

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

June 27, 2021

MASS INTENTIONS

June 28, Monday: St. Irenaeus Bp. and Martyr

6:45 AM + Jane Davidson (John & Alice Joyce Family)
12:00 PM + Ron Sheehan (Mike & Sherry Byrne)

June 29, Tuesday: Sts. Peter & Paul, Apostles

6:45 AM + Joe Francis (Ed & Lois Simanski)
12:00 PM + Mary Moran Aigner (Jim & Steph Kilcoyne)

June 30, Wednesday: The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church

6:45 AM + Audrey Krause (Phyllis Lavelle Sheetz)
12:00 PM + Dan & Marian Burns (M/M Dave Hanekamp)

July 1, Thursday: St. Junipero Serra, Priest

6:45 AM + Dec. of Hrubiak & Kurdziel Families
(Rev. Dennis Hrubiak)
12:00 PM + Richard (Dick) Nelson (Gibson Family)

July 2, Friday: Weekday

6:45 AM + Helen Soyka (Leaha, Joe & Joey Kifus)
12:00 PM + Deceased Family Members E.T. Smith
(George & Dot Smith)

July 3, Saturday: Saint Thomas, Apostle

8:00 AM Vocation to Priesthood/Rel. Life (Anonymous)
12:00 PM + Rita Beck (Dave & Karen Rhoa)
Vigil: Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time
5:00 PM Bob & Lorraine Beck Wedding Ann. (Family)

July 4, Sunday

8:00 AM + Edward Ball Jr. (Mom)
10:00 PM + Catherine Beech Fredrick, Ann. (Family)
12:00 PM Pro Popolo/For the People
5:00 PM NO MASS

Please remember our sick in your prayers.

No Sunday Evening Mass Sunday, 4th of July

There will be no 5:00 P.M. Mass on Sunday, July 4th. A Mass commemorating Independence Day will be celebrated on Monday, July 5, at 9:00 A.M. (There will be no 6:45 A.M. or Noon Mass on July 5.)

Parish Office Closed

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday July 5th, in observance of Independence Day. Be safe!

Readings for the week of June 27, 2021

Sunday: Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11, 12, 13 [2a]/2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15/ Mk 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35b-43

Monday: Gn 18:16-33/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 8-9, 10-11 [8a]/ Mt 8:18-22

Tuesday: Vigil: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Gal 1:11-20/Jn 21:15-19

Day: Acts 12:1-11/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [5]/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19

Wednesday: Gn 21:5, 8-20a/Ps 34:7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [7a]/Mt 8:28-34

Thursday: Gn 22:1b-19/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [9]/ Mt 9:1-8

Friday: Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67/Ps 106:1b-2, 3-4a, 4b-5 [1b]/Mt 9:9-13

Saturday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Jn 20:24-29

Next Sunday: Ez 2:2-5/Ps 123:1-2, 2, 3-4 [2cd]/2 Cor 12:7-10/Mk 6:1-6

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. Registration weekend will be held before and after all Masses on August 7 & 8th in the Parish Education Center. A Baptismal certificate is required for all new students. Online registration is also available at all times on the parish website: www.altcathedral@diocese.org. Please contact Chris Laraia DRE(814-312-7317) for more information.

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 claraia@dioceseaj.org.

Prayer Shawls

If anyone feels that they need some comfort in their troubled times, please feel free to contact Lorraine Beck at 814-942-7774 for one of our Prayer Shawls. These shawls have been Blessed and may bring you the comfort that you need.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday, June 13, 2021 \$6,473.00

Sunday, June 20, 2021 \$5,218.50

Nocturnal Adoration

Will be held at Our Lady of Fatima Parish, 2010-12th Avenue, Altoona, on Friday July 2nd from 8:00 PM to 11:00 PM. They are the host church for this event. Please try to visit for an hour. You may attend anytime.

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday, July 7, Cathedral Parish will have Eucharistic Adoration from 12:30 P.M. until after 7:00 PM confirmations. A sign-up sheet is located on the cross aisle table to choose your time for visitation before the Blessed Sacrament. There are still times in late afternoon and early evening that need people present for adoration. The Church asks that at least two people be present at all times when there is Exposition of the Sacrament.

Camp Zacchaeus

For Youth entering Grades 3-9 in the Fall . 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.

St. Anthony of Padua Parish, Windber Festival

We will have Ethnic Festival Food, the weekend of July 10, and 11th for take-out only. Saturday, July 10, 3-7 pm and Sunday, July 11, 11am-4:00 pm.

We are also selling 4th of July/ Festival Tickets. They are \$20.00 each and have 4 - 3 digit numbers on each ticket and based off of the PA Lottery. They run July 3-11, with prizes of \$150, \$300, or \$500 each night. Tickets are available at the Parish Office or by calling 814-467-7292.

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.

A Note of Thanks

A special thank-you to the following people who had donated money and volunteered their time to tend to the plants that are out front of the church: Mary Ann Bell, Ed & Paulette Farabaugh, Patty McCloskey, Paula Miller, and Bill & Grace Smith. If you have any free time and talent and would like to volunteer your time, talent and treasures to help out, it would be deeply appreciated. You can contact Bill & Grace Smith at 814-944-4616.

