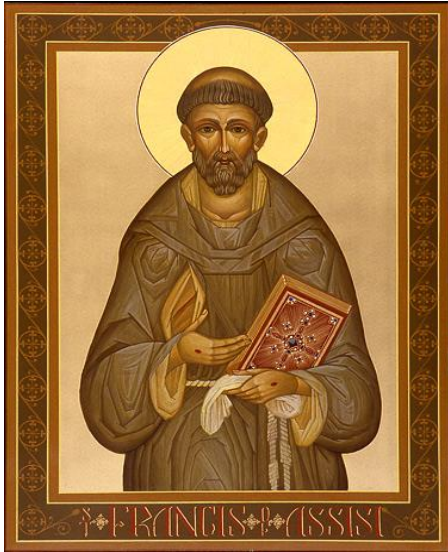


August 7, 2022
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
THE FAITH COMMUNITY OF
ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

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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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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES – are scheduled to begin on Sunday, September 18 from 10:45AM until 12Noon IN PERSON at Resurrection Parish Center. Registration forms can be found in the Main Vestibule of the Church. Catholic School Sacrament Prep form is Green, Public School Students form is Blue, Catholic School 1st Communion and Confirmation Registration form is Purple. Please register your child/children as soon as possible so that books and other materials can be ordered. Sacramental preparation and celebration of the Sacraments of Penance/Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation are parish based. Parish based Sacramental preparation is in addition to education in either the Catholic School or home schooling. This means all Students enrolled in Catholic Elementary Middle School or High School are required to attend only Sacrament Preparation Classes with Public School Students. These dates will be announced soon.

NEEDED: ALTAR SERVERS, LECTORS, & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION
– If you are interested in participating in one or more of these Ministries, Please contact the Parish Office (814)539-1632.

SAVE YOUR SOLES FOR OTHER SOULS – We will be collecting any new or gently worn shoes to help raise money for our Parish. The Campaign will run from Sept 6th – Nov 6th. Start gathering up your shoes to donate! Ask your friends and family members to donate their shoes as well. If you would like to help in any way with this project please contact Carol Mangus at 814-536-0152 or 814-242-9801.

HEARTFELT thanks to the dear ladies who helped sort baby clothes for the Gabriel Project: Alice Havers, Georgetta LaBuda, Carol Mangus, Cathy Strushensky, and Paulette Torchia. Your hard work is so appreciated. *Gale*

KUDOS to all those who so generously donated baskets and prizes for the Picnic that unfortunately was canceled. If you would like your donations returned please contact Cel Neiderer at 814-534-0602, otherwise they will remain to be chanced off at another time.

WOMEN'S CONFERENCE – A dynamic and inspiring Catholic speaker will headline the upcoming Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown women's conference "Women Find Strength in Christ" on September 10, 2022, at Holy Name Parish in Ebensburg. Kelly Walquist, founder of WINE: Women in the New Evangelization, will be the keynote speaker. Also presenting will be Deanne Miller and Colleen Scariano, co-founders of SoulCore, a movement that nurtures a body and soul through prayer and core strengthening exercises. The conference includes Eucharistic Adoration, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and lunch. The cost is only \$10 per person. Please register online at dioceseaj.org or pick up a hard copy registration form at any parish and mail the form and a check to the diocese. The deadline for reservations is August 31.

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 of \$10,000.00 dollars to make repairs to the **exterior** of their homes. The Home Weatherization Program offer 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.

