

June 4, 2023
The Most Holy Trinity
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 Secretary – Megan Billow-Berchick

Office Hours – 9:00AM to 3:00PM – Mon. thru Thurs.

Parish Council President – Gary Woodruff – 248-1776

Finance Council President –

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 Vigil– 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

PURCHASE OF 2 DEFIBRILLATORS – The Parish is purchasing 2 Defibrillators, one for the Church and one for the Activity Center. The cost of each defibrillator is \$800.00. We will be having a 2nd Collection next weekend 6/10 & 6/11 to help defray the costs of them.

SIGHT AND SOUND BUS TRIP – The show for **Sight and Sound** is “**Moses**”. We will be attending the **3:00PM on Thursday, August 10th**. The bus will depart at 8:30AM from St. Francis Activity Center on Barron Avenue. Trip includes Roundtrip Motor Coach transportation, ticket to show and Buffet Lunch at “Bird in Hand” Restaurant. Cost is \$177.00 per person. Please contact Fran King at 814-536-3667. **Money and Reservations are due by 7/1/2023.**

GOBS – will be made on Tuesday, June 6th from 7:00AM-11AM. Gobs will be filled on Wednesday, June 7th from 8:00AM until 10:00AM and from 6:00PM until 8:00PM. All help is welcome and appreciated.

PUBLIC ROSARY – In Honor of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus and to Pray for the Healing of our Country on Thursday, June 8th 6:30 PM at St. Clement Church, Upper Yoder. Also, Saturday, June 10th at 12 NOON at Central Park, Downtown Johnstown.

FEAST OF ST. ANTHONY – DAY OF CELEBRATION – Please join us for a celebration honoring the Feast of St. Anthony of Padua on **Tuesday, June 13th at St. Bernadine Monastery, Hollidaysburg**. The event will include an outdoor Mass, Blessing of St. Anthony’s Bread, and veneration of a first-class relic of St. Anthony. Mass will begin at 10:00AM, followed by bread distribution. At the conclusion of Mass, join us for an outdoor BBQ lunch which is \$15.00 per person. Please pre-pay if you will be staying for lunch by June 6th by sending payment to 788 Monastery Road, Hollidaysburg, PA 16648. The celebration will be rain or shine as it will be under a tent and please bring a chair!

HEART OF FAITH: FOUNDATIONS OF CATHOLICISM - taught by Fr. Timothy Harris, TOR at St. John Vianney in Johnstown, PA. Mondays and Thursdays from 6:30-9:00 PM (Running for 6 weeks) beginning June 19. The cost for this class is \$35.00 and must be turned in with the Registration Form. Two books are also required for this class and can be purchased on Amazon. To complete the Registration Form please visit www.dioceseaj.org/lay-ecclesial-ministry or contact Jessica, Office of Adult Enrichment and Lay Ecclesial Ministry at (814) 361-2000 or via email at jgramling@dioceseaj.org All are welcome!

CONTRIBUTIONS LAST WEEK: Loose – \$263.00; Adults – \$1,970.25; Monthly – \$235.00; Candles – \$178.00; St. Vincent DePaul – \$407.00; Easter – \$10.00; Holy Thursday – \$10.00; Good Friday – \$10.00; Flowers – \$3.00; Assumption – \$3.00; Ascension – \$60.00; Pentecost – \$200.00; Cemetery – \$15.00; Catholic Communication – \$15.00; Donation – \$80.00; Online Giving - \$191.00 – Total Collection - \$3,650.25.

PLEASE NOTE: On the back page of the Bulletin is A PRAYER FOR OUR NATION. I highly recommend praying that special prayer EVERY DAY!



Background on the Gospel Reading

This week we return to the Liturgical Season of Ordinary Time. This Sunday and next, however, are designated as Solemnities—special days that call our attention to central mysteries of our Faith. Today on Trinity Sunday we celebrate the Mystery of the Holy Trinity, one God in Three Persons.

