

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 4, 2021

MASS INTENTIONS

**July 5, Monday: St. Anthony Zaccaria, Priest;
USA: St. Elizabeth of Portugal**

9:00 AM In Thanksgiving, God Bless America

July 6, Tuesday: St. Maria Goretti, Virgin & Martyr

6:45 AM + Nancy Moffa Jenaway (Estate)
12:00 PM + Edward Matosziuk III (Family)

July 7, Wednesday: Weekday

6:45 AM Becky Bettwy (Friend)
12:00 PM + Barry Saletnik (Carrie & Clare Robertson)

July 8, Thursday: Weekday

6:45 AM + Poor Souls (Anonymous)
12:00 PM + Betsy Cote (Minnie Yahner)

**July 9, Friday: St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest
and Companions, Martyrs**

6:45 AM + Dave Baronner (Marlene & Paul Sheets)
12:00 PM + Kathy Starr (Jen & Cory Geishouser)

July 10, Saturday: Weekday

8:00 AM + Maryann Madigan Groch (Tim & Anne Marrie Longwill)
12:00 PM + Amelia Seiler (John & Beverly Buterbaugh)

Vigil: Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

5:00 PM + Mike & Jerry Smith (Terry Smith)

July 11, Sunday

8:00 AM + Richard Anthony (Ted & Leona George)
10:00 AM + Jackie Duncan (Janet & Sam Ianuzzi)
12:00 PM + John Gority (Tom & Nancy Gibney)
5:00 PM Pro Popolo/For the People

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 July 4, 2021

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

Monday: Gn 28:10-22a/Ps 91:1-2, 3-4, 14-15 ab [cf. 2b]/Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday: Gn 32:23-33/Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b and 15 [15a]/Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19 [22]/Mt 10:1-7

Thursday: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 [5a]/Mt 10:7-15

Friday: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40 [39a]/Mt 10:16-23

Saturday: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7 [cf. Ps 69:33]/Mt 10:24-33

Next Sunday: Am 7:12-15/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10/Mk 6:7-1

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 or 10th 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.

Courtesy Announcement

Seeking in-home companion for minimum care and oversight of a 96 year old American Italian Catholic woman, in Altoona. Free room and board in exchange for fully furnished separate entrance downstairs kitchen, bath, bedroom and living space.

References required. Please call her son at 215-208-5380, for more details and interview. Thank you.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday, July 4, 2021 \$5,461.00

Families and the Gospel

Today's gospel is so familiar, it hurts! The hometown folks could not except the presence of God in Jesus. After all, they they had watched him grow up. We can easily make the same mistake if we do not see God present in the ordinary routines of our family. "The Lord be with you" is a statement of fact. Believe it. Live it.

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday, July 7, Cathedral Parish will have Eucharistic Adoration from 12:30 P.M. until after 7:00 PM confessions. 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.

Roast Beef Dinner/ Basket Auction

St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, Route 53, Frugality Pa. (near Prince Gallitzin State Park and Glendale Lake) will be holding their fundraiser on, Sunday, July 18th. We are featuring a Takeout Only Roast Beef Dinner for \$10.00, from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm only and a Basket Auction from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. Winners will be notified by telephone on the day of the drawing and prizes can be picked up the next day- Monday, July 19 from 1:00 PM-5:00 PM at the Parish Hall. Please come, we would like to meet you!

Fun Facts About Cathedral

The cathedral is home to an organ, built in 1931 by the old German firm of G.F. Steinmeyer and Company Ottingen, Bavaria, Germany. The organ has 57 speaking stops with 78 ranks and 4,759 pipes, made of wood, Zinc and various tin and lead alloys. The largest pipe, nearly 20 feet (6.1m) long, with a diameter of 10 inches (25cm), dwarf the smallest pipes having a pencil-like shape and an 8 inch (20cm) length. Four bellows, eight by 4 feet, each with four three folds, furnish the wind supply. Restored in 1992, this historic organ is one of the focal points in the cathedral. In 1997, the organ was featured on the "The Joy of Music" with the festival choir, under the direction of Robert Long. The organ stands below the stained glass window of Saint Cecelia, patroness of music and musicians. A bronze plaque on the organ's notes that this musical treasure was a gift from Mrs. Annie C Wolf in memory of her husband.

