

May 22, 2022
Sixth Sunday of Easter
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 – Deacon Bruce Becker

Men's Club – Acting President, David King

Rosary Society – Cecilia Neiderer

<p style="text-align:center">MASS SCHEDULE – Monday – 9:00AM, Tuesday – 6:15PM, Wednesday – Saturday – 9:00AM Saturday – 4:00PM, Sunday – 7:30AM & 9:30AM</p>

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 – 6:30PM in the Activity Center

FIRST FRIDAY – First Friday Adoration on June 3, will be from 9:00AM – 3:00PM followed by Divine Mercy Chaplet, Benediction and Mass. Please sign up in the Main Vestibule for Adoration. For the safety and security of the Blessed Sacrament, two adorers must be present each half hour segment.

PICTURE DIRECTORY NEWS - Anyone who did not come to the church hall for the photography sessions and who wishes to submit a photograph for the church picture directory, is asked to submit a photo plus a payment of \$15.00 (cash or check made out to St. Francis Church) to the church office. Deadline to submit is May 31, 2022.

GABRIEL PROJECT THANK YOU - A HUGE thank you to Cindy & Ron Shorto, Sarah Mikula, and Bill Stibich for their hard work in organizing inventory for the Gabriel Project. Also much appreciation to these fine ladies for coming to sort and package baby clothes: Jeannette Di Flauro, Dolores Fatula, Alice Havers, Georgie Labuda, Fran King, and Joyce Smith.

MEMORIAL DAY GOB SALE – On Saturday, May 28th from 9AM – 12 NOON at St. Francis Activity Hall on Barron Ave.

CHURCH ROSTER UPDATE – Our Church Roster needs to be updated! If you have had an address or phone number change, please put your new info in the collection basket or contact the Parish Office with those changes by May 31st at (814)539-1632. Phone numbers will NOT be published in the directory.

GOB ICING - will be made on Tuesday, May 24th from 7:00AM-11AM. Gobs will be filled on Wednesday, May 25th from 8:00AM until 10:00AM and from 6:00PM until 8:00PM. All help is welcome and appreciated.

SIGHT AND SOUND – The show for Sight and Sound is “David”. The date we will be going is August 18th. For more info please contact Fran King at (814)536-3667.

100th ANNIVERSARY DINNER – The present Parish Council is in the process of planning the 100th Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, October 16, 2022, with a Mass celebrated by Bishop Mark at 12 Noon, followed by an anniversary dinner. **Reservation forms are in envelopes for Parishioners on the table in the back of the Church in alphabetical order. A \$10 deposit for each attending family member is required, which will be refunded at the dinner.**

CONTRIBUTIONS LAST WEEK: Loose - \$186.00; Adults - \$3,004.17; Monthly - \$405.00; Candles – \$68.23; St. Vincent DePaul - \$48.00; Mother’s Day - \$25.00; Cemetery - \$15.00; Catholic Home Mission - \$10.00; Catholic Communication - \$5.00; Ascension - \$25.00; Donation - \$30.00 - Total Collection - \$3,821.40.

SANCTUARY CANDLE — Will burn May 15th – 28th for Nichole LaBuda Lenhart — From: Aunt Georgetta LaBuda

MASS FOR WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS TO BE TELEVISED – Remember your loved ones on **Sunday, May 29, 2022 with a televised Mass Celebrated by Bishop Mark Barchak at 11:00 am on WATM ABC 23 and will rebroadcast that night at 9:00PM on the Atlantic Broadband channel 9.** All spouses will be acknowledged and remembered at Mass. All persons who have lost a spouse through death throughout the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese are invited to register by contacting the Family Life Office 814-317-2643 or email familylife@dioceseaj.org. When registering, please give your **name, address, phone number and the name of your spouse who has passed away.** The last day to register is **Tuesday, May 24, 2022.** The event is sponsored by the Diocesan Family Life Office and the Catholic Ministries Drive.

Background on the Gospel Reading

This portion of John's Gospel comes near the end of the first of four chapters that make up Jesus' long Farewell Discourse at the Last Supper. This section of chapter 14 actually sums up the themes of the opening of the discourse: the Christian's life is not shaped by Jesus' absence but by God's abiding presence; God's presence overcomes anxiety about God's absence; and the present holds in it the seeds of a fresh future shaped by love, not fear.

These verses also contain a glimpse of some of the other themes of the Farewell Discourse: Jesus' relationship with the Father and the Disciples' relationship to Jesus connect the Disciples to the Father as well. Jesus promises to send an Advocate or intercessor Who will remind the Disciples of everything that Jesus taught them and bring them peace.

Jesus is preparing His Disciples in advance for His absence so that they will continue to believe in Him and not feel all alone after His return to the Father. After the initial excitement of His Easter appearances, Jesus will remain with His followers in a very different way throughout the centuries.

As our celebration of the Easter season is coming to an end, the liturgy reminds us that Jesus remains with us through the Holy Spirit, Who teaches us everything we need to know, reminds us of all that Jesus taught, and brings us peace.

6th Sunday of Easter (May 22)

The concept of hospitality is fundamental to a stewardship way of life. We picture inviting those new to our parish with a warm and sincere welcome. Today's Gospel reading from John invites us to think of hospitality in a slightly different way. We hear Jesus speaking to His Disciples and then to us, that we permit the blessed Trinity to come and dwell within us. This request is stunning and tells us that our first and most privileged form of hospitality should be directed towards God Himself.

How does one show hospitality to God? How do we make God "at home and at ease" within us? Jesus tells us how: we are to keep His word, to follow His teachings. To keep His word, we must know His word. The study of Scripture and Church teachings must be a priority in our lives. Then our own hearts will be a hospitable dwelling place for the Blessed Trinity. Our greetings and ministries will radiate with the warmth of God's love. And our parish family will become at least a little bit like heaven on earth. This is the simplicity and glory of a stewardship way of life.

(Stewardship Reflection, Catholic Stewardship Consultants, Inc. 2022/04/26)

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – Monday July 11th – Friday July 15th from 9AM – 12 Noon at St. Francis Activity Center. Registration forms are in the Main Vestibule for Vacation Bible School for kids ages 4 – 12. **Registration forms need to be turned in NO LATER THAN JUNE 30th.** If there are any High School kids that need service hours and would like to help out, please contact the Parish Rectory at (814)539-1632.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK OR HOMEBOUND

James Edward Adams, Kathy Barczak, Galynn Brady, Sister Carol Jean Czyrnik, Verne Esposito, Alicia Junghans, Tyler McKinley, Rick McKinley, Paulette Mirilovich, Rowen Ream, Alexandra Rice, Carly Rice, Doug Rice, Rose Rice, James Schuster, Betty Scott, Gary Singel, Betty Spisak, Joanna Stone, Carol Sobecky, Leona Sutt, Paulette Torchia, Joe Torchia, David Watson, 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; **Lt. Col. Melinda Rovon Corallo**, Travis Air Force Base, California; **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. 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;; **Capt. 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; **Pvt. 1st Class Daylee Ragno**, US Army, E-3 Paratrooper, Fort Bragg, NC; **SPC Morgan Rullo**, ARNG Camp Buehring, Kuwait.

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.

Did you know that it is a custom in Johnstown to wear something RED on Fridays to honor our military?

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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.