

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 1, 2021

MASS INTENTIONS

August 2, Monday: Sts. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bp, and Peter Julian Eymard, Priest

6:45 AM + Janet Tomlinson (Jane & Kevin Byrne)
12:00 PM + Ron Sheehan (Helen Tomassetti)

August 3, Tuesday: Weekday

6:45 AM + Helen Stoyka (Steve & Karen Martynuska)
12:00 PM + Lavelle Family (Phyllis Lavelle Sheetz)

August 4, Wednesday: St. John Vianney, Priest

6:45 AM + Hilda Conrad (John & Martha Coffman)
12:00 PM + Madeline Vogel (Dave & Pat Zeak)

August 5, Thursday: Dedication of the Basilica Of Saint Mary Major

6:45 AM + Dorothy Stephens (Robert Farabaugh)
12:00 PM + Danyll Rougeux Birthday (Mom & Dad)

August 6, Friday: The Transfiguration of the Lord

6:45 AM + Msgr. Roy Kline (Mark & Pat Waring)
12:00 PM + Dec. Members of the Dunio Family
(Marie & Sharon Yanchik)

August 7, Saturday: St. Sixtus II, and St. Cajetan

8:00 AM + Carrie Kibler Detwiler (Mom & Dad))
12:00 PM + Walt Beech Birth. (Family)

Vigil: Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

5:00 PM + Irene Fischer (Sam & Janet Ianuzzi)

August 9, Sunday

8:00 AM + Joseph & Francis Pagliaro, Wedding Ann.
(Family)

10:00 AM + Richard Cowan/Karen Cowan Dougherty
(Mom & Family)

12:00 PM + Donna Pagliara Birthday (Mom & Family)

5:00 PM Pro Popolo/ For the People

Please remember our sick in your prayers.

Sunday Refreshments

Our parish's Social Committee will be providing refreshments on the portico following the 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Masses this weekend and on Sunday, September 5th. You are invited to join us for a bit of summertime fellowship.

Readings for the week of August 1, 2021

Sunday: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54 [24b]/Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35

Monday: Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [2a]/Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday: Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13 [cf. 3a]/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday: Nm 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29a, 34-35/Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Mt 15:21-28

Thursday: Nm 20:1-13/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Mt 16:13-23

Friday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9 [1a and 9a]/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mk 9:2-10

Saturday: Dn 6:4-13/Ps 18: 28, 3-4. 47 and 51/Mk 17:14-20

Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [9a]/Eph 4:30—5:2/Jn 6:41-51

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.

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.

Parish Finance Council Meeting

There will be a Finance council meeting on Monday, August 16, at 4:00 pm in the Cathedral Parish Center.

Let Go Out To A Ball Game!

Thanks to the generosity of a benefactor, we have 40 tickets to The Curve on Tuesday, August 17th, at 6:30 with fireworks after the game. The tickets are in section 121. Please call the office at 814-944-4603 to reserve and pick up your free tickets.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday, July 25, 2021 \$7,285.50

Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass

Bishop Mark Bartchak and the Family Life Office cordially invite all couples celebrating **1, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60+** years of marriage in 2021 (and their families) to attend the **Annual Wedding Anniversary Liturgy**. Couples may attend Sunday, **September 12** in **ALTOONA** at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, or Sunday, **September 19** in **JOHNSTOWN** at St. John Gualbert Cathedral. Both locations are handicap accessible. Liturgies in each location begin at 2:00 p.m. Bishop Mark will be the celebrant and homilist at each celebration. Refreshments/snacks will be provided after the mass for anniversary couples and their families, as COVID safety measures permit.

Reservations must be made through your parish for either celebration by Monday, August 23.

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 9:00 AM-5:00 PM.

Basket Bingo Tickets

We will start selling Basket Bingo tickets on Saturday, August 7th and Sunday, August 8th, they are available now at the Cathedral Square door after all masses and at the Parish Office: \$25.00 per person with value pack for an additional \$30. If you have any questions please call Lorraine Beck at 1-240-676-6704. Dobbers Up, Lets Play Bingo!!!!