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.

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It's all so ordinary that we can easily miss it. The seagulls hunting and diving for mollusks at the beach offer a display of determination and precision as they gather their food for the day. It's simply what these creatures do. Yet, there's a magical artfulness and skill to their work that speaks volumes about the One who breathed life into their being. This is pretty much the way it is with God's presence. God comes in common ways through common things and ordinary people. Sadly, we are so engulfed in our little worlds of order and ideas to notice the beauty and wonder of it all. Many have numbed themselves to the Divine spark at the essence of all life because that's just the way it is. What's so special about it? A sunset is a sunset and a seagull is a seagull. That's precisely what they thought about Jesus too. After all, isn't he just the carpenter's son? What merit can his words possibly have?

If we're looking for God to come in an event that is so dramatic and intense that it knocks our socks off, then think again. When pondering God's relationship with His people and God's action in our lives, we have to go back to the stable and the recurring, creative, unending power of God's presence. It was a quiet, run of the mill kind of night. There was nothing spectacular or extraordinary. To the naked eye, a woman gave birth to a child and there wasn't anything extraordinary to see. We have a hard time understanding God's ordinary-ness. Jesus grew up in an ordinary town, had neighbors and did normal human things. Perhaps that's why we don't always like the Gospel. It doesn't dazzle us with extraordinary things but simply challenges us to take a different look at our ordinary stuff. That makes us uncomfortable. We prefer things as they are. Our lack of faith can even cause us to take offense at what Jesus says and does, dismissing it as folly.

God's life-giving presence continues to sustain that seagull in flight and keep all things in being regardless of whether we have the faith to see and understand this. Our personal agendas, preconceived ideas, misconceptions, and expectations can often cause us to be hardened and blinded to what God is doing or desiring to do. While God continues to do what he has done for all eternity, faith is needed for God's presence to bear fruit. The blinders we wear and the expectations we bring to life can often prevent us from seeing graced moments that radiate with God's graceful presence. They also prevent God's transforming, healing, and hope filled vision for our world from being realized. Without faith, God won't be able to do much for us either.

The Year of Saint Joseph

The Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Patris Corde 2. A Beloved Father, Man of Compassion

Joseph was never quoted in the Gospels, but he spoke through his actions. When Mary became pregnant, but before she was living with Joseph, he had decided to divorce her quietly to spare her life. However, after an angel spoke to him in a dream about how she would be the mother of the Son of God, he took her into his home as his wife.

"In the synagogue, during the praying of the Psalms, Joseph would surely have heard again and again that the God of Israel is a God of tender love, who is good to all, whose 'compassion is over all that He was made.'" **St. Joseph, a loving father, man of compassion, pray for us.**

(Pope Francis Apostolic Letter Patris Corde, 2. 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.**

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/

Stewardship Reflections

Being able to recognize and admit our short comings is essentials for us to have the strength Paul demonstrates. The reason St. Paul finds strength in his limitations is because he is aware that the Lord will provide the power needed in the midst of those deficiencies, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness."

Living discipleship through stewardship, giving of ourselves for one another, living completely for the sake of the Gospel is countercultural. Like Ezekiel we must try God's words. The way one can best follow stewardship as a way of life is to remember we are not alone. Even Jesus himself dealt with opposition.

Humility is an important trait in living a life of stewardship. May we pray for strength of God's presence and be willing to seek humility to find our personal strengths. May we continue to live our commitment to serve others as Jesus taught when he continued to bring others to his Father through acts of love even in the midst of being rejected.

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.

ANOIDING 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

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

Holidaysburg 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

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