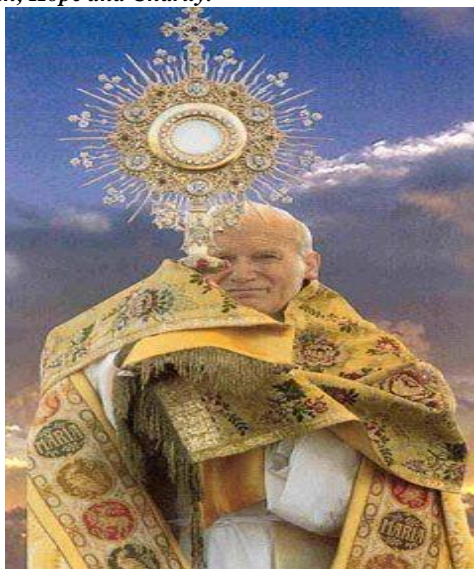


June 2, 2024
Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
THE FAITH COMMUNITY OF
ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

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 President – Philip Scott
Rosary Society – Cecilia Neiderer
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MASS SCHEDULE – Monday – 9:00AM, Tuesday – 6:15PM, Wednesday – Saturday – 9:00AM
Saturday Vigil– 4:00PM, Sunday – 7:30AM & 9:30AM

Alternative to Abortion – Precious Life Inc. (814)269-4391; Domestic Violence Hotline – Victim Services (814)288-4961;
Suicide Prevention Hotline – (814)535-8531 or 1-877-268-9463; St. Vincent DePaul (814)535-8521

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

THANK YOU – to the Men’s Club for planting the flowers for the Church. Also a special **“Thank you”** to Barb Bimeal and Marie Hammer for helping out also! Everyone’s help is greatly appreciated!

FATHER’S DAY COFFEE & SWEETS – On Sunday, June 16th we will be having coffee and sweets at the Activity Center after 9:30 AM MASS ONLY. Please come and join us!

PARISH PICNIC – will be held on Sunday, July 28th. Parish Council needs help with food prep, set-up, clean-up, games, etc. There will be a meeting on Sunday, June 2nd at 11:00 AM in the Activity Center to discuss the picnic. Any and all help is greatly appreciated.

MEN’S CLUB MEMORIAL DAY TICKET WINNER – The winner of the Men’s Club Memorial Day ticket is **#889 – Sandy Kornis**. Thank you to all who supported the Men’s Club by purchasing tickets!

MAINTENANCE MAN NEEDED – St. Francis of Assisi is looking for a Maintenance man to do day-to-day upkeep at the Activity Building, Church, Rectory and former Convent. Anyone interested please contact the Parish Office at (814)539-1632. It’s a part-time job opportunity of 15 - 20 hours per week. Diocesan clearances for protecting God’s Children is necessary.

PIZZA SALE – St. Francis of Assisi Fundraising Committee is having a **Marianne’s Sub and Pizza Sale**. **Orders will be due with money by June 2nd and pickup will be on June 15th**. Order forms are in the Main Vestibule.

SIGHT & SOUND ~ "DANIEL" – St. Francis is organizing a bus trip to Sight & Sound to watch "Daniel" on Tuesday, August 6th. The show starts at 3:00 PM, and the cost is \$177 per person, which includes the bus ride, show ticket, and lunch at Shady Maple Smorgasbord Restaurant. All reservations and payments must be made by Monday, June 10th. For inquiries, please reach out to Fran King at (814)536-3667. **5 SEATS ARE NEEDED TO MEET THE MINIMUM, IF NOT FILLED THE TRIP MAY BE CANCELLED.**

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – St. Francis of Assisi, St. John Gualbert / St. Patrick



Tuesday, July 9 thru Friday, July 12 from 9:00 AM–12:00 Noon (To be held at St. John Gualbert Activity Center) Our local Catholic churches have combined to offer a fantastic week of VBS! This year at VBS, your child is invited to *Come to the Table!* Your child will learn that everyone is welcome at God’s table. We’ll hear how Jesus spent a lot of time eating and talking with unexpected people. When you eat with Jesus, anything can happen!

Through prayer, art and active games, children are welcomed to taste and share at God’s table, where there is always enough! *Come to the Table* invites children to see that God loves and welcomes all people and challenges them to share that same love and hospitality in their everyday lives. Registration forms are in the Main Vestibule.

