

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

June 13, 2021

MASS INTENTIONS

June 14, Monday: Weekday

6:45 AM + Dorothy Stephens (Robert Farabaugh)
12:00 PM + Brian McCaulley, Birthday (Family)

June 15, Tuesday: Weekday

6:45 AM + Joseph Knott Jr. (Jeff, Beckey, & Ryan Knott)
12:00 PM + Fred & Margaret Lumadue (Family)

June 16, Wednesday: Weekday

6:45 AM + Our Fathers (McNelis All Stars)
12:00 PM + Lilia Sprankle (Patricia Rhoa)

June 17, Thursday: Weekday

6:45 AM + Anna Mercer (Children)
12:00 PM + Eleanor Bettwy, Ann. (Tim & JoAnn Bettwy)

June 18, Friday: Weekday

6:45 AM + Bishop Joseph Adamec (Anonymous)
12:00 PM Nathaniel Hockenberry Birth. (Family)

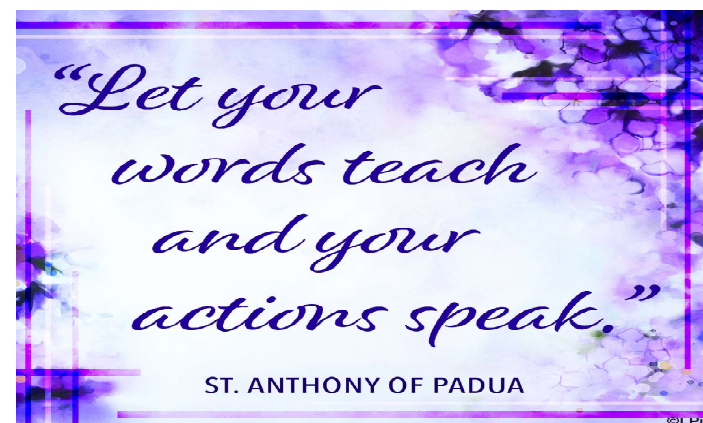
June 19, Saturday: St Romuald, Abbot, BVM

8:00 AM+ Carrie Kibler Detwiler (Mom & Dad)
12:00 PM + Lorie Keirn (Dorie Seymour)
Vigil: **Twelfth Sunday of Ordinary Time**
5:00 PM + Cheryl Consalvo (Linda Consalvo)

June 20, Sunday

8:00 AM + Tony Alianiello (Family)
10:00 AM + Richard Yahner (Minnie Yahner)
12:00 PM + Patricia Koeck (Bob & Sandy Shepp)
5:00 PM Pro Popolo/ For the People

Please remember our sick in your prayers.



Readings for the week of June 13, 2021

Sunday: Ez 17:22-24/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 [cf. 2a]/
2 Cor 5:6-10/Mk 4:26-34

Monday: 2 Cor 6:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2b, 3ab, 3cd-4 [2a]/Mt
5:38-42

Tuesday: 2 Cor 8:1-9/Ps 146:2, 5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a [1b]/
Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday: 2 Cor 9:6-11/Ps 112:1bc-2, 3-4, 9 [1b]/Mt
6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: 2 Cor 11:1-11/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 7-8 [7a]/Mt
6:7-15

Friday: 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [cf. 18b]/
Mt 6:19-23

Saturday: 2 Cor 12:1-10/Ps 34:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 [9a]/
Mt 6:24-34

Next Sunday: Jb 38:1, 8-11/ Ps 107:23-24, 25-26, 28-
29, 30-31 [1b]/2 Cor 5:14-17/Mk 4:35-4

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.

Fun Facts about The Cathedral

The main doors into the cathedral are etched glass produced by Baut Studios of Pittsburgh. The two center doors portray Jesus at the Last Supper. On the right door he holds the bread and on the other door he holds the cup, that become his body and blood. They are flanked by doors that are etched with the traditional symbols of the four Evangelist: Matthew (angel), Luke (ox), Mark (lion), and John (eagle).

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.)

Through the Eyes of Children

An activities booklet about Saint Joseph is available at our entrances for children. It contains artwork, puzzles, prayers, games, and coloring pages.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday, June 6, 2021 \$10,428.84

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 6:30 PM. 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 claraia@dioceseaj.org.

VOTIVE CANDLES

The light signifies our prayer offered in faith coming into the light of God. With the light of faith, we petition our Lord in prayer, or petition a saint to pray with us and for us to the Lord. The light also shows a special reverence and our desire to remain present to the Lord in prayer even though we may depart and go about our daily business. The donation is \$4.00 per candle and the envelope can be placed in the weekend collection basket or put in the rectory door slot.

Camp Timothy / Camp Zacchaeus

For Youth entering Grades 10-12 and Newly Graduated Seniors for 2021. June 21, 22, 23 at Resurrection Picnic Grove in Johnstown Pa. We will offer Virtual Day Camp and an Overnight Tent camping option! For more information or to receive a brochure, contact Francine Swope in Youth Ministry Office at (814-317-2646). July 19, 20, and 21, 2021- 9:00 am-3:00 pm (daily check-in begins at 8:30 am). Altoona Area-St Patrick, Newry and State College Area-Good Shepherd, Port Matilda. July 26, 27, and 28, 2021- 9:00 am-3:00 pm (check-in begins at 8:30 am). Johnstown Area- Resurrection Picnic Grove, Johnstown.

Campers will enjoy daily Liturgies, inspirational music, prayer experiences, evangelization sessions (our theme lesson for the day) games, arts and crafts and lots more! Camp will be held following all current (CDC), State and Diocesan protocols for Camp Zacchaeus for COVID. For more information or to receive a brochure, contact Francine Swope in the Youth Ministry Office at (814)317-2646.