Fun Facts About Cathedral

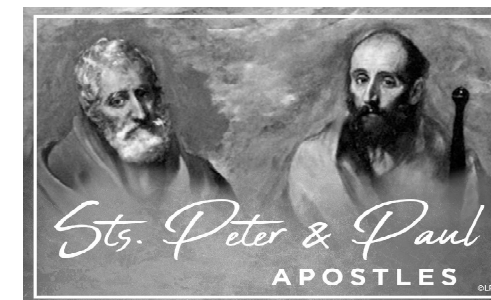
The cathedral's main feature that rises to a height of 198 feet(60m.) It reflects an academic interpretation of Italy's early Renaissance cathedrals. The dome incorporates elements from those on St. Peter's Basilica in Rome and the Florence Cathedral. It features 24 windows: eight round windows are located at the base, eight dormer windows are on the second tier, and eight eyebrow windows near the top. There is also a skylight at the pinnacle of the dome. Given its location on the peak of Gospel Hill, the cathedral is a visual landmark for the city of Altoona.

Update on our Catholic Ministry Drive

Gifts from 126 households have enabled us to reach 83% of this year's Catholic Ministries Drive. \$38,715 has been pledged towards our \$46,385 target. Our generosity supports the training of seminarians, benefits Catholic Charities, helps to sustain Family Life Ministry, and enables our diocesan outreach to children and teenagers. Please be supportive. Envelopes are available at our entrances.

Bus Trip

Mt. Carmel Parish is sponsoring a bus trip to Flight 93 National Memorial, Shanksville PA, on Sunday July 25th. It will leave from Mt. Carmel Church Parking lot at 1:30 pm. The trip includes transportation, visit Flight 93 site (Tower of Voices, Visitor Center, Memorial Plaza Walk along the Crash site) Buffet Dinner at Oakhurst Grille, Somerset Pa, and gratuities. The cost of the trip is \$53.00 per person. Please contact the Parish Office at 814-942-8501 to make your reservation by July 16th.



JUNE 27, 2021

The author of The Cloud of Unknowing prays, "That which I am and the way that I am, with all my gifts of nature and grace, you have given to me, O Lord, and you are all this. I offer it all to you, principally to praise you and to help my fellow Christians and myself." Knowing that God sustains us in being is the key to faith. All that we need to do is to love God as God is and the rest will begin to fall into place. God made us in His image and desires that we have life. God also desires that we be healed of all of our wounds, especially those caused by sin, and know his loving touch. Being weighed down by negativity, imperfections, the cares of the world, and weakness is not something that God desires.

Faith can profoundly change how we see God, ourselves, and one another. It gives a clearer lens through which to see life and connects us with the powerful virtues of love and hope. Three friends journeying with us through all that we encounter, faith, hope, and love, help us experience God's embrace and heal us. All we have to do is let God be who God is and not foolishly try to make Him into what we need or want Him to be. Without God we cease to be. It's that simple. The very blood that flows through my veins and the life that I have come directly from Divine origins. With this knowledge of who God is and who I am, I can open my ears and hear the powerful words Jesus speaks, "Do not be afraid, just have faith." Trust begins.

When we are struggling, we naturally reach out for God because we know that a divine remedy is the only remedy. But, in doing so we wrestle with letting God take charge. We want something more miraculous and visible than the obvious and have difficulty in finding consolation simply resting in God's presence. Our naked being, stripped of any pretense or self-serving agenda, is being called to rest in and love the uncreated Presence of God. Reach out in love to God. Ask God to heal you from all that separates you from Him. Put aside any ideas of God that create barriers between you and God's tender and endearing presence. The Cloud of Unknowing leaves us with wisdom, "think of yourself and of him in the same way, that is, with the simple awareness that he is as he is and that you are as you are." This is a meeting of two friends who desire nothing more than to share life together.

The Year of Saint Joseph

The Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Patris Corde 1. A Beloved Father, Glory of Domestic Life.

Saint Joseph served God and his plan of salvation by being a faithful husband and father, day by day, week by week, and month by month. By doing these ordinary tasks out of love for his family, he made an offering of himself. "Joseph was the responsible and tender man who takes care of Mary and Jesus. He watches over them, helps them in their needs, gives himself to his daily tasks, sings the Psalms as the Jews of his time, dances with the words of the *Torah*, participates in the *Shabbat*, and leads Jesus to the synagogue. He rejoices interiorly when Jesus calls him abba, dear dad. Even though he knows in the depth of silence that Jesus must serve another Abba."

We should follow his example. No matter what our state in life, we all have daily chores and responsibilities. By being faithful to these and carrying them out to the best of our ability, we help to continue God's plan of salvation for us. **St. Joseph, a beloved father, glory of domestic life, 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 Mission Church, Hart's Sleeping Place, Carrolltown

This historic Church, Blessed by Servant of God, Demetrius Gallitzin himself on October, 10, 1830, will be opening once a month for visitation and self-guided tours. The Church will be open from Noon-3:00 PM on Sundays: July 4th. A Special outdoor Mass with Bishop Mark Bartchak as Main Celebrant, will be held on Sunday, August 1 at 4:00 PM. The Church will be opened from Noon-3:30 PM, with Confessions from 1:00PM-3:00PM **WEBSITE:** www.sjm1830.com

St. Joseph Church, Williamsburg:

Each Saturday: Confessions: 4:30 pm Mass 5:00 pm.

Each Sunday: Confessions at 8:30 am Mass 9:00 am. All Are Welcome!

WEBSITE: www.webparish.com/aj/Joseph-Wmbg.



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

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