

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

May 30, 2021

MASS INTENTIONS

May 31, Monday: The Visitation of the Blessed

Virgin Mary

9:00 AM + Mary Moffa Jenaway (Estate)

June 1, Tuesday: Saint Justin, Martyr

6:45AM + Danyll Rougeux, Ann. (Mom & Dad)

12:00 PM + Ronald Schirf (Janice Schirf)

June 2, Wednesday: Sts. Marcellinus and Peter

6:45AM + David Baronner (Jay & Amy Labriola)

12:00 PM + Susan Keech Claar (M/M Clifford Plank)

June 3, Thursday: Saint Charles Lwanga & Companions, Martyrs

6:45AM + Orvita Knott (Richard & Connie Steinbeiser)

12:00 PM + Thomas A. & Mary Irwin (Children)

June 4, Friday: Weekday

6:45AM + Hilda Conrad (Janie Davidson Family)

12:00 PM + Joseph Jude "Jay" Cooper (Jim & Steph Kilcoyne)

June 5, Saturday: Saint Boniface, Bishop/ Martyr

8:00 AM + Gerri Rose Birthday (Rose Family)

10:00 AM Ordination to the Permanent Diaconate

12:00PM NO NOON MASS

Vigil: THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

5:00 PM + Marti Stefanon (Husband)

June 6, Sunday

8:00 AM + Rose M. Henninger (Frank, Elaine, & Annie Dombrowski)

10:00 AM + Betsy Cote (Mary Lysinger)

12:00 PM + Don Ware (Mary Conrad)

5:00 PM Pro Popolo/ For the People

Please remember our sick in your prayers.

Mass Change

Since Memorial Day, Monday, May 31, is a national holiday, we will have a Mass only at 9:00 A.M.

Noon Day Mass Schedule

Due to the Ordination, there will be no Noon Mass on Saturday, June 5th.

Readings for the week of May 30, 2021

Sunday: Dt 4:32-34, 39-40/Ps 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22 [12b]/Rom 8:14-17/Mt 28:16-20

Monday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [6]/Lk 1:39-56

Tuesday: Tb 2:9-14/Ps 112:1-2, 7-8, 9 [cf. 7c]/Mk 12:13-17

Wednesday: Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a/Ps 25:2-3, 4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [1]/Mk 12:18-27

Thursday: Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1a]/Mk 12:28-34

Friday: Tb 11:5-17/Ps 146:1b-2, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10 [1b]/Mk 12:35-37

Saturday: Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20/Tb 13:2, 6efgh, 7, 8 [1b]/Mk 12:38-44

Next Sunday: Ex 24:3-8/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18 [13]/Heb 9:11-15/Mk 14:12-16, 22-2

FEASTDAY

Next Weekend, June 5 and 6, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. Bishop Mark will celebrate the 10 o'clock Mass on Sunday which will be followed by refreshments on the portico. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will begin following the Noon Mass and continue until Benediction at 4:45 P.M. The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed at 3:00 P.M. A sign-up sheet is available at the table in the cross-aisle to make sure that there are people present at all times during exposition.

You are enthusiastically encouraged to participate in celebrating our parish's Feastday

MEMORIAL DAY/FEAST OF THE VISITATION OF MARY

In addition to being Memorial Day, Monday, May 31, is the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mary is greeted with hospitality and affection as she visits her cousin Elizabeth. Bishop Mark L. Bartchak will be the celebrant and homilist for our 9:00 A.M. Mass. You are invited to join us in praying for those who have died, particularly deceased veterans. The Eucharist also provides an opportunity for us to ask Mary to intercede for our country so that human life is respected, the common good is sought, and justice is achieved.

THROUGH THE EYES OF CHILDREN

An activities booklet for children is available at the entrances to the cathedral. *The Year of St. Joseph Through the Eyes of Children* contains artwork, puzzles, games, coloring pages, and prayers. The booklet is the work of students and families from across the diocese.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday, May 23, \$5,806.50

First Reconciliation/First Communion

Registration forms and copies of Baptism certificates are due by June 1st for those who will be receiving 1st Reconciliation/First Communion 2021-2022.