High School Students Service Hours

High School Students, if you are looking to help get your service hours for the 2021/2022 for Religious Education. You may want to help us out during the basket bingo, emptying bags, getting cans of soda or getting bottles of water for our bingo players. If you could help us for 1 hour or all 4, that would be wonderful and much appreciated. You can get in touch with your teacher or have your parents call the office and talk to Paula she will put your name and the times that you are available. Thank you in advance.

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.

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!

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.

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

Fall Classes Announced

Faith formation is a life-long endeavor. By virtue of our baptism, we are called to continually grow closer to Christ through a life of prayer, service, and knowledge of our faith. The Office of Adult Enrichment and Lay Ecclesial Ministry has announced their 2021-2022 class schedule. For a description of classes, locations, times, registration forms and to learn more about our programs please visit www.dioceseaj.org/lay-ecclesial-ministry/ or contact Marybeth at 814-361-2000/ mheinz@dioceseaj.org. All are welcome!

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"You cannot see the forest for the trees" is a widely known saying that can bring wisdom to our understanding of our journey. Often, our sight becomes limited to what is immediately before us. We lose touch with lessons and experiences from the past and promises and hope for the future. As human beings, we have the privilege of being able to choose things. What I like and don't like, want, and don't want can be major preoccupations of our minds and hearts. Our preferences and desires begin to define us more than the simple fact of our being. Who we are matters more than what we are or what we have. If we don't move beyond the external and superficial stuff to what really is of essence, we risk becoming very unsettled, disorientated, angry, and unhappy. We fail to see the bigger picture of hope and promise that lies ahead and the Divine Presence that has sustained and carried us before.

We like it when the "now" time of our lives satisfy us. Even the people who witnessed Jesus feed the five thousand got confused and distracted. It felt good when thousands of people were able to eat. They wanted to know what they could do to get this to happen again! But Jesus quickly reminds them that this is not the point of this sign. As much as the now time of our lives is of concern, it is not what is ultimately important. We need to learn the difference between being and doing, drawing more strength from who we are and who God is rather than what is happening around us and the choices we can make. Jesus is the true bread that came down from heaven. Jesus is the very incarnate presence of God who sustains life and assures us that we will not perish. This is not easy to understand and feel. We have to practice being in the presence of ourselves, others, creation, and God. We are brought to a holy place when we encounter the sacredness of being. This is real prayer.

Then, we learn to trust. It is when we cease trusting that we start to become afraid, uncertain, apprehensive, and doubtful, and overly self-concerned. We even start to grumble. God has our back. That is the essential powerful message of the living bread come down from heaven. God, who is alpha is also omega, the beginning and the end, and has everything in between in his care as well. A woman once remarked that her most powerful God moment happened when she and her husband cuddled with their new baby for a time. Without exchanging words and using only the affection communicated through sight and touch, they rested in being with each other. This brought them to the sacred, where they realized that a greater Being was with them. It was real. They knew that they were part of something bigger, intimate, and profound. When we rest in the Living Source of life, we will find that our souls are no longer hungry or thirsty.

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The Year of Saint Joseph

The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. **Patris Corde 3. An Obedient Father, Believer of Truth**

This week we ponder St. Joseph's acceptance of the Lord's commands. As he has done with Mary, God revealed his saving plan to Joseph with the use of angels. With Joseph God used dreams. In the Bible and among all ancient peoples, dreams were considered a way for God to make his will known. In the first dream depicted in scripture, the angel of God said "Do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife into your home. The child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins'." Joseph immediately responded. Obedience made it possible for him to surmount his difficulties and spare Mary.

This week we pray to St. Joseph to help us practice the virtue of obedience, especially in following God's will daily. **St. Joseph, obedient father, example of virtue, 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**

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.

Families and the Gospel

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us: "Do not work what perishes." Give your life to what endures such as family history you are creating, the love and mutual respect, which bonds you together, their memories you share and the forgiveness generously given. These true treasures are worth working and dying for.

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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) 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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