

November 20, 2022

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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

CONGRATULATIONS – Congratulations on the Baptism of Emma Rose Scarff and her parents, Walter James Custer, III and Rebecca Ann Scarff and Godparents, Timothy Scarff and Jacklin Scarff.

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS – Thanksgiving Day, November 24th Mass will be held at 9:00AM.

CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS PARTY – We will be holding our Annual Children’s Christmas Party on December 11th at the Activity Building from 1-3PM. Children up to age 12 are welcome to join. Sign-up sheet is in the Vestibule. Last day for sign-ups is November 21st.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION FOR VETERANS AND MILITARY FAMILIES - A Food distribution will be held in the Johnstown area for all Veterans and Military families in need at Hiram G Andrews on Goucher Street. Dates are as follow: Monday, November 21st from 12:00 Noon to 2:00PM; also on Nov 28th and Dec 29th from 12-3PM. For more information, please call 1-844-VLP-VETS.

SAVE THE DATE – CASH BASH/MARDI GRAS – Save the date for February 11, 2023 for our Annual Cash Bash/Mardi Gras. Tickets will be available soon!

HOLY HOUR TO END VIOLENCE IN OUR CITY – In light of the recent violence in the news in our region, St. John Gualbert Cathedral will be hosting a Holy Hour for an end to violence in our city on Christ the King Sunday, November 20th from 7PM-8PM. All are welcome to attend. Please join us in praying for peace throughout our region.

CONTRIBUTIONS LAST WEEK: Loose – \$211.00; Adults – \$2,331.89; Monthly – \$270.00; Candles – \$136.90; St. Vincent DePaul – \$55.00; Thanksgiving – \$25.00; Catholic University – \$20.00; Catholic Charities – \$60.00; All Saints – \$40.00; All Souls – \$20.00; Assumption – \$5.00; Cemetery – \$5.00; World Mission – \$20.00; Retired Priests Medical – \$20.00; Donation – \$80.00; Online Giving - \$186.00 – Total Collection - \$3,485.79

ON YOUR MARK, GET SET, GO.... The 1st Sunday of Advent is right around the corner: November 27, 2022. While we are so busy with the secular side of Christmas preparation, what are we doing in preparation for the Religious-side of Christmas? Can we take some time each day of Advent to prepare the manger of our heart, to welcome the Tiny Babe of Bethlehem?

O Come let us adore Him... Christ the Lord!!



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Background on the Gospel Reading

Today as a Church, we conclude our Liturgical Year and celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. The Gospel we proclaim shows the great mystery of our Faith: In the moment of His Crucifixion, Jesus is shown to be King and Savior of all.

Luke's Gospel has been loaded with surprises: the poor are rich, sinners find Salvation, the Kingdom of God is found in our midst. Here we see the greatest surprise of all. We are confronted with the Crucified Jesus, whom Faith tells us is King and Savior of all. The irony is that the inscription placed on the cross, perhaps in mockery, contains the profoundest of truth. As the leaders jeer, the thief crucified by His side recognizes Jesus as Messiah and King, and finds Salvation.

Jesus is King, but not the kind of king we might have imagined or expected. His Kingship was hidden from many of His contemporaries, but those who had the eyes of Faith were able to see. As modern Disciples of Jesus, we, too, struggle at times to recognize Jesus as King. Today's Gospel invites us to make our own judgment. With eyes of Faith, we, too, recognize that Jesus, the Crucified One, is indeed King and Savior of all.

November 20 – Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

“The grandeur of His Kingdom is not power as defined in this world, but the love of God, a love capable of encountering and healing all things.” (Pope Francis, *Homily*, November 20, 2016) Jesus comes to us without earthly glory but on a cross, crowned by thorns. It is in this moment of seeming weakness and humiliation, when all appears hopeless and lost, that the full breadth of His Greatness as King is displayed.

What does this mean for us as His followers and stewards of His Kingdom? Precisely that our lives are not about us. Though all things were created through and for Him – Christ chooses to live entirely for others, for us! And, we will advance His kingdom to the extent that we embrace this mindset: my life is not about me; it is about serving Christ and others. How can you honor God through stewardship?

WINNERS FROM TURKEY RAFFLE – This list of winners from the Men's Club Turkey Raffle is on an insert in this weekend's Bulletin.

SANCTUARY CANDLE – Will burn from November 20th – November 26th – For: Theresa Toth – From: Tom Dadey.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK OR HOMEBOUND

James Edward Adams, Kathy Barczak, James Bauer, Galynn Brady, Sister Carol Jean Czynnik, 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 Sobczyk, 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; **Captain 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).



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. Access to the Church is by ringing the doorbell at the Barron Avenue door for admittance – a matter of safety for the Blessed

Sacrament and adorers.