

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 25, 2021

MASS INTENTIONS

July 26, Monday: Sts. Joachim and Anne, Parents of Blessed Virgin Mary

6:45 AM + Genevieve Hallinan (Family)
12:00 PM + Paul Rose, Anniversary (Rose Family)

July 27, Tuesday: Weekday

6:45 AM + For Poor Souls (Anonymous)
12:00 PM + Patricia Koeck (Dave & Nancy Holliday)

July 28, Wednesday: Weekday

6:45 AM+ Betty Lang (Nancy & Skip)
12:00PM + Deb & Bill Capotosti(Marie & Sharon
Yanchik)

July 29, Thursday: Saint Martha

6:45 AM + Michael Zurilla, Birthday (Family)
12:00 PM + David Lysinger Sr. Birthday (Family)

July 30, Friday: St Peter Chrysologus, Bp and Dr. of the Church

6:45 AM + Bishop Joseph Adamec (Anonymous)
12:00 PM + Janet Flegle (Kerry & Pat Byrne)

July 31, Saturday: St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

8:00 AM+ Dolcy Gibbons (Ed & Lois Simanski)
12:00PM + Jim Riley Sr. (The Agee Family)

Vigil: Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

5:00PM + Robert Beck (Anna Rose & Tony
Eckenrode)

August 1, Sunday

8:00 AM + Gina Laird (Jim & Elaine Weaver)
10:00AM + John Gority (Tim & Pam Seasoltz)
12:00 PM+ Paul Sheets (Minnie Yahner)
5:00 PM Pro Popolo/ For the People

Please remember our sick in your prayers.



Readings for the week of July 25, 2021

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

Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [1a]/Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13 [8a]/Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9 [cf. 9c]/Mt 13:44-46

Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11 [2]/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab [2a]/Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8 [4]/Mt 14:1-12

Next Sunday: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54 [24b]/Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-3

Basket Bingo Update

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. Bottles of water and cans of soda would also be appreciated. They may be dropped off at the Cathedral Parish Center Office during the hours of 9:00AM-5:00PM.

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.

Social Gatherings

On Sunday, August 1, there will be a Social Gathering with refreshments after the 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM masses. All are invited to join us. There will also be socials following these Masses on Sunday, September 5.

Pray For Our Sick - Remember our sisters and brothers who are weakened by illness in your prayers. Prayers are sometimes the best prescribed medicine.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION Sunday, July 18, 2021 \$7,086.11

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.

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.



Polish Day of Merriment/ Summer Dyngus Party

In honor of their Polish heritage, Queen of Angels Parish in Central City will be sponsoring their "Summer Dyngus Party" on Saturday August 21st, 2021 at their parish hall (738- Sunshine Avenue). The event includes live polka music by Li'l John Nalevanko and the ATM Band, games of chance, all you can eat buffet of homemade ethnic foods, beer, and soft drinks. For tickets please call 814-754-5224. All proceeds benefit the parish CCD program.

Stewardship Reflections

Today's Gospel speaks to us of God's unconditional love for us and His boundless generosity. He cares for our needs in such a way that we are not only cared for, but we are given more than we could ever ask for. He does this on His own accord, of His own free will, and with His own capability. We are called to love and care for everyone as the boy with five barley loaves and three fishes did. He was called upon to give what he had in order for Christ to carry out His mission of caring for every single human being.

With that mission in mind, He calls each one of us to assist Him. But He asks us to help. He wants us to help. We are called to give Him all that we have; our time, our talents and our treasures, so that, together with Him, we can feed the world, offering others the love of Christ and sharing the Gospel with them.

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday, August 3rd, Cathedral Parish will have Eucharistic Adoration from 12:30 P.M. until 8:00 P.M. 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.

Nocturnal Adoration

The next Nocturnal Adoration will take place at St. Therese of the Child Jesus Church, 2301- 5th Street, on Friday, August 6th from 8:00 PM to 11:00 PM. All are welcome to spend an hour or as long as you would like.

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!

Ethnic Food Festival

We will have three days of Ethnic Food at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, 605- Graham Avenue in Windber, Pa. The phone number is 814-461-7191 ext.3. Starting Friday, July 30th- 12:00 PM-7:00 PM, Saturday, July 31st- 11:00 AM-7:00 PM, and on Sunday, August 1- 12:00-5:00 PM. Take out only. Halupki, Haluszki, Homemade Pierogi. Pagacz, Kiebassa, Hot Sausage, Pizza, Church Baked Goods and more.

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St. Oscar Romero said, "We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that. This enables us to do something and to do it very well. It may be incomplete, but it is the beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest."

There were a group of ladies many years ago who made quilts. They were beautiful creations reflecting inspirational designs artfully composed from the simple scraps of fabric each woman would bring to their individual pieces. There was no plan for the finished project as each finished work became the combined creation of what each woman contributed. They abounded in vibrant colors and dazzled the beholder with intricate patterns and their myriad textures. They were so beautiful that they became coveted family treasures passed from generation to generation. Those women never realized the power of their work. Countless babies rested in the comfort of those quilts warmly nestled in the legacy of tradition they were fortunate to inherit. They adorned countless homes with their beauty and brought joy and solace to many faces.

We cannot do everything. We are not meant to. Our work in life is to contribute our individual piece, a piece that reflects the unique thumbprint I claim as my own. We only have to do small things well. Then, as St. Oscar Romero reminds us, the Lord's grace will enter and do the rest. We have to trust that this is true just as those women trusted in the eventual beauty of their final work.

Eucharistic blessings are blessings that start small and multiply. We all come to life with only a few loaves of bread and a few fish. Not any single one of us has all that it takes to transform our world. Who knows what God will do with the little we have and how many will benefit from our kindness, compassion, wisdom, courage, conviction, love, warmth, zeal, faith, and hope? That young lad never dreamed that his few leftovers would do all that they did. God shows up in unexpected ways! Where would life's adventure and fun be if it were any other way? Being able to be part of bringing God's creative, transforming, healing to the world opens us up to wonder, awe, and excitement! We can all bring our little piece to the bigger work of God that can result in being a coveted jewel passed generation to generation. This is good news indeed!

Bread and wine transform into Christ's Body and Blood and we become what we eat. Trust that..

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The Year of Saint Joseph

The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Patris Corde 2. A Tender and Loving Father. Believer of Truth

The family went to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover. On their return Jesus became separated from his parents. They first thought he was in the caravan with others. They searched for three days. When they found him, he was discussing matters of his faith with the teachers in the synagogue. Joseph and Mary expressed their concern and worry. He told them that he must be about his Father's work.

"Tenderness is the best way to touch the frailty within us. Pointing fingers and judging others are frequently signs of an inability to accept our own weaknesses. Only tender love will save us from snares of the accuser. That is why it is so important to encounter God's mercy especially in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, where we experience his truth and tenderness. We know that God's truth does not condemn, but instead welcomes, embraces, sustain and forgive us. Pope Francis compared that truth always to the merciful father in the parable Jesus told of the lost Son. Truth comes out to meet us, restores our dignity, sets us back on our feet and rejoices for us." **St. Joseph, a tender loving father, believer of Truth, 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**

Families and the Gospel

In today's Gospel, Phillip worried about "enough food" for the crowd. What is ENOUGH? When does our ENOUGH deprive another family of their fair share? Jesus performed today's miracle because one child was willing to share and risk living with less. Can your family live more simply so that other families can simple live?

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 |

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