

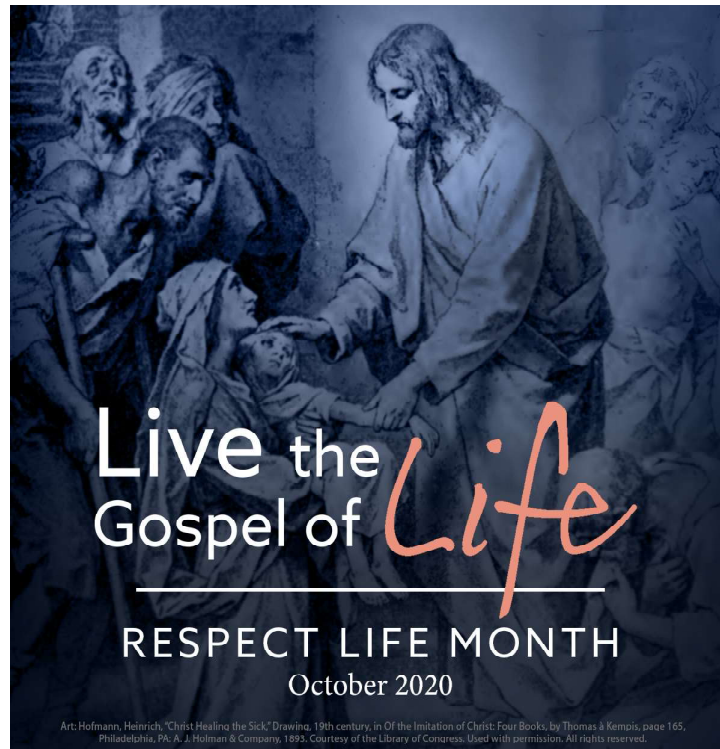
OCTOBER 18, 2020

Nobody enjoys paying taxes. Despite our displeasure in being forced to do so, we also realize that the monies generated from taxes allows governments to provide essential services for its people. Corruption really gets our goat, however. When we witness malfeasance, overspending, irresponsibility, and dishonesty in governmental spending, the grave injustices make an already unpleasant and arduous task even more difficult. The inappropriate distribution and use of hard-earned monies can leave a person quite angry and disconnected. It's bad enough the government wants something from me, now God does, too?

God is not concerned necessarily with our money, although its proper use does factor into our faith life. As the payment of secular taxes speaks of our allegiance to the government, our return to God speaks of our allegiance to God. All of creation, even the entire universe, is fashioned in the image and likeness of God. What speaks to God and has meaning and relevance to him? All of creation and indeed our very selves! God delights in us and when we present ourselves back to him, he delights even more! As the payment of secular taxes is designed to secure the equitable distribution of goods and services to all people, so is our return of ourselves to God in gratitude meant to advance God's kingdom here on earth.

When our exclusive and sincere allegiance is given to God, God can use us to set things right and straight again. The wounds of sin distort our relationship and disorder our world. By giving ourselves and all of creation back to God in gratitude, we acknowledge the proper Creator and Author of life for who He is and devote our labors exclusively to God's kingdom and the justice, peace, or order God envisions. In giving back to God all that belongs to God, we set the axis of our lives correctly and put our priorities in proper order. All of our relationships, especially with God, our brothers and sisters, and all of creation are perceived more clearly as they really are. Using, accumulating, wasting, exploiting, hoarding, and self-preservation are no longer necessary.

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Why Does the Church Have Different Liturgical Cycles?

While most Catholics know that the Church Year is divided into various seasons (e.g. Advent, Christmas, Ordinary Time, etc.), many are unaware that the one Church Year is not like the one that follows. While the main seasons and feasts are the same from year to year, the 3-year cycle for Sundays and the 2-year cycle for weekdays means that, as a general rule, the readings in the Lectionary that we hear at Mass will change from year to year, helping us to have a richer encounter with Sacred Scripture. Each new cycle begins with the beginning of the liturgical year, the First Sunday of Advent.

The reasoning behind this innovation is outlined in Sacrosanctum Concilium, the "Dogmatic Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy" of the Second Vatican Council: "The treasures of the bible are to be opened up more lavishly, so that richer fare may be provided for the faithful at the table of God's word. In this way a more representative portion of the holy scriptures will be read to the people in the course of a prescribed number of years" (no. 51). This was fully achieved in 1969 when the new cycles of readings were approved by Pope Saint Paul VI. To learn more about the Liturgy of the Word within the Mass, visit: www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/the-mass/order-of-mass/liturgy-of-the-word/index.cfm

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for the many blessings
you have given and continue to give to the
Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament Family.*

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CHURCH OFFICE: 814-944-4603

CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS:

The process of formation for those seeking God through membership in the Catholic Christian community.