CONTRIBUTIONS LAST WEEK: Loose – \$214.00; Adults – \$1,965.25; Monthly – \$10.00; Candles – \$115.00; Funeral - \$150.00; Donation – \$100.00 – Total Collection - \$2,554.25

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE – Will burn July 31st – August 13th for Kathy Barczak — From: All Your Friends at St. Francis.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Jesus' instructions on how to be ready for the coming judgment continue in the stories and sayings found in today's Gospel. We are not to be like the greedy rich man in last Sunday's Gospel who planned to store his great harvest in barns rather than share it. We are, rather, to share our wealth with those in need. The antidote for the anxiety brought on by the coming judgment is to relinquish our possessions and provide for the needs of others. Our treasure will be in Heaven where it will not wear out or be destroyed. The other major way to be ready for the coming judgment is to be watchful. In Luke's Gospel, Jesus tells a parable about watchfulness to begin making this point. We must be like servants waiting for the master's return from a wedding banquet, which, even now, can last for a few days in the

Middle East. We must be watchful so that even if the master comes after midnight, we will be ready for him. This is what the coming of the Son of Man will be like. Peter asks if this parable is meant for the Apostles or for the large crowd that has gathered to listen to Jesus. Without answering Peter's question, Jesus responds with another parable about servants awaiting the return of their master. It begins with a question: "Who, then is in the faithful and prudent servant whom the master will put in charge of his servants to distribute the food allowance at the proper time?" This parable adds to the theme of watchfulness; it explains how to wait and reminds us of the reward for the faithful follower at the Heavenly banquet after the judgment. If it is addressed to the Apostles, then it could also be addressed to leadership in the early Church. Either way, the parables reminds us that we should be found doing our jobs when the master arrives. If we are doing our jobs, our reward will be great. But if we relax, neglect our duties, and begin to act like the greedy rich man – eating, drinking, and making merry – we will not have place in the Kingdom. Watchfulness means living in such a consistently moral and obedient way that we are always ready to give an account to God of how we have lived.

August 7 – Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

We are asked today, "What do you treasure?" and "What would you do if you had radical Faith in God?" As a Christian steward, you could ask yourself further: "Where do I spent the majority of my energy? How do I choose to spend my few spare minutes? What do my spending habits reveal about what is important to me?"

Acting with radical Faith will take prayer and honesty: "Would I change my whole life in Faith and trust to answer the call of God to enter into unknown territory as Abraham did? Is there a new and different ministry I might take on? What projects might I pass up at work so that I can be more present at home? This week think about what you really treasure and then take a bold, Faith-filled and unafraid risk to show your gratitude to God for all that He has given to you and your family. (*Stewardship Reflection*, Catholic Stewardship Consultants, Inc. 2022/1/10)

BISHOP MARK BARTCHAK and the Family Life Office cordially invite all couples celebrating 1, 5, 10,15, 20,25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60+ years of marriage in 2022 (and their families) to attend the Annual Wedding Anniversary Liturgy. Couples may attend Sunday, September 18 in Altoona at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament or Sunday, September 25 in Johnstown at St. John Gualbert Cathedral. Both locations are handicap accessible. Liturgies in each location will begin at 2:00PM. Most Rev. Mark Bartchak will be the celebrant and homilist at each celebration. Refreshments/snacks will be available after the Mass for anniversary couples and their families. Reservations must be made through your parish for either celebration by Monday, August 29.

EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLE DISPLAY – St. Andrew Church, 1621 Ferndale Ave will host a display of Eucharistic Miracles from around the world. The display consisting of 175 poster boards displaying different Eucharistic Miracles will be available in the school gym August 13-21. This display is essentially a printout of the large database of Eucharistic Miracles gathered by Bl. Carlo Acutis, who built a website cataloging these miracles. He died at age 15 from Leukemia in 2006.

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, Mark Wojno.

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; **Fr. William Appel**, Navy Chaplain, U.S. Coast Guard Academy.

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 – is held weekly on various days and various times across from the Planned Parenthood on Franklin Street in Johnstown. Please call Gale Bala for information (814)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. **(CANCELLED FOR JULY & AUGUST)**

THE FRANCISCAN FRIARS, TOR from Loretto, invite you to participate with them in celebrating the Fatima Devotions on Saturday, August 13, 2022 at 6:30PM in the Sunken Gardens at Mount Assisi (in case of inclement weather, we will be at the Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel). We are looking forward to seeing you.