Religious Education

Registration forms for grades PK / 11 have been emailed to all families. Please return these as soon as possible so that textbooks can be ordered. All classes will return in person on September 12th.

If you did not receive a form please notify Chris Laraia (814-312-7317) or stop by the Parish Office, 13th Avenue entrance Mon-Fri 9-5 for a copy.

Confirmation Preparation

All students entering grades 9, 10, 11 in the Fall 2021 are required to attend an information meeting with your parents on Tuesday, August 3rd at 6:30PM. in the Cathedral church hall. This includes all students from both public and parochial schools and home schooled students.

A copy of your Baptism and 1st Eucharist certificates will be needed.

Please call or email Chris Laraia, DRE for more information at (814-312-7317 or email claraia@diocesaj.org).

Basket Bingo Update

We expect to have our Basket Bingo on Sunday, September 26. Now we are looking for donations of gift cards, lottery tickets, gift baskets, and monetary contributions. Small bottles of water and cans of soda would also be appreciated.

Precious Life, Inc.

Precious Life, is a faith-based pro-life organization which offers practical help to those impacted by unplanned pregnancies. The Altoona office is located at 1716-12th Avenue. Their Baby Bottle Campaign, which runs from Mother's Day to Father's Day, helps to support pro-life services. All 200 Baby Bottles that were made available at the Cathedral parish have been taken home and will hopefully be returned filled with change, cash, or a check.



Drive-By Fish Fry Dinner

The Cathedral Social Committee is sponsoring a fish dinner, this Friday, June 4th, from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM the menu is: Beer Battered Fried Fish, Macaroni and Cheese, Cole Slaw, Dinner Roll and Dessert, the Cost is \$10.00. Tickets are available after all Masses. Tickets will also be available at the Cathedral Parish Office during regular hours 9:00 AM-5:00 PM.

Missionaries of the Sacred Heart

In 1854, a French parish priest, Jules Chevalier, gathered a small group of like-minded priests and formed the MSC congregation under the protection of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart. Chevalier set his sights on a new goal: bringing together like-minded people, incorporating priests, religious, and lay associates, who work to bring this message of faith and love to the world around them a world mired in bitterness, hopelessness, and despair.

Today, the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart minister in more than 50 countries worldwide, with over 1,700 MSCs carrying on the legacy of our founder, Fr. Jules Chevalier. From pastoral care of Riverside communities in the Amazon, to the provision of something as simple and essential as a nutritious meal for a hungry child in Brazil, our Sacred Heart family are working across the globe to help those who need it the most.

This year's World Projects Appeal will offer a lifeline to many vulnerable communities, from children living in the bushlands of the Congo to elderly people in need of company and a safe space to meet in Brazil. As we're faced with bleak news of disaster and destruction on a regular basis, it is a breath of fresh air to see our mission family joining together to create something extraordinary. Together, we are making 2021 a year of positive transformation, can you help?

A NOTE OF THANKS

Gratitude is extended to Maryann Bistline, Paula Clemens, and Jerry Fulare who "spruced up" some of our property on Saturday, May 22, by weeding the gardens between the Cathedral and rectory, picking up trash, and trimming weeds.

Memorial Day

Take time to remember family members who have gone home to the Lord.

These memories are sacred for they rekindle our faith and hope for a future reunion. We were born from their love and will return to their love.



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Let God be who God is. This is often one of the hardest things to do. Rather than allowing the mystery of being created in the image and likeness of God unfold and take root in our lives, we change the dynamic. We want to be the creators who want to make God into the image and likeness we need God to be. We have a hard-enough time letting the people in our lives be who they are. We struggle even more so with God. It is almost as if we want God to be our imaginary friend who is not only with us whenever we need but becomes the Being we need God to be. Who is it that we want God to be today? A protector, disciplinarian, champion for justice, healer, advocate for our cause, grantor of prayers, guardian of my life, or the avenger? Our prayers tell an interesting story. When you pray, what does God look like?

