

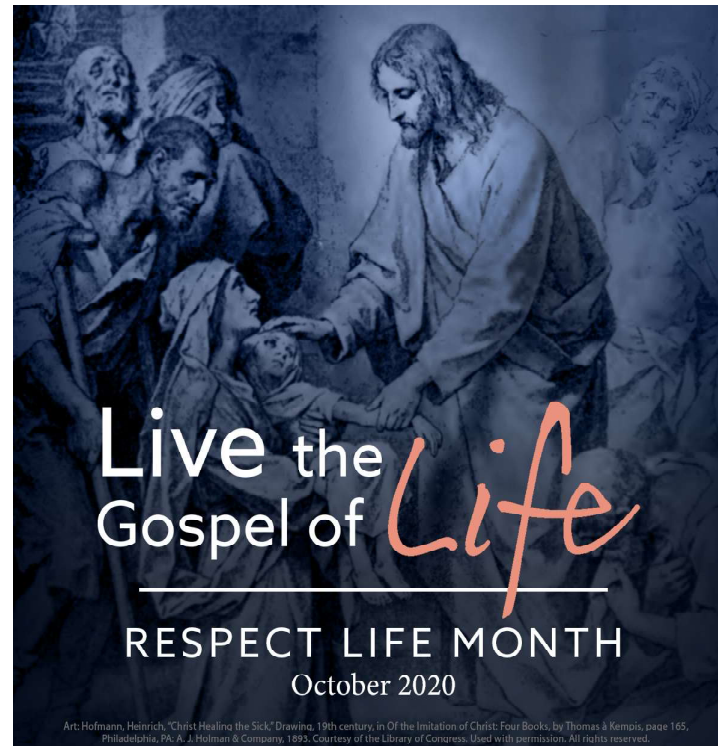
OCTOBER 25, 2020

For some reason, it is easier to genuflect in reverence to the presence of Christ in the tabernacle of a church, than to genuflect in reverence to the same presence of Christ in another person's soul. We wrongly believe that God divides himself, placing himself in one place in preference to another. It doesn't work that way. Love of God and love of neighbor are intimately and inseparably connected because the essence and spark of God's very presence is in all creation. God's presence is just as real in the one who is good, as in the one who is bad, and the one who is just, and the one who is unjust.

Our brains get in the way of truly contemplating the awesomeness of this truth. We like to separate things into boxes, the sheep from the goats and the deserving from the undeserving. But, with God there are no distinctions such as this. Our human classifications, subdivisions, and definitions hold no power or have any weight in God's eyes. Sadly, we relate to God and to each other as if they do.

We cannot be deaf to the world's pain. It is not about having, hoarding, accumulating, acquiring, securing, storing, protecting, owning, claiming, or any of the other human terms we use to distinguish mine from yours. We put so much power in these words and that power, even though we may not always realize it, can cause those words and the distinctions they carry to wound and hurt others. We have the whole order of things wrong, but we are so set on preserving this order that we are absolutely afraid to do it any other way. We go through hoops trying to convince ourselves why the perils of the person seeking a new place to call home are not our perils that we turn our back and justify closing our doors. It makes perfect sense to us. Yet, it makes no sense in terms of our faith. It doesn't square with any of the words found in Sacred Scripture or in any time-tested teaching of the church.

We have it all reversed. We know that we do because when Jesus speaks about such things and the words of the Old Testament prophets ring out again, we start to feel uncomfortable and anxious. What we do, directly or by omission, to one of the least of these little ones we do to God. It is quite possible that some of what we are doing personally, economically, politically, globally, and even religiously is doing more harm than good. Let's ponder that a bit.



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.)

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.

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.

THE CHURCH OF ALTOONA-JOHNSTOWN THE CATHEDRAL OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

ONE CATHEDRAL SQUARE, ALTOONA, PENNSYLVANIA 16601-3315
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.

WEB: WWW.ALTOONACATHEDRAL.ORG

FAX: 814-942-4337

E-MAIL: ALTCATHEDRAL@DIOCESEAJ.ORG

<https://www.facebook.com/cathedralofaltoona>

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
---------	---	----------	---	----------	-----------------------	-----------	-----------------------

Most Reverend Mark L. Bartchak, J.C.D., Bishop

Reverend Monsignor Stanley Carson, Administrator

Reverend Father Dennis M. Kurdziel, Parochial Vicar

CHRISTIAN INITIATION TEAM - 944-4603

CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME - 944-4603

MAIL MINISTRY TO ELDERLY, HOMEBOUND,
SERIOUSLY SICK, AND GRIEVING - 944-4603

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL
Web: www.holytrinitycatholic.school

Altoona Campus (Pre-K thru Grade 4) - 381-7011
Hollidaysburg Campus (Pre-K thru Grade 4) - 695-6112
Middle School Campus (Grades 5 thru 8) - 942-7835

BISHOP GUILFOYLE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
Web: www.bishopguilfoyle.org - 944-4014

DIRECTORS OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
Chris Laraia - Pre-K thru 8 - 312-7317
Jean Koury - 9 thru 12 - 949-2777
Religious Education Office: Sundays - 943-7424

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRY
Leslie C. Thayer, MM, CAGO
Music Ministry Office - 944-2044
E-mail: lthayer@dioceseaj.org

