

June 26, 2022
13th 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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Parish Council President – Gary Woodruff – 248-1776

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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

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!

CITY HOMEOWNER ASSISTANCE - The City of Johnstown is offering funding that is available from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) that will provide City homeowners up to a Maximum \$10,000.00 dollars to make repairs to the **exterior** of their homes. The Home Weatherization Program offered exists to help homeowners weatherize their residences, funds are available to cover up to \$10,000 of weatherization repairs. **The home must be located within the City of Johnstown and be his or her primary residence**. The Johnstown Redevelopment Authority is the Program Manager for the City of Johnstown American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Home Rehabilitation Program, JRA agrees to administer the City ARPA Home Rehabilitation Program. For further information please contact the Johnstown Redevelopment Authority at 814 535-6564.

GOB SALE – We will be holding a **Gob Sale on Saturday, July 2nd** at St. Francis Activity Building on Barron Ave and D Street, from 9:00AM – 12 Noon. Gobs are \$2.00 each.

CONTRIBUTIONS LAST WEEK: Loose - \$258.00; Adults - \$2,473.25; Monthly - \$485.00; Candles – \$311.31; Father's Day - \$321.00; Hall Rental - \$150.00; Donation - \$30.00 - Total Collection - \$4,028.56

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.

RESURRECTION GOLF OUTING – Saturday, August 20, 2022 at Oakbrook Golf Course. 12:30PM Shotgun start. Cost is \$60.00 per person. Deadline to register is August 10th. Registration Forms are in the Main Vestibule of the Church.



Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's Gospel reading begins a long section unique to Luke's Gospel. Jesus begins His Journey to Jerusalem, which will end with His Ministry in Jerusalem. We read that Jesus' days for being "taken up" were fulfilled. The Greek word that Luke uses for "taken up" is the same word he uses to describe the Ascension. We also read that Jesus is determined to journey to Jerusalem. For Luke, Jesus' Ministry begins in Galilee and then is one long journey to Jerusalem. In Jerusalem He will meet His Death but also enter into His glory. Only in Luke does Jesus then spend 40 days in Jerusalem instructing His Disciples. It is in Jerusalem that His Disciples wait after His Ascension to be sent the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. And it is from Jerusalem, in Luke's second volume, the Acts of the Apostles, that the Good News is spread to Rome and the ends of the earth.

Immediately Jesus is met with rejection, as a Samaritan village will not receive Him because He is going to Jerusalem. There was animosity between Samaritans who worshiped on Mount Gerazim and Jews who worshiped in Jerusalem. Jesus was also rejected as He began His Ministry in Galilee in Chapter 4. And He will be rejected for the last time when He reaches Jerusalem. James and John want to call down fire from heaven to destroy the people in the village, but Jesus rebukes them and moves on. There is often the temptation to use violence to achieve right. Jesus has come to break this temptation. He is aware that He must undergo violence Himself before He can enter His glory.

The rest of today's reading is about the radical demands of discipleship. The three people who volunteer to become disciples on this journey show that they do not understand the demands Jesus will make of them. Neither care of self, care for the dead, nor care of one's family (as required by the Fourth Commandment) can come before the demands of discipleship. Jesus reminds the first volunteer, who would go wherever Jesus goes, that animals in the wild have more security than do Jesus and His followers. The second, who wants to bury a parent, is reminded that the demands of proclaiming the Kingdom of God take precedence. And the third, who wants to say farewell to His family, is reminded that once you put your hand to the plow you cannot look back or the furrow will be crooked. Such a person is not ready for the Kingdom of God.

Jesus seems harsh here, but He is only asking of His Disciples what he asks of Himself. Jesus' unconditional commitment to God's saving work will demand of Him His Life. He knows this, but the disciples do not understand. Jesus does not want anyone to rush into Discipleship, because the demands of Discipleship require everyone considering it to be aware of the cost, make Jesus and His Mission central to His Life, and then go forward without looking back..

(June 26) Thirteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Two disciples agreed to follow Jesus, but only on the condition that they first take care of what they needed to. We are called to put Christ and His kingdom ahead of our own plans if we want a victory in the battle of selfishness. Stewardship living provides us with a commitment to keep a custom-made "training plan." It is a plan discerned through prayer, and by looking at the realities of our unique circumstances, strengths and limitations we can make specific offerings of our time, talent, and treasure. The daily commitment to the plan strengthens us and helps us gradually move away from the "yes, but" attitude and move towards an unqualified "Yes!" to Christ and His will. Do not be afraid to give the best of yourself and your gifts to Christ. (*Stewardship Reflection*, Catholic Stewardship Consultants, Inc. 2019/6/28)

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 Sobacky, Leona Sutt, Paulette Torchia, Joe Torchia, David Watson, Sheila Weppner, Mark Wojno.

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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.