

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 18, 2021

MASS INTENTIONS

July 19, Monday: Weekday

6:45 AM + Richard Yahner (Minnie Yahner)
12:00 PM + Madeline Vogel (Carrieri Family,
Jamie & Nicki Brumbaugh)

July 20, Tuesday: St. Apollinaris, Bp and Martyr

6:45 AM + All Priests (Anonymous)
12:00 PM + Anna Marie Jacobs Birthday (Family)

July 21, Wednesday: St. Lawrence of Brindisi

6:45 AM + Bob Homan (McNelis All Stars)
12:00 PM + Linda Ruggery George Birthday,
(Aunt Mae & Family)

July 22, Thursday: Saint Mary Magdalene

6:45 AM + Frederick Martynuska (Karen & Steve
Martynuska)
12:00 PM + Thomas A. and Mary Irwin (Family)

July 23, Friday: Saint Bridget, Religious

6:45 AM + Orvita Knott (Jim & Joy Lumadue)
12:00 PM + Marti Stefanon (F.I.R.E. Students)

July 24, Saturday: St. Sharbel Makhliuf

8:00 AM + Alice Winkler (Valerie Kahley)
12:00 PM + John Adams (M/M Brian Ianniello Family)
Vigil: Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time
5:00 PM + M. Virginia Jones (Rose Gripp)

July 25, Sunday

8:00 AM + Martha Maurer (Paula & Randy Clemens)
10:00 AM + Fran Moses (Altoona Family Physicians)
12:00 PM + Roger Flurry (Kerry & Kathy Hallinan)
5:00 PM Pro Popolo/ For the People



Readings for the week of July 18, 2021

Sunday: Jer 23:1-6/Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6 [1]/Eph 2:13-18/Mk 6:30-34

Monday: Ex 14:5-18/Ex 15:1bc,-2, 3-4, 5-6 [1b]/Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday: Ex 14:21—15:1/Ex 15:8-9, 10 and 12, 17 [1b]/Mt 12:46-50

Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28 [24b]/Mt 13:1-9

Thursday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [2]/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Friday: Ex 20:1-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [cf. Jn 6:68c]/Mt 13:18-23

Saturday: Ex 24:3-8/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15 [14a]/Mt 13:24-30

Next Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:42-44/Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18 [cf. 16]/Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-1

A Note of Gratitude

A sincere note of gratitude is extended to Jean Koury who has 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 Confirmation, 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 6:30PM. 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.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION Sunday, July 11, 2021 \$8,161.00

Cathedral Fun Facts

While the exterior follows a more historical vocabulary, the interior is more modern. It was designed by Alfred Reid of Pittsburgh. The baptismal font is placed at the entrance of the cathedral, serving to bring parishioners into the Church metaphorically. The nave is divided into three sections by six large piers. Along the base of the vault of the nave are images of six holy men and women, each of whom has a special connection to the Blessed Sacrament: Saint Tarsicius, Saint Thomas Aquinas, Saint Paschal Baylon, Blessed Juliana of Mount Cornillon, Saint Clare of Assisi, and Blessed Imelda Lambertini.

St. Augustine Picnic

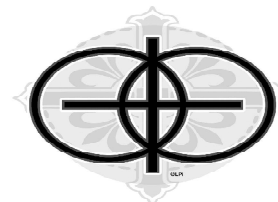
St. Augustine Church, 803- St. Augustine Road, Dysart, will hold their Annual Church Picnic on Sunday, August 1. The picnic features BBQ Chicken Dinner with homemade noodles. Dinners available from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Dinners are \$12 and will be carry out only. There will be seating available throughout the picnic grounds and in the church hall. Basket raffle, fancy booth, bingo, children's games, etc. will be held throughout the day.

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.

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.



Basket Bingo Update

We are having a Basket Bingo meeting on Thursday Evening, July 22 at 6:30 pm in the Parish Center. Please join us with ideas and support.

Our Basket Bingo is being planned for 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. They maybe dropped off at the Cathedral Parish Center Office during the hours of 9:00AM-5:00PM.

