

June 19, 2022
The Most Holy Body and 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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Parish Council President – Gary Woodruff – 248-1776
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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

PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, JUNE 20th.

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 26th.** 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.

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.

UNBOUND THANK YOU – Dear Parishioners, On behalf of Unbound, thank you very much for welcoming us to your Parish. Our hearts are full of gratitude for the generosity you have shown to the children, youth and the elders in our sponsorship program. Through your willingness to partner with Unbound, your Parish community has taken steps toward a closer walk with Jesus in the name of the poor. We pray that members of your Parish community who answered the call to sponsorship will be richly blessed by their experience!

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, MONDAY, JUNE 20, 2022.**

CONTRIBUTIONS LAST WEEK: Loose - \$127.00; Adults - \$2,861.50; Monthly - \$185.00; Candles – \$44.00; Catholic Communication - \$10.00; Peter’s Pence - \$5.00; Father’s Day - \$120.00; Funeral - \$150.00 - Total Collection - \$3,502.50

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

SPAGHETTI DRIVE-BY – The Church of the Transfiguration, 201 Third St, Conemaugh, Spaghetti Drive-By on Sunday, July 31, 2022 from 10am - 1:30pm – Cost: \$8.00. Includes Spaghetti & meatballs, salad, roll and dessert.

Background on the Gospel Reading

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

The feeding of the 5,000 is the only one of Jesus' Miracles to appear in all four Gospels. Luke places it between Herod's question, “Who is this about whom I hear such things?” and Peter's response to Jesus' question about who he thought Jesus was: “You are the Messiah of God.” In Luke the feeding is not the result of Jesus' compassion for the crowd but is instigated by the Disciples. They wanted Jesus to send the crowd away to town. Instead Jesus tells the Disciples to give them some food on their own.

The passage is meant to remind us of two feedings in the Old Testament: the feeding of the Israelites in the desert and Elisha's feeding of 100 people with 20 loaves in 2 Kings 4:42-44. It is also connected to the institution of the Eucharist. As in the Last Supper accounts in Matthew, Mark, and Luke and in Paul's account in 1 Corinthians 11:23-24, Jesus takes bread, looks up to heaven, blesses the bread, breaks it, and then gives it to the disciples. In using this exact language, Luke is reminding his readers that in this miracle Jesus is doing more than feeding hungry people as God did for the Israelites and the prophet Elisha did as well. The bread he gives is his body, which he will continue to give as often as the community breaks bread in remembrance of him in the Eucharist.

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Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

In contemplating the stunning power show of Jesus' power in feeding the crowd of thousands with five loaves and two fish (and some left over) it is easy to overlook an important detail for us as Christian stewards. When the apostles suggest to Jesus that He should dismiss the hungry crowd so they could go and find some dinner, Jesus had another idea. “Give them some food yourselves,” He tells them. This seemed impossible and would take great effort. Jesus is not asking the impossible, He is asking us to give Him what we do have for the sake of others and let Him do the impossible with it. This is the essence of the stewardship way of life. The sharing of ourselves and our gifts does not leave us with less, but with more. The faith community in today's Gospel ended up with a surplus after everyone shared their gifts in Jesus' name. May we trust that we will always have enough because we have decided to be good stewards expecting nothing in return. (*Stewardship Reflection*, Catholic Stewardship Consultants, Inc. 2019/05/17)

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.

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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.