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 weekend, we welcome Fr. Andrew Torma, MSC to our Parish. He will make an appeal on behalf of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart (MSC), a religious society of more than 2,000 members active in 54 countries, most of them in developing countries. I urge you to welcome him and make a generous sacrifice to join with the MSC in order to spread the Gospel in mission lands. Your contribution is a very concrete way to express your baptismal call and share in missionary work.

A NOTE OF THANKS

Gratitude is extended to our parish's Social Committee for conducting a Drive-Thru Fish Fry on Friday, June 4, and for providing the social following the 10:00 A.M. Mass on Sunday, June 6. The volunteers were Butch Winkler, Mary Ann Bell, Janet Hammond, Ronald Helfrich, Jim and Ann Dixon, Paul Luke, Lee Truby, John Fischer, Tony Eckenrode, Beth Moore, Matt Koeck, and Chris and Dave McCullough.



JUNE 14
FLAG DAY

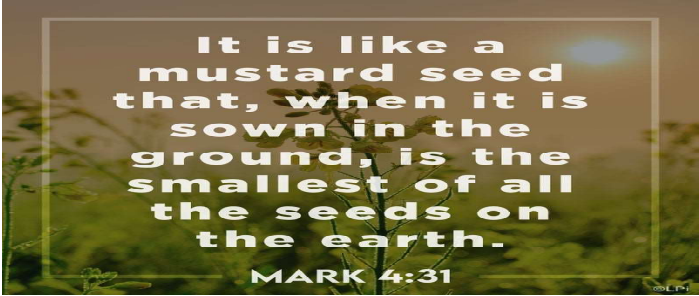
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A favorite motto of St. Teresa of Calcutta was, “do small things with great love.” This is how it works in the kingdom of God. God can do tremendous things with the smallest gesture, especially when it is done in love. We can clearly see that our world is suffering greatly. People are struggling to find peace, navigate through conflicts, earn a sustainable living, find security and enough food to eat, and work through political tensions and conflicts. In the light of the magnitude of the difficulties that exist around us and even within us, we can find ourselves floundering to discover practical, effective solutions. How can something so large be helped by someone as small and seemingly insignificant as me? While whole systems and structures may be out of the league of our personal influence, are we really that helpless in the midst of all of the turmoil, sadness, and suffering?

If we believe that God is with us and that God is still working to bring about the glory of God’s kingdom, then the answer is no. We are never helpless or without hope. Armed with a strong life of prayer, we can always flee to God and ask for inspiration, wisdom, and especially love. We are all blessed with unique gifts and talents and it often seems that considering all that the world lacks, love and charity remain at the top of the list. Life can easily become a battleground of hostility. Because life is challenging and difficult, anger is not far away. We see it on people’s faces and hear it in their voices. There is a measure of frustration that permeates all avenues of life. It is even felt in the air.

As people of faith, we know that what we see here is not the end but only a part of something far greater to come. We know that God’s kingdom is where we are ultimately meant to be, and the Gospel is the way to get there. If love and charity can prevail in us, then God will be able to do what God does best. God will use us to scatter the seeds of his kingdom. Through our small gestures, those seeds can receive the nurturing attention that is necessary for them to bear great fruit. We cannot fall victim to the strife that is around us. We have to keep ourselves refreshed and focused so that even in small ways, we can become part of the solution, not the problem. Love and charity, which come from God, can help to heal the ills of the world. May we bring these simple gifts to the everyday simple tasks of our lives! Watch how big the plant grows! @LPI



The Year of Saint Joseph
Saint Joseph a Beloved Father! The Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time. Patris Corde 1. A Beloved Father, Watchful Defender of Christ

St. Joseph was an example of a father tenderly loving his Son and a father obediently following God’s will when he did not fully understand its purpose. The carpenter from Nazareth had to trust deeply in God while dealing with concrete challenges his family faced in a world particularly marked by poverty, oppression, and injustice. The Presentation of Jesus in the Temple prefigures Jesus’ offering on the Cross and the offering of our own lives for love of God and others.

“Joseph shapes his life in conformity with what God expected of him. God gave him all the needed graces to carry out his special mission, as God also did for Mary and of all to whom he entrusts a mission.” May we have that same trust in God.

St. Joseph, A beloved father, watchful defender of Christ, pray for us. (*Pope Francis Apostolic Letter Patris Corde, 1. Dec. 8, 2020; St. Joseph Man of the Faith, Jacques Gauthier, Catholic Book Publishing, N.J., 2014*) **2021, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown Liturgy Committee, Liturgy Office, Mary, Mother of the Church Pastoral Center, 2713- West Chestnut Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601.**

Saint Joseph Ancient Novena Prayer

Oh St. Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God. I place in you all my interests and desires. Oh St. Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercessions and obtain for me from your Divine Son all spiritual blessings, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

So that having engaged here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving Father. Oh St. Joseph, I never weary of contemplating you and Jesus asleep in your arms; I dare not approach while he reposes near your heart.

Press him in my name and kiss his fine head for me and ask him to return the kiss when I draw my dying breath, St. Joseph, Patron of departing souls, pray for me and my loved ones. Amen.

St. John the Evangelist Parish Chicken BBQ

On Sunday, June 27, St. John the Evangelist Church, 309 Lotz Avenue, Altoona, will hold a DRIVE THRU ONLY Chicken BBQ at the Knights of Columbus, 324 Bedford St., Hollidaysburg, beginning at 11:00 AM. The \$10 tickets can be purchased after any weekend mass. Tickets will also be available in the Parish Office, which is open weekdays from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM - (814-942-5503) The proceeds will go to our Twin Parish in Haiti.

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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.

ANOIDTING 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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