Following Job Openings

Temporary Accountin Assistant: Diocese Finance Office

Care Coordinator: Martha & Mary Homeless Shelter Johnstown.

General Laborer: Transfiguration Parish Johnstown
Administrative Assistant: Sts. Gregory & Banabas Parish Johnstown

DRE: St. Benedict Parish Carrolltown

Housekeeper: St. John the Baptist Parish New Baltimore

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.

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!

JULY 18, 2021

There's an ordinary pine grove located on a tree farm not too far from town where life's stresses and demands seem to melt away. It is here that all that seemed so important out there no longer is and one can get lost in the rows of trees and majestic beauty. God is here and all is good. We need to connect with the Divine Source of all that is in order to understand what it is we are doing and why we are doing it. Otherwise, things stop making sense and bitterness can overcome one's spirit. It's okay to play once in a while and to discover that place of profound life and peace. People always have needs and there is constantly something to do. And while all of that is necessary and we are needed, there is also that inner solitude within that needs to be celebrated and released.

We all need a pine grove. It's that little place we can go and leave all that consumes us behind. It's a place where technology can be set aside and wonder, and awe given some time. We don't have to text, calculate, or orchestrate anything in the pine grove. It is a somewhat deserted place where all of that can be set aside and we can just be. The anger, frustration, exhaustion, discouragement, helplessness, and occasional apathy, all can fall to the ground like all of those pine needles that once held their place on the branch of a Frasier Fir. The needles can let go. We can let go. We are beings connected with Being and we all need to remember what really matters, who really matters and what life is truly all about. We need to find that place where we can rest and let go of all of the barnacles we accumulate. Rest, breathe, seek, and love.

The world will need us again when we leave the pine grove. It will all be waiting for us, beckoning for our attention. But we will have prayed and will have marveled at the silence and the beauty of goodness. We can go back, ready, and eager to listen, to help, to heal, to cry, to embrace, and attend to all that is asked of us. But, having let go of the distractions in that deserted place we will have a renewed sense of purpose. We will know better Who it is we serve and what we are meant to do. It will all be clearer now that we have been Divinely touched and refreshed. ©LPi

St. Therese Conference/St. Vincent dePaul Society Flea Market

There will be a Flea Market on Friday, August 6th and Saturday, August 7th, from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM, at the Father Kelly Hall corner of 25th Avenue and 5th Street. The proceeds all go to St. Vincent dePaul Society. Hope to see you there!

The Year of Saint Joseph

The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Patris Corde 2. A Tender and Loving Father, Strength in the midst of the Fear.

An angel told Joseph in a dream that King Herod was searching for the Child to kill him. As an obedient man, Joseph takes the child and his Mother and leaves Egypt. It is a new departure, a new exodus. In letting himself be led by God, Joseph became the guide of the Holy Family. As every good father of a family, he risks his life for his Son.

"Even through Joseph's fears, God's will, his history and his plan were at work. Joseph, then teaches us that faith teaches us that amidst the tempest of life we must never be afraid to let the Lord steer our course. At times, we want to be in complete control, yet God always sees the bigger picture. **St. Joseph, a tender loving father, strength in the midst of the Fear, 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.***

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 Sunday, August 1, and the last tour will be on Sunday, September 5th. 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 1:00 PM-3:00 PM **WEBSITE: www.sjm1830.com**

St Benedict Church in Carrolltown Festival

Our annual church festival will be held on:
Friday, July 23rd- Basket Auction & Take-Out Only Ethnic Dinner from 4:00-8:00 pm.
Saturday, July 24th- Basket Auction & Take-Out Only Ethnic Foods from 3:00-8:00 pm
Sunday, July 25th- Basket Auction from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Take-Out Only Turkey Dinner beginning at 11:00 a.m. the cost of the dinner is \$12.00.

*Thank you, Lord,
for the many blessings
you have given and continue to give to the
Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament Family.*

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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.

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	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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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

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