

FIFTEEN SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 11, 2021

MASS INTENTIONS

July 12, Monday: Weekday

6:45 AM + Jack & Kitty Bell Wed. Ann. (Mary Ann Bell)
12:00 PM + John Duffy (Janet & Michele Belsey)

July 13, Tuesday: Weekday

6:45 AM + End of Abortion (Chris McNelis)
12:00 PM + Eileen Flanagan (Patty & Bear McCloskey)

July 14, Wednesday: St. Kateri, Tekakwitha

6:45 AM + Lori & Joe Keim (Ricke & Donna Kelly)
12:00 PM + Sister Catherine Mary Malloy (Family)

July 15, Thursday: St. Bonaventure, Bp. and Dr.

6:45 AM + Denis Burns (Dave & Maureen Hanekamp)
12:00 PM + Souls in Purgatory (Anonymous)

July 16, Friday: Our Lady of Mount Carmel

6:45 AM + Rose Stefanon (Cathedral Parish)
12:00 PM + Paul & Gerri Rose Wed. Ann. (Family)

July 17, Saturday: Weekday

8:00 AM + Carrie Kibler Detwiler (Mom & Dad)
12:00 PM + Dennis Joseph Behe Ann. (Sister Peg)
Vigil: Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time
5:00 PM + Diane M. Johnston Anniversary (Mother)

July 18, Sunday

8:00 AM + Jim Riley Sr. Birthday (Maureen Schoch)
10:00 AM + Eleanor Fischer (John & MaryJo McConnell)
12:00 PM + Charles V. Brady Birthday
(M/M Joe Shellenberger)
5:00 PM Pro Popolo/For the People

Please remember our sick in your prayers.

Families and the Gospel

Jesus sent out His apostles without many “things” because THINGS distract. We collect, argue about and protect other “things.” Garage sales only transfer “things.” We even ignore each other because we have “things” to do. What “things” are separating you from your family?

Readings for the week of July 11, 2021

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

Monday: Ex 1:8-14, 22/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8 [8a]/Mt 10:34—11:1

Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a/Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34 [cf. 33]/Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7 [8a]/Mt 11:25-27

Thursday: Ex 3:13-20/Ps 105:1 and 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27 [8a]/Mt 11:28-30

Friday: Ex 11:10—12:14/Ps 116:12-13, 15 and 16bc, 17-18 [13]/Mt 12:1-8

Saturday: Ex 12:37-42/Ps 136:1 and 23-24, 10-12, 13-15/Mt 12:14-21

Next Sunday: Jer 23:1-6/Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6 [1]/Eph 2:13-18/Mk 6:30-3

A Note of Gratitude

A sincere note of gratitude is extended to Jean Koury who have served as a catechist for twenty years and as our 9-12 grade Director of Religious Education for 15 of those years. Jean’s ministerial outreach to our teenagers, especially as they prepared for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, has been a blessing to Cathedral Parish and a wonderful and caring witness to our parents and their children.

Phyllis Baker and Kristin John will be assuming the roles of catechists for our 9-12 grade parishioners.

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 6:30 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.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday, July 4, 2021 \$7,443.00

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.

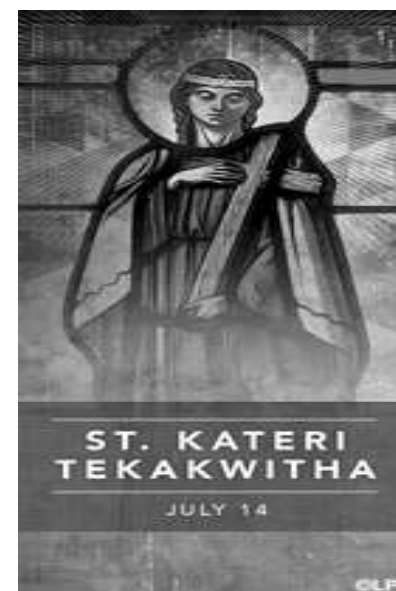
Campers will enjoy daily Liturgies, inspirational music, prayer experiences, evangelization sessions (our theme lesson for the day) games, arts and crafts and lots more! Camp will be held following all current (CDC), State and Diocesan protocols for Camp Zacchaeus for COVID. For more information or to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

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!

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.



Cathedral Fun Facts

The word cathedral is derived from a Latin / Greek word, cathedra, meaning “chair”. In Christian literature, it always conveyed the idea of authority. The Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, then, is not important simply because it is the largest and most beautiful church in the diocese, but because of its character as the “cathedra” or seat of the bishop.

Following Job Openings

Temporary Accountin Assistant: Diocese Finance Office

Care Coordinator: Martha & Mary Homeless Shelter Johnstown.