INFANT BAPTISM:

Arrange in advance for pre-baptismal instructions.

CONFIRMATION:

Ninth, tenth and eleventh grade students are invited to participate in the Confirmation Preparation Process.

RECONCILIATION:

Wednesday: 7:00 PM, Saturday: 12:30 PM.
Communal Penance Services: Advent and Lent.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

Upon Request and Communal celebration

MARRIAGE:

Arrange nine months in advance. Couples expected to participate in pre-marriage preparation program.

DEVOTIONS:

Charismatic Prayer - Normally 3rd Monday of the Month
Eucharistic Adoration - First Wednesday - 12:30 PM - 8:00 PM
Eucharistic Day - Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM:

September through April: Pre-Kindergarten thru 12.
Sunday morning 8:30 AM - 9:45 AM
Pre-Kindergarten thru 8.
Sunday Evening 6:15 PM - 8:15 PM
Grades 9 thru 12.

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| Sunday: | 5:00 PM (Vigil) 8:00 AM 10:00 AM 12:00 Noon 5:00 PM | Holyday: | 5:30 PM (Vigil) 8:00 AM 12:00 Noon 5:30 PM | Weekday: | 6:45 AM 12:00 Noon |
| | | | | Saturday: | 8:00 AM 12:00 Noon |

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**TWENTY-NINETH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
October 11, 2020**

Readings: Is 45:1, 4-6; 1 Thes1:1-5; Mt 22:15-21

MASS INTENTIONS

October 19, Monday: Sts. John de Brebeuf, / Isaac Jogues
Readings: Eph 2:1-10; Lk 12:13-21
6:45 AM + Adelaide Kipple (M/M Dave Hanekamp)
12:00PM Susan Bauer (Children)

October 20, Tuesday: St. Paul of the Cross, Priest
Readings: Eph 2:12-22; Lk 12:35-38
6:45 AM + Edward Hallinan (Family)
12:00PM + Marian Clemens, Ann.(Daughter Carol)

October 21, Wednesday: Weekday
Readings: Eph 3:2-12; Lk 12:39-48
6:45 AM For All Pro Life Candidates(McNelis All Stars)
12:00PM + Alice Winkler (Bob & Chris Laraia)

October 22, Thursday: St. John Paul II, Pope
Readings: Eph 3:14-21; Lk 12:49-53
6:45 AM + Mary Delozier Birth. (Eileen Edwards)
12:00PM + Patricia Koeck (Sally Hancock)

October 23, Friday: Saint John of Capistrano, Priest
Readings: Eph 4:1-6; Lk 12:54-59
6:45 AM + Jeanie Farabaugh (Pat Byrne Family)
12:00 PM + Delphine Rutolo Birthday (Family)

October 24, Saturday: St Anthony Mary Claret, BP
Readings: Eph 4:7-16; Lk 13:1-9
8:00AM Rosemarie Fedeli (Family)
12:00PM + Rick Cowan / Karen Cowan Dougherty(Family)
Vigil: Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Readings: Ex 22:20-26; 1 Thes1:5-10; Mt 22:34-40
5:00PM + Jack Bell Anniversary (Family)

October 25, Sunday:
8:00 AM + Lori Kerin (Jessie Bennett Family)
10:00 AM + Dorothy Stephens (Russ/Mary Ann Pleva)
12:00PM + Rose Stefanon (Stephen & Mary Prove)
5:00 PM Pro Popolo/ For the People

Please remember our sick in your prayers.

Radio Mass

Our parish's live radio Mass will be on Sunday, at 10:00 A.M. on WFBG 1290AM. We are pleased to be able to provide this service and we are grateful to our sponsors.

Election Day Spaghetti and Meatball Dinner

All Saints Parish in Boswell will host their Spaghetti and Meatball dinner on Election Day (Tuesday November 3rd) from 11:00 AM-2:00 PM and again 4:00PM -7:00 PM at the parish hall, 502- Center Street, Boswell. The dinner is TAKEOUT ONLY. The meal includes spaghetti, homemade meatballs, sauce, two slices of Italian bread, tossed salad, dressing, and sheet cake. The price is \$8.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children. Presold tickets available as well as tickets at the door (curbside service is available for all pre-sold orders). For pre-sold tickets please visit the parish office (325-Quemahoning Street, Boswell) from 4:00Pm until 6:00PM on Wednesdays. For more information [lease call 814-629-5551.

