

June 12, 2022
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.



Pastor – Fr. Anthony Francis Spilka, OFMConv.;
Permanent Deacon Bruce Becker
St. Francis of Assisi, 120 Barron Avenue
Johnstown, PA 15906
Rectory Phone – 814-539-1632
Activity Center – 814 – 539-3518
Fax: 814 – 539-5888
Email– sfassisich@atlanticbbn.net
Oremus Ministry (Prayer Chain) – 814-539-1632
Web Site: <http://www.stfrancisofassisijohnstown.com>
Parish Secretary – Megan Billow-Berchick
Office Hours – 9:00AM to 3:00PM – Mon. thru Thurs.
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

MASS SCHEDULE – Monday – 9:00AM, Tuesday – 6:15PM, Wednesday – Saturday – 9:00AM
Saturday – 4:00PM, Sunday – 7:30AM & 9:30AM

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

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS – The Family and Friends of +**Patricia Deskevich**, who was laid to rest last week. Welcoming God receive from our hands the Loved Ones we return to You.

CONGRATULATIONS TO RYAN WOODRUFF – Proclaim Magazine Young Adult Honoree for the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown. May the Lord Bless You Ryan!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – The dates for VBS is July 5th – July 8th from 9:00AM – 12 Noon. Registration forms are in the Main Vestibule for Vacation Bible School for children ages 4 – 12. **Registration forms need to be turned in NO LATER THAN JUNE 15th**. If there are any High School children that need service hours and would like to help out, please contact the Parish Rectory at (814)539-1632.

“UNBOUND” FOR THE POOR – This weekend, Rev. Jeremiah O’Shea was with us to celebrate Masses and told us about the work of Unbound, a lay Catholic Sponsorship Ministry that helps children and elderly in 19 developing countries. Please look at the insert in this Bulletin. To learn more, call (800) 875-6564 or visit Unbound online at www.unbound.org.

GOB ICING - will be made on Tuesday, June 28th from 7:00AM-11AM. Gobs will be filled on Wednesday, June 29th from 8:00AM until 10:00AM and from 6:00PM until 8:00PM. All help is welcome and appreciated.

BASKETS NEEDED FOR CHURCH PICNIC – 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 Cecilia (814)534-0602. Church Picnic will be on **July 31st beginning with Mass at 12 Noon and ending at 6PM**. Deadline to sign-up is July 17th. Sign-up sheet is in the Main Vestibule. Bring your favorite desert!

SIGHT AND SOUND – ONLY A FEW SEATS LEFT! 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 “FOR YOUR INFORMATION” – Parishioners planning to attend the 100th Anniversary Dinner on Sunday, October 16, 2022, can find their self-addressed envelope with a reservation form **in alphabetical order** in the main vestibule. **A \$10 deposit for each attending family member is required, which will be refunded at the dinner.** Information is available for anyone interested in being a patron in the 100th Anniversary Commemorative Book. A poster showing examples of the types of available advertisement, along with pricing, is also on display in the Church Vestibule. Please return the completed form, along with a check payable to St Francis of Assisi Church As Soon As Possible; **deadline to submit an advertisement is JUNE 15, 2022.**

CONTRIBUTIONS LAST WEEK: Loose - \$93.00; Adults - \$2,006.94; Monthly - \$480.02; Candles – \$107.00; St. Vincent DePaul - \$45.00; Catholic Communication - \$25.00; Peter’s Pence - \$10.00; Cemetery - \$40.00; Ascension - \$68.02; Mother’s Day - \$20.00; Father’s Day - \$245.00; Pentecost - \$200.00; Donation - \$105.00 - Total Collection - \$3,444.98.

SANCTUARY CANDLE – Will burn from June 12 – June 25, for +Patricia Deskevich – From: Your Friends at St. Francis of Assisi

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 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 verses of today's Gospel come near the end of Jesus' long discourse at the Last Supper. In the early part of this discourse, as we saw last week on Pentecost, Jesus offers assurances to the Disciples. Even though He must leave the Disciples, He tells them that they will have a future because of the help He will send them in the Holy Spirit. In this section He focuses more on the shape of the future, which will include Jesus' victory over the world that they will share in. The Disciples of Jesus cannot know the future. They can only know that, whatever shape the future takes, they will not have to face it alone. They have the Spirit of Truth, who will continue to provide the teaching of Jesus in the future.

Reading this passage on Trinity Sunday reinforces our understanding of the unity shared by the members of the Trinity. Although the idea of one God in three persons remains a mystery, we have the assurance that, as Jesus and the Father share all, Jesus and the Spirit share all.

(June 12) Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

In the Gospel from Saint John, we learn that God holds back nothing of Himself to us. Jesus tells His disciples that the Holy Spirit “will take from what is mine and declare it to you. Everything the Father has is mine.’ Thus we find ourselves drawn in the midst of this Trinitarian love. In fact, if the mystery of the Holy Trinity is an ocean which to swim, the “water” that makes up that ocean is love. What, then, should the response be of the Christian steward to this mystery? All we can do is worship and offer our lives back to God in total gratitude for calling us to live in the richness of such unfathomable love. This week, let’s re-invite God into the very middle of our lives and make sure the way we spend our time and energy each day shows Him our gratitude for His many gifts to us, but above all the gifts of Himself in the Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. (*Stewardship Reflection*, Catholic Stewardship Consultants, Inc. 2019/05/10)

A POLICEMAN'S PRAYER

**Lord, I ask for courage;
Courage to face and conquer my own fears...
Courage to take me where others will not go.
I ask for strength;
Strength of body to protect others.
I ask for dedication;
Dedication to my job to do it well...
Dedication to my community to keep it safe.
Give me, Lord, concern;
For all those who trust me...
And compassion for those who need me
And, please, Lord, through it all, be at my side.**

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.

=====

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; **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?

=====

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.