

**June 15, 2025**  
**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 –**  
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**Men's Club President – Philip Scott**  
**Rosary Society – Cecilia Neiderer**  
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**Asst. DRE – Deacon Bruce Becker**

**MASS SCHEDULE – Monday – 9:00AM, Tuesday – 6:15PM, Wednesday – Saturday – 9:00AM**  
**Saturday Vigil– 4:00PM, Sunday – 7:30AM & 9:30AM – Holy Day – 5:30 PM**

**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

**\*NO EUCHARISTIC ADORATION FOR THE SUMMER MONTHS OF JUNE, JULY,  
AUGUST, & SEPTEMBER !!\***

**NO ROSARY SOCIETY – for the month of June.** Rosary Society will meet on **Monday, July 7<sup>th</sup> at 3:00PM**. Please consider joining us for Rosary, Reflection and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.



**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED** – The Parish Office will be closed on Thursday, June 19<sup>th</sup>.

**FRANCIS UPCOMING FUNDRAISING EVENTS** – St. Francis Annual Church Picnic will be held on Sunday, July 27<sup>th</sup>. Fundraising Committee will also be selling a \$5.00 ticket, they will go on sale shortly to defray costs for the upcoming Music Bingo. Music Bingo will be held on Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup>. Cinnamon Rolls will be sold near Thanksgiving. American Music Theatre Christmas Show – Deck the Halls on Friday, November 21, more info to come soon!

**VINCENT DE PAUL SOUP KITCHEN VOLUNTEERS** – Parish Council is asking for volunteers to help with the St. Vincent DePaul Soup Kitchen. St. Francis is volunteering on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month. We are asking for 6 volunteers for the next date, **Monday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>**. There is a sign-up sheet in the Main Vestibule.

**“SPIRIT OF GALLITZIN” MISSIONARY CELEBRATION** – Feast of Saints Peter & Paul on Sunday, June 29<sup>th</sup> 7:00PM Mass at Our Lady of the Alleghenies Shrine, in Loretto. Celebration of the 225<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Reverend Prince Demetrius Gallitzin.

**CORPUS CHRISTI SUNDAY CLOSING MASS FOR THE NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL** – on June 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Altoona. The Eucharist will be exposed for quiet adoration starting at 11AM. 3:00–4:15PM Confessions, 3:00PM Holy Hour for Vocations, 4:00PM Chaplet of Divine Mercy for those who have fallen away from the Church; 4:15PM Indoor Eucharistic Procession & Benediction, 5:00PM Mass with Bishop Mark. Refreshments will be served following the 5:00 PM Mass.

**BASILICA OF ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL PARISH** – In Loretto, will hold outdoor Masses every Sunday evening at 7:00 PM at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Alleghenies beginning on Sunday, May 25 and concluding on Sunday, August 31. Please bring a lawn chair. In the event of inclement weather, the Mass will be celebrated in the Basilica of Saint Michael the Archangel. Special Masses this Summer are as follows: June 8 “Come and See” Vocations Awareness – Fr. Brian Norris; June 29 Solemnity of SS. Peter and Paul – “The Missionary Spirit of Fr. Gallitzin”; July 20 Bishop’s Mass for Married Couples; August 3 Bishop’s Mass for Young People – Return to College, Work, Military. The historic Prince Gallitzin Chapel House, next to the Our Lady of the Alleghenies Shrine, will be open on the following Sunday afternoons from 3:00 – 6:00 PM for self-guided tours, pilgrimages and visits: June 1, 15 and 29, July 20, August 3, 17, 31

**CONTRIBUTIONS LAST WEEK** — Loose – \$126.00; Adults – \$1,973.25; Monthly – \$385.00; Candles – \$118.00; Father’s Day – \$240.00; Pentecost – \$200.00; Online Giving – \$320.00 — Total Collection – \$3,362.25.

**The Sanctuary Candle will burn for the month of June for – Special Intentions for two Dear Friends.**

## **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 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 verses of today's Gospel come near the end of Jesus' long discourse at the Last Supper. In the early part of this discourse, as we saw last week on Pentecost, Jesus offers assurances to the Disciples. Even though He must leave the Disciples, He tells them that they will have a future because of the help He will send them in the Holy Spirit. In this section He focuses more on the shape of the future, which will include Jesus' victory over the world that they will share in. The Disciples of Jesus cannot know the future. They can only know that, whatever shape the future takes, they will not have to face it alone. They have the Spirit of Truth, who will continue to provide the teaching of Jesus in the future.

Reading this passage on Trinity Sunday reinforces our understanding of the unity shared by the members of the Trinity. Although the idea of one God in three Persons remains a mystery, we have the assurance that, as Jesus and the Father share all, Jesus and the Spirit share all.

### **June 15, 2025 – The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity**

Today we celebrate the feast of the Most Holy Trinity. This feast is rather unique in that it honors a doctrine rather than an event. What we are commemorating today is a central reality of our Christian faith, that God is Trinitarian in nature – three distinct persons – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – in one God.

The Church calls this truth a mystery, as indeed it is. It is not a mystery in the sense that it is a question that must be answered but rather in the sense that the depths of this truth are far beyond our human comprehension. Some have said that “mystery” in this context is “not a wall to run up against but an ocean in which to swim.”

What then should be our response to this sublime mystery? All we can do is worship. And offer our lives back to God in total gratitude for calling us to live in the richness of such unfathomable love. This week let's re-invite God into the midst of our lives and make sure the way we spend our time and energy each day shows Him our profound gratitude for His many gifts to us – but above all the gift of Himself in the Trinity – Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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**RESURRECTION PARISH** – will hold a Picnic Style Bingo on Sundays, June 29 and July 27, 2025 from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM in Resurrection Church Hall, 4th Ave. and Chestnut St. in Cambria City. 3 cards for \$.50, specials for \$1.00. Last game at 5:00 PM for the kitty. Gobs and more for sale. Call 814-539-2735 for more info.

**SUNDAY MARKET IN CAMBRIA CITY** – Sunday, June 29 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM located at Emerich Place, 512 Chestnut Street. Come and browse the various vendor booths featuring: Confections, breads, handmade crafts, artists of all mediums (paint, sketch, oil, sculpture, print, photography etc.), prepared food vendors, and food truck vendors.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK OR HOMEBOUND**

James Edward Adams, Kathryn Barczak, James Bauer, Patricia Bauer, Deacon Bruce Becker, Sally Becker, Galynn Brady, Sister Carol Jean Czyrnik, 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; **Lt. Col. Melinda Rovon 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, Fort Moore, Savannah, GA.; **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 Elliott Mulvehill**, USMC, Birmingham, AL.; **1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Kasey Meredith**, USMC, Camp Lejeune, NC; **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.

