

June 5, 2022
Pentecost Sunday
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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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

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 - Next weekend, June 11th and 12th, please welcome Rev. Jeremiah O’Shea who will be with us to celebrate Masses and tell us about the work of Unbound, a lay Catholic Sponsorship Ministry that helps children and elderly in 19 developing countries. To learn more, call (800) 875-6564 or visit Unbound online at www.unbound.org.

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.

CHURCH PICNIC – Church Picnic will be on **July 31st**. Deadline to sign-up is July 17th. Sign-up sheet is in the Main Vestibule. Bring your favorite desert!

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 - \$248.00; Adults - \$2,172.25; Monthly - \$133.00; Candles – \$144.00; St. Vincent DePaul - \$47.00; Easter - \$40.00; Easter Flowers - \$40.00; Holy Thursday - \$15.00; Good Friday - \$15.00; Ascension - \$575.00; Mother’s Day - \$40.00; Father’s Day - \$15.00; Catholic Communications - \$33.00; Peter Pence - \$5.00- Total Collection - \$3,522.25.

SANCTUARY CANDLE – Will burn from May 29 – June 11 for Kathy Barczak — From: Your Friends at St. Francis of Assisi Church

BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE – Will burn from May 29 – June 11 for Pat Deskevich — From: Fran

**CATHOLIC MINISTRY DRIVE COLLECTION
FOR MONTH OF MAY**

Parish Goal – \$18,488

Pledges in May – \$608

Amount Still Needed – \$14,569.00

Total Donors MONTH OF MAY - 24

Background on the Gospel Reading

The season of Easter concludes with today's celebration, the Feast of Pentecost. On Pentecost we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles gathered in the upper room in Jerusalem; this event marks the beginning of the Church. The story of Pentecost is found in the Acts of the Apostles, today's first reading. The account in today's Gospel, taken from the Gospel of John, also recounts how Jesus gave the gift of the Holy Spirit to His Disciples. There is no need to try to reconcile these two accounts to each other. It is enough to know that, after His Death, Jesus fulfilled His promise to send to His Disciples a helper, an advocate, who would enable them to be His witnesses throughout the world.

We previously heard today's Gospel on the second Sunday of Easter. At that time, we also heard the passage that follows, which describes Jesus' appearance to Thomas. In that context, we were led to reflect on belief and unbelief.

In the context of the Feast of Pentecost, this reading reminds us about the integral connection between the gifts of peace and forgiveness and the action of the Holy Spirit. Jesus greets His Disciples with the gift of peace. Jesus then commissions His Disciples to continue the work that He has begun, "As the Father has sent Me, so I send you." As He breathes the Holy Spirit upon them, Jesus sends His Disciples to continue His work of reconciliation through the forgiveness of sins.

This Gospel reminds us that the Church is called to be a reconciling presence in the world. This reconciling presence of Christ is celebrated in the Church's sacramental life. In the Sacrament of Baptism, we are washed clean from sin and become a new creation in Christ. In the Sacrament of Penance, the Church celebrates the mercy of God in forgiving sins. This reconciling presence is also to be a way of life for Christians. In situations of conflict, we are to be agents of peace and harmony among people.

(June 5) Solemnity of Pentecost

Each one of us, young and old alike, is personally called today by the Holy Spirit in to the same mission as that of the first Apostles; to advance the kingdom of God in our corner of the world. The Holy Spirit speaks to us in our "own language" to give us the Good News of the Gospel and urges us to share it. We can think of our own language as the particular gifts, talents and passions we possess. We truly serve a personal God Who sees each of us as unique and individual creations. And our own mission to fulfill in grateful service of the Kingdom of God. When we surrender ourselves to God, putting Him first in all aspects of life, our time, talents, and finances, we can count on life that is challenging, yes, but even more so a life as a great adventure because it is a life guided and directed by the very source of power and creativity, the Holy Spirit. (*Stewardship Reflection*, Catholic Stewardship Consultants, Inc. 2019/05/03)

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.