

**May 26, 2024**  
**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 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** 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

**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.

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> and pickup will be on June 15<sup>th</sup>.** 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. **ONLY 5 SEATS ARE AVAILABLE AND 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.

**DRIVE BY SPAGHETTI DINNER** – At Transfiguration on Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 AM – 1:30 PM. Come to the parking lot at 219 Third Street, Conemaugh. Follow directions and pay for your dinner. It is \$8.00 a meal that includes hot Spaghetti, sauce, two meatballs, bun, salad, and dessert. Drive down to the kitchen and somebody will bring up your hot meals to your car. Drive home and you have a delicious hot Sunday dinner with no fuss!

**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 29<sup>th</sup> at 6pm with Fr. Timothy Harris T.O.R. speaking on Moral Theology; Benediction and Board Games at Saint John Gualbert Cathedral on June 14<sup>th</sup> at 6pm; Theology on Tap at the Boulevard Grill on June 26<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup>. Young adults of all faiths aged 18-39 are welcome! For more information contact Geoffrey Stumpo at (814) 659-7415 or [geoffstumpo@gmail.com](mailto:geoffstumpo@gmail.com).

**CONTRIBUTIONS LAST WEEK:** Loose – \$123.00; Adults – \$1,932.25; Monthly – \$75.00; Candles – \$144.00; St. Vincent DePaul – \$50.00; Cemetery – \$105.00; Holy Thursday – \$5.00; Mother's Day – \$21.00; Ascension – \$20.00; Pentecost – \$200.00; Donation – \$10.00; Online Giving – \$338.50 – Total Collection – \$3,023.75.

## **Background on the Gospel Reading**

This week we return to the Liturgical Season of Ordinary Time. This Sunday and next Sunday, however, are designated as Solemnities, special days that call our attention to the central mysteries of our faith. Today, on the first Sunday after Pentecost, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. This Feast invites us to consider what we believe about God, who has revealed himself to us in the Trinity, one God in three Persons. The Gospel for this Solemnity is taken from the Gospel of Matthew. In its conclusion, Matthew's Gospel quickly moves from the disciples' discovery of Jesus' empty tomb and Jesus' appearance to Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to the commission that Jesus gives to His Disciples in today's Gospel.

The final commission, as this part of Matthew's Gospel is sometimes called, is given on the mountaintop. Throughout Scripture, many of the most important events happen on a mountaintop, and Matthew used this motif often. Peter, James, and John saw Jesus transfigured on the mountaintop, and Jesus taught the crowds from the mountaintop in the Sermon on the Mount. In today's Gospel, the Eleven Disciples go to the mountaintop in Galilee, as Jesus had instructed them through Mary Magdalene and the other Mary. They see Jesus, and they worship and doubt at the same time. Jesus approaches them and commissions them to Baptize and teach. It is a task for which Jesus had previously prepared His Disciples; recall that Jesus had already sent the Twelve Apostles to preach the Kingdom of God and to heal. Yet earlier, the Twelve were sent only to the House of Israel; in this final commission, the eleven are told to go to all nations. The mission of Jesus is now to be taken to all people, and the task is to Baptize and to teach.

Jesus commissions His Disciples to Baptize in the name of the Trinity; this is one of the clearest attestations for Baptism in the name of the Holy Trinity found in Scripture. Other New Testament references to Baptism describe it as being celebrated in the name of Jesus. As we read this Gospel on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, we are reminded that this central mystery of Faith is meant to be lived. As baptized Christians, we share in the life of the blessed Trinity and seek to invite others to share in God's love.

### **May 26, 2024 – The Most Holy Trinity**

Today, we celebrate an essential doctrine of our Catholic Faith – the Most Holy Trinity. It expresses God as three Divine Persons, unified in One Divine nature. The Trinity is one of the most complex aspects of our Faith. It is a topic we could never exhaust nor fully understand until we see God face to face.

Although it is incomprehensible, it is still deeply personal. Through God's countless revelations to man, we get a glimpse of our awe-inspiring Creator. It is through His revelations that He has invited us into life with Him. Today, we are called to pour out our hearts in praise and thanksgiving for our Good and Gracious God and to recognize the ways in which we can encounter Him – Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

As we celebrate this glorious Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, may we praise God in word and deed, and may we seek moments to encounter the Father, Son and Holy Spirit each day – through Scripture, prayer, sacraments and blessings throughout our day, as Jesus tells us, "I am with you always, until the end of the age."

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Izeke W. Pinkas**, Fallon, NV; **Lt. Col. Joshua P. Higgins**, US Army; **Petty Officer 1<sup>st</sup> 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 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**, **Major Aaron Donahey**, US Army, Poland.; **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**; **Tech Sgt. Devon Gilbert**, Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska; **Senior Airman Daniel Christner**, USAF, 193<sup>rd</sup> Special Operations Wing; **Lt. Col Steven Thomas**, USAF, deploying to the Middle East; **Captain 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; **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 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; **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.

