

**September 18, 2022**  
**25<sup>th</sup> 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**

<b>MASS SCHEDULE – Monday – 9:00AM, Tuesday – 6:15PM, Wednesday – Saturday – 9:00AM</b> <b>Saturday – 4:00PM, Sunday – 7:30AM &amp; 9:30AM</b>
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*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

**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS** – The Family of +Julia A. Antonazzo who was laid to rest last week. Welcoming God receive from our hands the Loved Ones we return to You.

**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! So far we have 1,850 pairs of shoes!! 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, September 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am. All volunteers are appreciated!**

**FISH FRY** –St. Francis Fish Fry has been **rescheduled** for **Friday, September from 2:00 – 6:00PM**, so there is no conflict with the Slavic Fest. Preparations will happen throughout that week. Former Volunteers will receive a call to see if they available. New Volunteers are welcome and may call Gale at (814)539-0155 to up! All help is greatly appreciated!!



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**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES** – PLEASE SIGN YOUR CHILD UP A.S.A.P. We are scheduled to begin on Sunday, September 18 from 10:45AM until 12 Noon **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 1<sup>st</sup> Communion and Confirmation Registration form is Purple.

**CONTRIBUTIONS LAST WEEK:** Loose – \$133.00; Adults – \$3,160.25; Monthly – \$505.00; Candles – \$172.75; St. Vincent DePaul – \$5.00; Catholic University – \$35.00; Retired Priest Medical – \$5.00; Assumption – \$13.00; Donation – \$30.00 Online Giving - \$266.00– Total Collection - \$4,059.00

**ST. ROCHUS CFU LODGE #5** – Radost Tamburitza Orchestra will be performing at the Croatian Hall Lodge #5 on Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. The doors will open at 2:30PM. All are welcome! A \$5.00 donation will be accepted at the door. The Croatian Hall is located at 612 Broad St. in Cambria City.

**PUBLIC ROSARY** Praying for Our Country Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> – 12 NOON Central Park, Downtown Johnstown.

## Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's Gospel sounds puzzling to contemporary readers, but it can be made less so by considering the economic system which stands behind the parable. A steward is dismissed because he is squandering his master's property. He is called dishonest because he is not serving the interests of the rich man, his employer. In response the steward, in an attempt to ensure favor for himself among the rich man's debtors, brokers repayment of the rich man's loans by foregoing the interest and fees that had been levied to line the steward's pockets. It is this action, in which the steward puts aside his greed and takes the longer perspective in order to enhance his security, which is commended by the rich man.

The passage concludes with three morals for the listeners. The first exhorts the listener to be prudent about the use of wealth. Like the steward in the parable, those who would follow Jesus must put transitory affairs in proper perspective. Christians should handle the affairs of temporal life with an eye toward eternal life.

The second concerns trustworthiness. Those who can be trusted in small things can also be trusted in great things. If Christians handle money and other passing things responsibly, then they can also be trusted with the affairs of the Kingdom of God.

Finally, Jesus tells His listeners that no one can serve two masters simultaneously. God must be put ahead of money.

### (September 18) Twenty-fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

We know the “bad steward” in today’s Gospel was clever and energetic. He put thought, prudence, and creativity into the plans he made for his self-serving ends and carried out his plans with great success. What if we would put that kind of effort into our own tasks as good stewards of all God’s gifts to us? We are called to be trustworthy and responsible in obeying God’s laws of charity, honesty, and justice. We are called to be the advocate and voice of the poor in our faith and civic communities. That’s our lesson and our challenge.

Will we be able to give a full account of our stewardship at the end of our earthly journey to our merciful Master? (*Stewardship Reflections* by *Catholic Stewardship Consultants*, (9/2019))

**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.**

**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 Guarno**, 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, Ft. Steward, GA; **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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*Adoration*

**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.