Today's Gospel is from the beginning of John's Gospel. The passage we read follows Jesus' Conversation with a Pharisee, Nicodemus, about what it means to be born of both Water and the Spirit. Nicodemus approaches Jesus at night and acknowledges Jesus as a Teacher from God. Jesus tells him that only those who are born from above will see the Kingdom of God. Nicodemus misunderstands and questions how a person can be born more than once. Jesus tells Nicodemus that no one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. Jesus is essentially explaining Baptism, which we celebrate as a Sacrament today. Yet Nicodemus, we are told, still does not understand what Jesus is saying. Jesus continues by testifying to the need to be born from above so that one might have Eternal Life.

After the dialogue with Nicodemus, the author of the Gospel offers his own explanation of Jesus' Words. This is what we read in Today's Gospel, John 3:16-18.

In the context of today's focus on the Mystery of the Holy Trinity, the reading calls our attention to the action of God, Who reveals Himself in Three Persons: God the Father, Jesus the Son, and the Holy Spirit. God the Father, out of love for the world, sent His Son into the world in order to save it. Through the Death and Resurrection of the Son, we have been given the gift of the Holy Spirit. As Three Persons, God acts always as a God of Love; He does not condemn the world but acts to save it.

The Gospel also calls attention to the response that is required of us. God's love for us calls us to respond in Faith by professing our belief in God's Son, Jesus, and the Salvation that He has won for us. This Profession of Faith is a sign of the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

June 4, 2023 — Solemnity of The Most Holy Trinity

Stewardship is the imitation of our Most Holy Trinity. God gave Himself, in the person of His Son, for the love of us. We must love this God back now by giving our lives to Him. The more we give of ourselves to God, the more we will find the "grace of the Lord, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit within us."

The Triune God of the universe invites us to an ever-deepening intimacy with Him when we make our lives a loving gift to Him and to others through the stewardship way of life. (www.CatholicSteward.com, 5/21/2019)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK OR HOMEBOUND

James Edward Adams, Kathryn Barczak, James Bauer, Galynn Brady, Sister Carol Jean Czrynik, Verne Esposito, James Golby, Alicia Junghans, Tyler McKinley, Rick McKinley, Rowen Ream, Alexandra Rice, Carly Rice, Doug Rice, Rose Rice, Gary Singel, Betty Spisak, Joanna Stone, Carol Sobbecky, Leona Sutt, Joe Torchia, David Watson, Sheila Weppner, Mark Wojno, Barbara Yesh.

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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**, **Major 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; **Sgt. Adken Torchia**, US Army, Fort Drum, NY;; **Capt. Kenneth Yacynych**, US Army, Fort Hood; **Sgt. Elliott Mulvehill**, USMC, Ginowan, Japan.; **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; **Jonathan McClain**, Warrant Officer, U.S. Army, Fort Drum, NY; **Tech Sgt. Daniel Bracken**; **Senior Airman Jeremy Williams**

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.

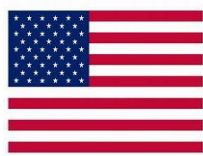
A PRAYER FOR OUR DEPLOYED MILITARY: Heavenly Father, inspire those who are overseas for the cause of peace. Send Your Son, Jesus Christ, as the Prince of Peace. Bless the men and women of our military who respond to the needs of peacekeeping. Keep them safe from harm. Let them be models of discipline 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).



PRAYER FOR OUR NATION – God our Father, Giver of Life, we entrust the United States of America to Your loving Care. You are the rock on which this nation was founded. You alone are the true source of our cherished rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Reclaim this land for Your Glory and dwell among Your People. Send us Your Spirit to touch the hearts of our nation’s

leaders. Open their minds to the great worth of human life and the responsibilities that accompany human freedom. Remind Your people that true happiness is rooted in seeking and doing Your will. Through the intercession of Mary Immaculate, Patroness of our land, grant us the courage to reject the “culture of death.” Lead us into a new millennium of life. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.