

October 2, 2022

27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary THE FAITH COMMUNITY OF 1922 - 2022  
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

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** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

**UPCOMING MASS SCHEDULE** – Due to the Celebratory nature of the 100<sup>th</sup>

Anniversary weekend, the Mass schedule is as follows:

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2022 4:00PM Mass**

**NO MASSES SUNDAY MORNING EXCEPT THE 12 NOON ANNIVERSARY MASS CELEBRATED BY BISHOP MARK BARTCHAK. THE HOPE IS THAT MANY PARISHIONERS WILL BE ATTENDING THE 12 NOON MASS.**

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

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

**PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE FOR ADORATION ON FIRST FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2022. ADORATION WILL CONCLUDE AT 1:00 PM WITH BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT. THERE WILL NOT BE CONFESSIONS AT 5:00 PM AND NO MASS AT 5:30PM.**

**UPCOMING BUS TRIP** – American Music Theatre – Christmas Show on November 10<sup>th</sup>. Please call Fran for more info at (814)536-3667.

**GABRIEL PROJECT** – In order to continue the Gabriel Project Pro Life Ministry here at St. Francis, volunteers are being recruited for day to day jobs such as buying baby items, organizing inventory, getting set-ups ready, or distributing items to clients. If there is interest, we can have an organizational/informational meeting in the near future. Please contact Gale for more information at (814)539-0155.

**SAVE YOUR SOLES FOR OTHER SOULS** – Keep up the good work, we had a fantastic week! Please continue to collect from family, friends and coworkers for this great cause. We are unable to accept worn out soles, rips and holes in shoes. Thank you to all who have already contributed, Every pair of shoes counts! **Next cleaning date will be Monday and Tuesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am. All volunteers are appreciated!**

**THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, SEMINARIAN ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE, COLUMBUS DAY CELEBRATION** – The Annual Event will be held at St. Michael Basilica in Loretto, PA on October 9, 2022. Bishop Mark Bartchak will celebrate Mass at 2:00PM. The main speaker will be Rev. Jason Charron, Pastor of Holy Trinity Ukrainian Catholic Church, Carnegie, PA. He will speak about his involvement in assisting the safe passage of children from Ukraine to Poland. Immediately following Mass, a dinner will be held in St. Michael Parish Social Center. Knights along with their family members, friends and all parishioners are invited to this social event. The cost of the dinner is \$15.00 for adults and \$7.50 for children 12 years old and younger. **Reservations must be made in advance. No money transactions will be made at the door the evening of the banquet.**

Those wishing to attend, please submit your name along with a check to: William Stasko, CPA, 8 Entrance Drive, Johnstown, PA 15906. **The deadline for reservations is October, 1, 2022.**

## Background on the Gospel Reading

In today's Gospel we hear Jesus Teach about faith and service to God. The context is a continuing dialogue between Jesus and His Followers about what it means to be a Disciple of Jesus. Jesus has just finished an instruction on sin and forgiveness. There are two related teachings that Jesus offers to His Disciples when they cry out for an increase in faith. The first is the familiar reminder that faith, even just a little, will enable the followers of Jesus to do wondrous things. But this uplifting and inspiring teaching is quickly followed by the second teaching, a caution about knowing one's place in God's plans. The Disciples of Jesus are to understand themselves as servants to God and His plans. Even when God works wonders through us, with our mustard seed-sized faith, we must not seek praise. Our participation in God's plans is God's grace to us—nothing more, nothing less. When we are graced enough to cooperate with God, the work we do is nothing more than our obligation to God as faithful stewards. And yet, our faith enables us to believe that what we have offered in service to God, as His Servants, can be made to produce a hundredfold.

### (October 2) Twenty-seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time

Today's readings urge us to wait in hope and remind us that we are equipped by the Holy Spirit with power to love and have self-control. Through God's invitation and grace, we can use our gifts as faithful disciples and prudent stewards to build up God's Kingdom here on earth. Like the servant, we are expected to continue to serve our Lord until we have completed the work God has given us. Our very lives belong to God.

When we share our time, talents, and finances we should not ask, "What's in it for me?" Whatever we do on God's behalf with our lives and our gifts is simply our God-given responsibility. (*Stewardship Reflections by Catholic Stewardship Consultants, 9/2019*)

**ANNUAL MARIAN CELEBRATION MASS & ROSARY** – Sunday October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 3:00PM. The theme is – "Mary and the Holy Eucharist" – Principal Celebrant, Bishop Mark Bartchak at St. Benedict Church – 2310 Bedford Street, Johnstown, PA 15904.

**TURKEY RAFFLE TICKETS** – Are in the Main Vestibule of the Church. Every Parishioner has their own envelope with their name marked on it. Please pick your envelope up at your earliest convenience.

**ST. FRANCIS FISH FRY** – A huge thank you to all the volunteers and those who supported the September fish fry by purchasing our food. Our next fish fry is scheduled for Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup> from 2-6PM. We hope to provide dine-in service in the near future.

**SANCTUARY CANDLE** – Will Burn October 2<sup>nd</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> for improved health for Kathy Bartchak – From: All Your Friends at St. Francis.

**CONTRIBUTIONS LAST WEEK:** Loose – \$178.00; Adults – \$1,583.25; Monthly – \$202.00; Candles – \$118.00; St. Vincent DePaul – \$355.00; Retired Priest Medical – \$78.00; Online Giving - \$186.00– Total Collection - \$2,700.25.

**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, Rowen Ream, Alexandra Rice, Carly Rice, Doug Rice, Rose Rice, James Schuster, Betty Scott, Gary Singel, Betty Spisak, Joanna Stone, Carol Sobecky, Leona Sutt, 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 Guarino**, USCG; **Master at Arms 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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, Fort Leavenworth, KS.; **Petty Officer 1<sup>st</sup> 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, 193<sup>rd</sup> Special Operations Wing; **Lt. Col Steven Thomas**, USAF, deploying to the Middle East; **2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Colin Harrington**, US Army, Bethesda, MD; **2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Hood; **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 2<sup>nd</sup> Class, Gage Pollino**, US Navy; **Pvt. 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

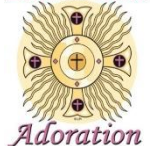
Did you know that it is a custom in Johnstown to wear something RED on Fridays to honor our military?

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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).**

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**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.