

October 9, 2022

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

100th 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

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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

UPCOMING MASS SCHEDULE – Due to the Celebratory nature of the 100th 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.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED – On Monday, October 10th in Observance of Columbus Day.

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

CCD & CONFIRMATION PREP CLASSES – There will be **NO CCD Class on October 9th & 16th**. The next class will be on Sunday, October 23rd from 10:45 – 12 Noon at Resurrection Education Building. The next Confirmation Prep class for grades 9 – 11 are on October 30th.

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 – We have reached **2925 pairs of shoes** and we are only halfway through our campaign!! We have exceeded our initial goal of 2500 pairs of shoes. With this milestone, we have upped our goal to **4000 pairs**. Please continue to clean out your closets, remind your friends and coworkers, and even ask your neighbors. I appreciate all the help I have been getting with the cleaning and bagging of shoes. **Next cleaning date will be Monday and Tuesday, October 10th and 11th at 9:00 AM. All volunteers are appreciated!**

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.



MASS FOR PARENTS WHO LOST A CHILD – Bishop Mark will celebrate a Mass for those who are grieving the loss of a child. This is for parents who may have lost their child to miscarriage, or when their child was young, as well as having lost adult children. The Mass is open to parents, grandparents, and grieving relatives and friends. The Mass will be held at St. Matthew Parish in Tyrone, PA, on Sunday, November 6, at 10:30AM, with light refreshments to follow. Registration is not necessary. If you have any questions, please contact the Family Life Office at the Diocesan Pastoral Center by calling 814-695-5579 or emailing familylife@dioceseaj.org.

SANCTUARY CANDLE – Will Burn October 2nd – 15th for improved health for Kathy Barczak – From: All Your Friends at St. Francis.

CONTRIBUTIONS LAST WEEK: Loose – \$135.00; Adults – \$2,281.25; Monthly – \$559.00; Candles – \$161.00; St. Vincent DePaul – \$54.00; Retired Priest Medical – \$100.00; Cemetery – \$280.00; World Mission – \$5.00; Funeral – \$650.00; Online Giving - \$191.00– Total Collection - \$4,416.25.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today we hear about how Jesus, continuing on His Journey to Jerusalem, heals 10 lepers. This story is a lesson about Faith and reminds us that Faith is sometimes found in unlikely places. Ten people afflicted with leprosy cry out to Jesus. Struck with pity, Jesus Heals all 10. However, only one is described as glorifying God and returning to thank Jesus. The one who returns is a Samaritan, a foreigner. In the Jewish circles in which Jesus lived, Samaritans were looked down upon because of the differences between the two communities in their observance of Judaism. It is significant, therefore, that Jesus commends the Samaritan for his Faith, which has been his salvation. Throughout Luke's Gospel, Faith is found in surprising places.

Another lesson for us in this Gospel has to do with salvation. All 10 of the lepers were given the gift of healing, but in his gratitude to God for this gift, the Samaritan found salvation. Our salvation is found in recognizing the gifts we have been given and knowing to whom we must offer our thanks.

(October 9) Twenty-eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Today's readings demonstrate the power and vital importance of gratitude in the life of the Christian Disciple, for gratitude leads us to worship God who offers us Salvation. We see this in the response of the two lepers. The Truth is that our lives and every breath we take are His Gift to us. But we can get so caught up in the stresses and distractions of daily life that we lose touch with this truth. Gratitude is key to a stewardship way of life.

Gratitude begins within our minds and hearts when we take the time to recognize how blessed we truly are, and when we have the humility to recognize where these blessings come from — our merciful and loving God. Do you give thanks to our Generous God for all the blessings you receive each and every day? (*Stewardship Reflections by Catholic Stewardship Consultants, 9/2019*)

FATIMA DEVOTIONS – The Franciscan Friars, T.O.R., from Loretto, invite you to participate with them in celebrating the Fatima Devotions on Thursday, October 13th, 2022, at 6:30 PM at the Basilica of Saint Michael the Archangel. We are really looking forward to seeing you.

PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY – You are invited to join in a Public Square Rosary Rally on Saturday, October 15, 2022 at 12:00 Noon at St. Francis of Assisi, Honoring Our Lady of Fatima and Praying for Peace, Life & Our Country. St. Clement Church is also hosting a Public Square Rally on Thursday, October 13th at 6:30 PM inside the Church. On Saturday, October 15th the Rosary Rally will be at 12:00 Noon at Central Park, Downtown Johnstown.

FAITH UNDERSTOOD – SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER PAUL ZUCCARELLI – Friday, October 28 at 7:00 PM in the Basilica of Saint Michael the Archangel – Allow his experience to restore your faith! Paul suffered nine cardiac arrests after surgery and was dead for two hours. He was graced to witness Heaven during this time. **Come and hear his amazing testimony of God's love and saving grace.** There is no charge ~ free will offering accepted.

Please note that handicap restroom facilities are not available in the Basilica at this time

NUT AND POPPY SEED ROLLS: St. Clare of Assisi Parish is taking orders for Nut and Poppy Seed Rolls. The cost is \$13.00 per roll. Please place orders by contacting the St. Clare of Assisi Office at 814-535-1133. Pick up will be Thursday and Friday, October 27 and 28 from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM and Saturday, October 29 from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM in the St. Clare School Hall.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK OR HOMEBOUND

James Edward Adams, Kathy Barczak, Galynn Brady, Sister Carol Jean Czzyrnik, 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 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, Fort Leavenworth, KS.; **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 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 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).

Eucharistic



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.