Sportsmen Raffle Tickets

Queen of Angels Parish in Central City is sponsoring a Sportsmen Raffle ticket with a prize every night from Thanksgiving till Christmas Eve. The ticket includes over \$13,000 in high quality prizes. The tickets are \$25.00 each and are based on the Pennsylvania Daily Number- Evening drawing. To see a full listing of the prizes check out the parish website at www.ladyqueenofangels.org. For more information or to purchase a ticket please call the parish office at 814-754-5224.

Thanksgiving Pie Sale

St. Rose of Lima Parish (5514- Roselawn Avenue, Altoona) is holding a Thanksgiving Pie Sale. Available Pies: Apple, Cherry, or Blueberry with a top crust or crumb top for (\$12.00 each); Pumpkin (\$10) each; Coconut Cream, Lemon Meringue or Chocolate Meringue (\$14 each). Orders and payment due by Monday, November 16, 2020. Orders can be picked up Tuesday, November 24, 2020, Noon to 3:00 PM or 5:00 to 7:00 PM. To place an order, call the St Rose of Lima Parish office at 814-944-8509.

Pray For Our Sick

Remember our sisters and brothers who are weakened by illness in your prayers. Prayers are sometimes the best prescribed medicine.

Basket Bingo

Due to the COVID-19 we are sorry to say that the basket bingo that was scheduled for September 20, 2020 had to be canceled. We are going to reschedule for Sunday April 25th, 2021. DAUBBERS UP!!!!!! We are still taking donations. Please call the Parish Office at 814-944-4603 from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday thru Friday, or Lorraine Beck at 814-942-7774.

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION
Sunday, October 11, 2020 \$5,447.75**

Chosen

It is getting close to Election Day and I suppose most of us have an idea of how we will cast our vote. We have tried to discern where candidates stand on important issues and what type of leader they might be if elected. However, there is a good chance that when we go into a voting booth, we will cast at least one vote for a person who we never heard of and to do a job we do not understand. We know the more notable people in the more notable contests, but some of those on the ballot as we get further into it? Who knew that was going to be on there?

In life we will at times be asked to make a choice about something or someone we know little about. Our choices will not always be as informed as we would like. Then, when we do know some information needed to make a choice, we still don't know everything. We may support a candidate and not really know him or her personally.

When God chose you and me, He had all the information needed to make the choice. The crazy thing is He chose us anyway! He knew we would sin, turn our backs on Him, and sometimes not be very good ambassadors for Him. However, He still chose us because He loves us. We are a chosen people. We are His own. I don't know about you, but if given the chance I am not sure I would have chosen myself. I rejoice that God sees in me something that at times seems hidden to me.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS
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Parish Mailing Address

Since we have discontinued the use of our post office box, please send mail to either: One Cathedral Square, Altoona Pa 16601 or 1405- 13th Avenue Altoona Pa 16601.

Old Testament Classes

This is being offered by the Office of Adult Enrichment and Lay Ecclesial Ministry. Beginning Tuesday October 27th, this 8 week class will be offered by Fr. Brian Saylor at St. Rose of Lima, Altoona. Class times are 6:30-8:30 PM. **This class may be taken for continuing education hours.** The cost of this class which includes registration and book fee is \$65. You may register online at www.dioceseaj.org/lay-ecclesial-ministry or by calling or emailing Marybeth at (814)361-2000/ mheinze@dioceseaj.org. **All are welcome!**

Prayer Shawls

If you or anyone that you know would like to have a prayer shawl for comfort during a rough time please call the Parish Office at 814-944-4603 the hours are from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Also you may call Lorraine Beck at 814-942-7774.

The Friar's Nook Gift Shop – Fall Harvest Sale

Looking to add some Fall Foliage to your home? Need a little Tom Turkey for your tabletop? Stop in at The Friar's Nook Gift Shop Harvest Sale and save 20% off all fall items including flags, door décor, decorations and more through the month of October! The Friar's Nook Gift Shop is located at 793 Monastery Road, Hollidaysburg, and the shop hours for October are Fridays and Saturdays 10:00 AM-4:00 PM.

Facebook

Our parish has created an official Facebook page and the address is <https://www.facebook.com/cathedralofaltoona> The link is found at the top of our parish's webpage. Our official page will gradually become a convenient way to keep people informed and post notices. (Please do not use the link at the bottom on the page.)

ARISE !

Season 5 will **not** be held until Easter 2021. Those who wish to continue to read and discuss weekly topics, through Zoom featured on Proclaim!, may contact Chris Laraia at 814-312-7317 for more information.

1st Reconciliation Prep

There will be a mandatory **Parents and Students**. Individual students pictures will be taken at this meeting on Tuesday evening, October 27th from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM in the Cathedral Hall.

Please bring a copy of your child's baptismal certificate if you have not already done so. **Masks** are required.