Caseworker: Catholic Charities Altoona Office

General Laborer: Transfiguration Parish Johnstown

Administrative Assistant: Sts. Gregory & Banabas Parish Johnstown

Custodian: St. Michael School Loretto

DRE: St. Benedict Parish Carrolltown

Housekeeper: St. John the Baptist Parish New Baltmor

Organist: St. Catherine of Siena Parish Duncansville

School Principal: St. Matthew, Tyrone; St. Patrick Newry

Various Elementary & High School Teaching Positions.

Car Cruise/Blockparty

Sunday July 25th Queen of Angels Parish in Central City will be sponsoring a Classic and Antique Car Cruise from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM at their St. John site (164-Wheeler Street- Central City). Live oldies music will be provided by Americana from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM. The parish will be preparing and serving food, beer, and soft drinks, as well as other refreshments. All who have a classic or antique car , or those who take pleasure in music and an evening out are welcome to come and enjoy a day of cars, food, and camaraderie. All proceeds benefit upgrades to the Central City community playground. Any questions can be directed to the parish office at 814-754-5224.

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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Maybe the work is best left to the professionals. That's how many people view the preaching of the Gospel. That's the stuff priests, religious, deacons, lay ministers, and other professional Church people do. It has little to do with me. Well, that's not really true. The fact of the matter is that preaching the Gospel has everything to do with you, with all of us who are baptized members of the Body of Christ. Nobody gets off the hook from that job. The question is, however, how do we do it? Well, there's a safe way, which many choose, to preach the Gospel — and the risky way. The safe way pretty much keeps the Gospel in church and around like-minded people. I say my prayers, go to Mass, contribute to the food pantry, tithe, and attend Bible Study. That pretty much covers the bases, right? Wrong.

The risky way is the more challenging way and for many, the "road less traveled." Imagine those first disciples going out and into people's homes. They must have had some amazing conversations with folks about God's kingdom, changing their hearts, forgiving sins, and looking at the world differently. They must have met people who were hurting, exiled from their communities, neglected, lost, or living self-insulated lives in a society that served the rich and neglected the poor. While there were many who welcomed what they had to say and the conversations they had, there were others who no doubt rejected them and literally tossed them out on their ears! The Gospel, while being a message of joy and hope, is not always received well by those who are very comfortable keeping things as they are.

The risky way involves example and conversation. We have to take the Gospel from church and carry it with us wherever we go. What kinds of conversations do we have with others? We interact with those closest to us, in our work, social circles, institutions, corporations, in politics, and beyond. Our conversations with others reveal a great deal about how we see things and what we consider important. If we are really interested in seeing God's vision for the world succeed, then we will talk about it. It will become a part of our everyday conversation and find its way into our interactions with others. How will we preserve the dignity of human life and encourage others to have a relationship with God? We must be the example, live value centered, virtuous lives, stand against injustice, combating racism, and learn ways to resolve conflicts without violence.

If we are going to succeed going forward, we have to find a way to bring our prayer centered lives into the marketplace. Our conversations have to change. Not everyone wants to hear what the Gospel has to say. That's a risk God asks us to take.

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The Year of Saint Joseph

The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Patris Corde
2. A Tender and Loving Father, Hope for the Hopeless.

When Joseph had to take Mary and travel to Bethlehem to register for the great census they were unable to find a place to spend the night. Joseph persisted until he found a mere stable where Jesus was born. Joseph is the privileged witness of the birth, which happens under difficult conditions. Joseph cared for Mary and the Child Jesus. Joseph saw Jesus grow daily. By their bold faith, their lively hope, and fruitful love, Mary and Joseph are examples to all believers and parents.

The history of salvation is worked out "in hope against hope" through our weaknesses. All too often, we think that God works only through our better parts, yet most of his plans are realized in and despite our frailty. Since this is part of the entire economy of salvation, we must learn to look upon our weaknesses with tender mercy." **St. Joseph, a tender loving father, hope for the hopeless, pray for us.**

(Pope Francis Apostolic Letter Patris Corde, 2. Dec. 8, 2020; 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:

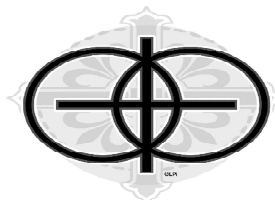
Each Saturday: Confessions: 4:30 pm Mass 5:00 pm.

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

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

Outdoor Mass For Married Couples

All married couples and their families are invited to an Outdoor Mass for Married Couples on Sunday, July 18 at 7:00 p.m. at the Our Lady of the Alleghenies Shrine in Loretto. Bishop Mark will celebrate the Liturgy, during which married couples will have the opportunity to renew their commitment to each other. The Rosary will be prayed beginning at 6:30 p.m. Bring your own lawn chair, if it rains, Bishop will celebrate Mass inside the Basilica of Saint Michael the Archangel next to the shrine. The Mass is sponsored by the Family Life Office of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown.



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.

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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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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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