SERVING THE PEOPLE OF GOD IN THE CITY OF ALTOONA SINCE 1851

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 25, 2020

Readings: Ex 22:20-26; 1 Thes 1:5-10; Mt 22:34-40

MASS INTENTIONS

October 26, Monday: Weekday

Readings: Eph 4:32-5:8; Lk 13:10-17

6:45 AM + Fred Fideli (Rosemarie Fedeli)
12:00PM + Joseph Knott Jr. (MM Richard Steinbeiser)

October 27, Tuesday: Weekday

Readings: Eph 5:21-33; Lk 13:18-21

6:45 AM + Msgr. Roy Kline (Paul and Sherry Luke)
12:00PM + Lori Crilley (Sisters Pam and Vickie)

October 28, Wednesday: Saints Simon and Jude

Readings: Eph 2:19-22; Lk 6:12-16

6:45 AM + Bishop Joseph Adamec (Dr. John Rizzo)
12:00PM + Dorothy Berger (Carothers Family)

October 29, Thursday: Weekday

Readings: Eph 6:10-20; Lk 13:31-35

6:45 AM + Richard Anthony (The Alianiello Family)
12:00PM + Catherine Beech Frederick, Birth. (Family)

October 30, Friday: Weekday

Readings: Phil 1:1-11; Lk 14:1-6

6:45 AM + Denis Burns (M/M Dave Hanekamp)
12:00 PM + John Adams (M/M Brian Ianniello Family)

October 31, Saturday: Weekday

Readings: Phil 1:18-26; Lk 14:1, 7-11

8:00AM + Jane Davidson (Mary Gene Vogel)
12:00PM + Dennis Blackie, Anniversary (Friend)

Vigil: ALL SAINTS DAY

Readings: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12

5:00PM+ John Moloney & Joan Nedimyer, Bir. (Family)

November 1, Sunday:

8:00 AM + Jeanie Farabaugh (Mary Ann & Bernie Sutusky)
10:00 AM + Marti Stefanon (Bob & Chris Laraia)
12:00PM + Robert Wojick (Tom & Vickie McGraw)
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.

What Happens if a Host is Dropped?

Despite our best efforts, and this is as true in our liturgical celebrations as in all of life, accidents happen. Occasionally at Mass, a host may be dropped or some of the Precious Blood could even be spilled from the chalice, despite the best efforts of the priests, deacons, and extraordinary ministers of holy Communion assisting at the liturgy.

So, when a host is dropped or the Precious Blood is spilled, we can take guidance from the U.S. Bishops' statement Norms for the Distribution for Holy Communion Under Both Kinds:

All ministers of Holy Communion should show the greatest reverence for the Most Holy Eucharist by their demeanor, their attire, and the manner in which they handle the consecrated bread or wine. Should there be any mishap — as when, for example, the consecrated wine is spilled from the chalice — then the affected "area . . . should be washed with water, and this water should be then poured into the sacrarium."

According to no. 280 of the General Instruction of the Roman Missal, the general rule is that a dropped host is picked up by the minister distributing Communion and reverently consumed. The minister should be careful to make sure that no other particles from the host remain on the ground. As we see in the instruction from the bishops, the Precious Blood would be absorbed (customarily with a purificator) and the area attentively and reverently washed with water which would then be disposed of properly.

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.

Baptismal Prep Class Scheduled

There is a Baptismal Prep class scheduled for November 3, 2020 at 6:00 PM in the Cathedral Parish Center Education Room on 14th Street entrance. **Masks** are required. Need not wait till the baby is due.

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.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION Sunday, October 18, 2020 \$6,792.00

Calculating Love

Have you ever Googled the word "love"? If you did you may have come across something called the Love Calculator. It is a website where you can supply two names, and the percentage chance of a successful relationship is calculated. Curious, I entered my name and my wife's. Twenty percent! I hope my wife doesn't read this!

I then decided to add my name and God. A whopping thirteen percent! Then for the last attempt, I put in my name and Jesus. A very disappointing zero percent! Am I that unlovable? Of course, then I read the small print at the bottom of the page: "Please note that this site has no serious intention whatsoever." Shocking!

The truth is, the modern world increasingly seems to have no real idea what love is or how to determine when love is real. That makes the seemingly simple words of Jesus about loving God and your neighbor very complex indeed. How can you love God with your all your heart, soul, and mind when you have no idea what the act of loving means? And then, what constitutes loving a neighbor? To make it more complicated, Jesus commands you to love them like you love yourself. I bet you can agree with me that there are a lot of people out there who do not even come close to loving themselves. Knowing what love is in modern times is just not that easy. How is a well-meaning person able to find out the true meaning of love?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

©LPI

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

You are invited to spend some time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament from after the noon Mass on Wednesday, November 4, until after the 7:00 P.M. confessions. There is a sign-up sheet on the table at the center of the cathedral.



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.

Stuffed Shells and Meatball Dinner

The Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament Church will be sponsoring a Stuffed Sheel and Meatball Dinner, on Friday November 6, 2020 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM. **Menu is:** Stuffed Shells, Meatballs, Salad, Roll and Butter, and Dessert all for \$10.00. **TAKE OUT ONLY.** Pick up at alley doors. *Tickets will be available at the Cathedral Square Door after all Masses*, also at the Cathedral Office at 1405- 13th Avenue, Monday - Friday 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM or you can also call 814-944-4603.

Job Opening

St. Michael's School in Loretto currently has an opening for a part-time custodian with a work schedule of 20 hours per week. Interested candidates can apply on line at www.dioceseaj.org/ employment or drop off a resume at the school or Basilica offices.

Pray For Our Sick

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