. It begins with the instructions that Jesus gave to His Disciples to prepare their Passover celebration. It then goes on to give an account of the Last Supper. On this Sunday, however, our Lectionary reading omits the verses between these two passages; in those omitted verses we hear Jesus predict His betrayal by one of His Disciples.

The Gospel of Mark describes Jesus’ Last Supper with His Disciples as a celebration of the Jewish feast of Passover. The Jewish celebration of Passover is a memorial to and a ritual participation in the defining moment of Israel’s history. It celebrates God’s deliverance of His people from slavery in Egypt. The Passover meal includes many ritually important elements, such as unleavened bread, lamb, and bitter herbs. Each food item recalls an aspect of the Exodus event. The instructions for the preparation of this meal are carefully prescribed in the Law of Moses. It is a central obligation of Jewish faith tradition to celebrate this meal and to give thanks to God for His deliverance and protection.

In the description of the Passover meal found in today’s Gospel, however, Mark omits many elements of the Jewish Passover meal. Instead he describes only those elements he believes to be most essential to the Christian Eucharist: Jesus took bread, blessed the bread, broke the bread, and shared it with His Disciples. Similar words and actions follow as Jesus shares the chalice with His Disciples. This bread now shared is Jesus’ own Body. Those who drink from the chalice are invited to share in a new covenant which will be sealed by Jesus’ own Blood. Mark’s Eucharistic theology looks forward to the Kingdom of God that Jesus inaugurates.

The Gospel for today reminds us that the Eucharist is a memorial of Christ’s sacrifice on the Cross. We believe that Jesus is truly present to us in the elements of bread and wine. Each time we celebrate this Sacrament, we prepare for the Kingdom of God. This celebration, as the Second Vatican Council taught us, is the source and summit of the Christian Life.

Do other Churches believe in the Real Presence?

Do Lutherans and Anglicans believe Jesus is present in the Eucharist? Not exactly. Read why here.

Some people think that the Lutheran and Anglican Churches align with the Catholic Church in professing the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.

While various Lutheran and Anglican Churches retain aspects of Catholic theology, their stance on the Real Presence is not the same as the Catholic Church’s teaching.

In his book *What Catholics Really Believe: 52 Answers To Common Misconceptions About the Catholic Faith*, Karl Keating explains that Lutherans and Anglicans believe in *consubstantiation*, which is not the same as the Catholic teaching on *transubstantiation*.

Consubstantiation says that the Body and Blood of Christ are with – or alongside, so to speak- the substance of bread and wine. Transubstantiation, on the other hand, professes that the whole substance of the bread and wine literally changes into the Body and Blood of Jesus, while maintaining only the appearance of bread and wine.

Karl Keating discusses how the term “transubstantiation” was defined at the Fourth Ecumenical Council of the Lateran, and it is the only word that accurately describes the mystery of the Real Presence. Jesus didn’t say, “This bread *contains* My Body.” He said, “This IS my Body” (Matthew 26:26, Luke 22:19, Mark 14:22).

Transubstantiation is rooted in Scripture and explained further in Cyril of Jerusalem’s *Catechetical Discourses* in 350 A.D., which states that Catholics receiving Communion must be “fully convinced that the apparent bread is not bread, even though it is sensible to the taste, but the Body of Christ, and that the apparent wine is not wine, even though that taste would have it so..”

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK OR HOMEBOUND

James Edward Adams, Odessa Bobak, Galynn Brady, Doreen Chiodo, Sister Carol Jean Czyrnik, 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 Guarino, 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 Donahay**, **US Army**, Ft. Steward, 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.

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.