

June 22, 2025
The Most Holy Body & 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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Office Hours – 9:00 AM to 2:45 PM – Mon. thru Thurs.
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Men’s Club President – Philip Scott
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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 – 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 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

***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 7th at 3:00PM.** Please consider joining us for Rosary, Reflection and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.



GOB ICING – will be made on Tuesday, June 24th from 7 am – 11 am. Gob packing Wednesday, June 25th from 8:00am – 10:00 am. All help is greatly appreciated.

FRANCIS UPCOMING FUNDRAISING EVENTS – St. Francis Annual Church Picnic will be held on Sunday, July 27th. Fundraising Committee will also be selling a \$5 ticket, they will go on sale shortly to defray costs for the upcoming Music Bingo. Music Bingo will be held on Saturday, November 8th. Cinnamon Rolls will be sold near Thanksgiving. American Music Theatre Christmas Show – Deck the Halls on Friday, November 21st at 3:00PM, 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 4th Monday of each month. We are asking for 6 volunteers for the next date, **Monday, June 23rd**. There is a sign-up sheet in the Main Vestibule.

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

YOUNG ADULT GROUP (18-39) – Sr. Angela Marie SSCJ is joining us for Theology on Tap on June 25th at the Boulevard Grill at 6pm and will speak on vocations and discernment. On July 11th at 6pm we are hosting a young adult and young family outdoor Mass and picnic at Greenhouse Park pavilion six. All young adults (18-39) and young families with their children are invited to join us for faith and fellowship! For more information contact Geoffrey Stumpo at (814) 659-7415 or geoffstumpo@gmail.com.

ST. THERESE CHURCH SUMMER BASKET & BURGER BASH – On July 19th from 4:00 PM -8:00 PM & on July 20th from 11:00 AM-3:00 PM at the Social Hall at 531 Decker Ave. Live Entertainment from Desperados on Saturday from 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM. There will be a Themed Basket Drawing held on Sunday @ 3:00 PM. Craft/Bistro Style Burgers; Pulled Pork Sandwiches, Pizza- Fresh Cut Fries, Water - Soda – Beer – Basket Tickets sold at the Door

CONTRIBUTIONS LAST WEEK – Loose – \$145.00; Adults – \$2,043.25; Monthly – \$185.00; Candles – \$134.00; Father’s Day – \$417.00; Easter – \$70.00; Ascension – \$10.00; Donation – \$80.00; Online Giving – \$235.00 – Total Collection – \$3,319.25

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

BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING

Today is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. At one time, this day was called *Corpus Christi*, Latin for “the Body of Christ.” In the most recent revision of the Liturgy, the name for this day is expanded to be a more complete reflection of our Eucharistic Theology.

The feeding of the 5,000 is the only one of Jesus' Miracles to appear in all four Gospels. Luke places it between Herod's question, “Who is this about whom I hear such things?” and Peter's response to Jesus' question about who he thought Jesus was: “You are the Messiah of God.” In Luke the feeding is not the result of Jesus' compassion for the crowd but is instigated by the Disciples. They wanted Jesus to send the crowd away to town. Instead Jesus tells the Disciples to give them some food on their own.

The passage is meant to remind us of two feedings in the Old Testament: the feeding of the Israelites in the desert and Elisha's feeding of 100 people with 20 loaves in 2 Kings 4:42-44. It is also connected to the institution of the Eucharist. As in the Last Supper accounts in Matthew, Mark, and Luke and in Paul's account in 1 Corinthians 11:23-24, Jesus takes bread, looks up to heaven, blesses the bread, breaks it, and then gives it to the Disciples. In using this exact language, Luke is reminding his readers that in this Miracle Jesus is doing more than feeding hungry people as God did for the Israelites and the prophet Elisha did as well. The bread He gives is His Body, which He will continue to give as often as the community breaks bread in remembrance of Him in the Eucharist.

This weekend we observed the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. This beautiful Feast celebrates the gift of the Eucharist, which the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* teaches is the source and summit of our Christian faith. “For in the blessed Eucharist is contained the whole spiritual good of the Church, namely Christ Himself” (CCC 1324).

The very word, Eucharist, means “thanksgiving” or “gratitude” and so this Feast is especially meaningful to all of us who are striving to live as grateful stewards of all God's blessings to us. Surely the Eucharist is the greatest of all blessings because it is not only from God, it is God – the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

As we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, let us receive the gift of the Eucharist with the greatest possible reverence and love. And let's give ourselves generously to others in the week ahead to show our gratitude for this wondrous gift – the gift of God Himself.

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

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 2nd Class Izeke W. Pinkas, Fallon, NV; Lt. Col. Joshua P. Higgins, US Army; Lt. Col. Melinda Rován 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 Moore, Savannah, GA.; 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 Elliott Mulvehill, USMC, Birmingham, AL.; 1st Lt. Kasey Meredith, USMC, Camp Lejeune, NC; 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.