CONTRIBUTIONS LAST WEEK: Loose – \$112.00; Adults – \$1,890.25; Monthly – \$14.00; Candles – \$230.00; St. Vincent DePaul – \$306.00; Mother’s Day – \$22.00; Ascension – \$27.00; Cemetery – \$22.00; Donation – \$324.00; Online Giving – \$263.50 – Total Collection – \$3,210.75.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today, the second Sunday after Pentecost, we celebrate a second Solemnity, which marks our return to Ordinary Time in the Liturgical calendar. Today is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. At one time, this day was called *Corpus Christi*, the Latin words for “the Body of Christ.” In the most recent revision of our Liturgical Rites, the name for this day is expanded to be a more complete reflection of our Eucharistic theology.

In our reading for today, we read the account of the Last Supper found in the Gospel of Mark. It begins with the instructions that Jesus gave to His Disciples to prepare their Passover celebration. It then goes on to give an account of the Last Supper. On this Sunday, however, our Lectionary reading omits the verses between these two passages; in those omitted verses we hear Jesus predict His betrayal by one of His Disciples.

The Gospel of Mark describes Jesus’ Last Supper with His Disciples as a celebration of the Jewish feast of Passover. The Jewish celebration of Passover is a memorial to and a ritual participation in the defining moment of Israel’s history. It celebrates God’s deliverance of His people from slavery in Egypt. The Passover meal includes many ritually important elements, such as unleavened bread, lamb, and bitter herbs. Each food item recalls an aspect of the Exodus event. The instructions for the preparation of this meal are carefully prescribed in the Law of Moses. It is a central obligation of the Jewish faith tradition to celebrate this meal and to give thanks to God for His deliverance and protection.

In the description of the Passover meal found in today’s Gospel, however, Mark omits many elements of the Jewish Passover meal. Instead, he describes only those elements he believes to be most essential to the Christian Eucharist: Jesus took bread, blessed the bread, broke the bread, and shared it with His Disciples. Similar words and actions follow as Jesus shares the chalice with His Disciples. This bread now shared is Jesus’ Own Body. Those who drink from the chalice are invited to share in a new covenant which will be sealed by Jesus’ Own Blood. Mark’s Eucharistic theology looks forward to the Kingdom of God that Jesus inaugurates.

The Gospel for today reminds us that the Eucharist is a memorial of Christ’s sacrifice on the Cross. We believe that Jesus is truly present to us in the elements of bread and wine. Each time we celebrate this Sacrament, we prepare for the Kingdom of God. This celebration, as the Second Vatican Council taught us, is the source and summit of the Christian life.

THEOLOGY ON TAP – YOUNG ADULT GROUP (18-39) – April was our largest Theology on Tap yet with 49 in attendance! Upcoming events include Theology on Tap at the Boulevard Grill on May 29th at 6pm with Fr. Timothy Harris T.O.R. speaking on Moral Theology; Benediction and Board Games at Saint John Gualbert Cathedral on June 14th at 6pm; Theology on Tap at the Boulevard Grill on June 26th at 6pm with Mother Mary Joseph SSCJ speaking on the Sacred Heart of Jesus and His love for us; and an outdoor Mass and Picnic at Greenhouse Park on July 12th. Young adults of all faiths aged 18-39 are welcome! For more information contact Geoffrey Stumpo at (814) 659-7415 or geoffstumpo@gmail.com.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK OR HOMEBOUND

James Edward Adams, Kathryn Barczak, James Bauer, Sally Becker, Galynn Brady, Sister Carol Jean Czynnik, Clara Dudash, Verne Esposito, Alicia Junghans, Tyler McKinley, Rick McKinley, Rowen Ream, Alexandra Rice, Carly Rice, Doug Rice, Rose Rice, Gary Singel, Betty Spisak, Joanna Stone, Carol Sobecky, Leona Sutt, Joe Torchia, David Watson, Sheila Weppner, Mark Wojno, Nancy Wojno, Faryn Wolff, 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 Guarno, 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 Rovano 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, Poland.; **Petty Officer 1st Class Heather L. Dovala**, Great Lakes, IL.; **Sgt. Jarod Pisarchik**, Army National Guard; **LCDR Kara Yingling**, San Diego; **LCDR Shannon Yingling**; **Tech Sgt. Devon Gilbert**, Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska; **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; **SSgt Eliott Mulvehill**, USMC, Birmingham, AL.; **Kasey Meredith**, O.C.S., USMC, Quantico, VA; **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; **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 Thursday, at 11:00AM across from the Planned Parenthood on Franklin Street in Johnstown.

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.