Recently, a young woman who was feeling invisible, overlooked, ignored, and misunderstood by her husband struggled to make her feelings known and get his attention. Finally, she screamed, "Listen to me!" Thus, birth was given to a renewed and healthier relationship. We spend so much time storming heaven with our agenda and trying to make God into a "god" of our desires that we do not hear God saying, "Listen to me!" God is desperately trying to get our attention. God is saying, I am here among you as not one but three, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Many people seldom notice God's presence because they are so caught up with other spiritual cares and concerns. And, when the "god" they fashion and create doesn't produce as they desire, they shake the dust from their feet and move on. "I tried," they exclaim, "but God didn't listen."

Healthy relationships aren't built on making someone be who we need them to be. Healthy relationships are built on encounters of persons and the development of an appreciation of someone solely for who they are. Deeper relationships can even be found with two people marveling at each other and almost experiencing a childlike joy and giddiness when they see the other coming. Do you ever have these feelings about God? Believe it or not, God does for you! There is a joyful laughter that gives rise to and connects all three members of the Holy Trinity. It is this laughter, flowing from the very depths of the Godhead that not only keeps the Trinity in joyful unity but spills over into the creation of all beings and things. It is an expression of Divine Delight! Have you ever taken time away from your agenda to experience the Divine Joyfulness of God?

We can reach a connection of Presence wherein even the smallest of creatures suddenly radiate the fullness of God: the wonderful creation of their being, the innocence and playfulness of their movements, and the sustaining life breath that flows through their veins. The same God who created the heavens and the earth is the same God who wants you to call him 'Dad' and the same God who preserves your life and has all things in His care. ©LPI

The Year of Saint Joseph

"We know that Joseph was a lovely carpenter, betrothed to Mary. He was a just man ever ready to carry out God's will as revealed to him in the Law and through four dreams. After a long and tiring journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem, he beheld the birth of the Messiah in a stable... He witnessed the adoration of the shepherds and the magi, who represented respectively the people of Israel and the pagan people." (Mt 1:18,19,20; 2:1-13,19,22; Lk 1:22-27, 39; 2:1-12, 7-20)

St Joseph was chosen by God, the Father, to be his representative on earth. God granted him all the graces and blessing he needed to be a worthy representative. Joseph was chosen by God, the Son, to be his foster father. After Mary, Joseph is the holiest of the saints. Joseph was chosen by the Holy Spirit. He is the mutual Love of the Father and the Son-the heart of Trinity. Joseph had a most responsible vocation-to open the way for redemption of the world and to prepare for it by the education and guidance of the youth of the God-man. <https://ewtn.com/catholicism/devotions/day-three>. 2021 Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown Liturgy Committee, Liturgy Office, *Mary, Mother of the Church Pastoral Center*, 2713- West Chestnut Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601.

Stewardship Reflections

Today on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, as we reflect on God's nature as three persons in one God, we recognize that He is a family whose life is love. We are a family of persons called to live together in love. It is our duty as Christian disciples to live in love with others. In so doing, we bring others to Christ and His Church, inviting them to establish an intimate relationship with the Lord and to live a sacramental life united to Christ and His Church. Are we using the time, talent and treasure God has blessed us with to make disciples and build the Church? (*Stewardship Reflections by Catholic Stewardship Consultants*, 5/20/2018)

Christ commissions all of us to make disciples, and He has given us many gifts with which to do so. "Jesus not only calls people to him but also forms them and sends them out in his service. Being sent on a mission is a consequence of being a disciple. Whoever wants to follow Christ will have much work to do on his behalf." [Stewardship: A Disciple's Response 10th Anniversary. Ed., USCCB, 2002]



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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

Holiday: 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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