

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 5, 2021

MASS INTENTIONS

September 6, Monday: Labor Day

9:00 AM All Workers and Laborers

September 7, Tuesday: Solemnity

6:45 AM + John Duffy (David & Melanie Lee)
12:00 PM + Barb Probst (Greg & Kathy Clemens)

September 8, Wednesday: Nativity of the BVM

6:45 AM + Martha Maurer (Jim & Elaine Weaver)
12:00 PM + Pro-Life (Marie & Sharon Yanchik)

September 9, Thursday: Saint Peter Claver

6:45 AM + Audrey Krause (Phyllis Lavelle Sheetz)
12:00 PM + Mary Alice Plummer (Debbie Brantner)

September 10, Friday: Weekday

6:45 AM + Joseph Merle Jr. Birthday (Family)
12:00 PM + Kathy Starr (Mike & Sherry Byrne)

September 11, Saturday: Weekday

8:00 AM + Carrie Kibler Detwiler (Mom & Dad)
10:00 AM The Spiritual and Temporal Well-being of our Country
12:00PM + Mary Irwin (Paul & Mary Beth Corace)
Vigil: Twenty-Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time
5:00 PM Jim & Mary Ellen Kelly, Wed. Anniversary

September 12, Sunday,

8:00 AM + Gary Doyle (John, Paul and Friends)
10:00AM Vocations to the Religious Life (Rita Kibler)
12:00 PM + Mary Snowberger (Ruth Novack Family)
2:00 PM Married Couples
5:00 PM Pro Popolo / For the People

Parish Office Closed Labor Day

Cathedral Parish Offices will be closed on Monday, September 6, to commemorate the Labor Day holiday.

SOLEMNITY OF THE DEDICATION OF THE CATHEDRAL OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tuesday, September 7, 2021 marks the 90th anniversary of the dedication of our cathedral by Cardinal Dennis Dougherty of Philadelphia. Bishop Mark Bartchak will be the celebrant of the noon Mass. You are invited to participate.

Readings for the week of September 5, 2021

Sunday: Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37

Monday: Col 1:24—2:3/Ps 62:6-7, 9 [8]/Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday: Col 2:6-15/Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11 [9]/Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c [Is 61:10]/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

Thursday: Col 3:12-17/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [6]/Lk 6:27-38

Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11 [cf. 5]/Lk 6:39-42

Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7 [2]/Lk 6:43-49

Next Sunday: Is 50:5-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [9]/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-3

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

PK4-8 classes begin Sunday, September 12, 8:30-9:45, Religious Ed Center. If you have not yet registered you may do so that day.

Grades 9-11 classes begin Sunday, September 12, 6:30-8:30, Religious Ed Center. If you have not registered you may do so that evening. Parents do NOT need to stay for the class.

Confirmation

11th grade candidates / parent or sponsor session, September 19, 2:00-4:00, Cathedral Hall.

First Reconciliation/Eucharist

All 1st and 2nd grade **parents** introduction session, September 23rd from 6-8 p.m. in the Cathedral Parish Hall. Please bring a copy of your child's baptism certificate.

SHYCON

(Senior High Youth Day), an annual diocesan event, will be held on Sunday, October 24 from 11:00-4:00 at St. Francis University Stokes Center. All students in grades 9-11 are invited. Students in grades 9-11 must attend at least once during these years as a requirement for their Confirmation program. Please call Chris Laraia for more information 814-312-3713.

Helpers Needed

Volunteers are needed to help clean the Cathedral on Wednesday, September 8th, at 9:00 A.M.. It takes one to two hours to dry mop, dust, and vacuum. Please bring your buckets and join us.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION Sunday, August 29, 2021 \$7,516.00



Bishop Mark Bartchak will celebrate a Mass here on Saturday, September 11, at 10:00 a.m. to commemorate the 20th anniversary of 9/11 and to honor first responders, healthcare professionals, and civil servants.

Flight 93 crashed at 10:03 A.M. in Shanksville on the morning of September 11, 2001. The tragedies in New York and Washington D.C. were equally heartbreaking.

During the past twenty years God has been a source of courage and comfort, healing and hope. The strength that comes from God's grace has empowered us to endure.

It is appropriate for us to thank God by celebrating the Eucharist. It is important for us to entrust the spiritual and temporal wellbeing of our country to God's providential care. You are encouraged to join us in acknowledging God's goodness and fidelity.

May the prayers of our nation's patroness, the Immaculate Conception, be a maternal embrace of loving concern.

Refreshments will be available in the Cathedral Hall following the liturgy.

HELPING THE PEOPLE OF HAITI

If you haven't already done so, you are asked to prepare an envelope with a contribution for the earthquake victims in Haiti and place it in the collection basket or mail it to the office.

Basket Bingo Meeting

We will be having a Basket Bingo meeting on Thursday, September 9th at 6:30p.m. in the Cathedral Parish Center 13th Avenue door. All are welcome.

Social Gathering

On Sunday, September 5, there will be fellowship with refreshments after the 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM Masses. You are invited to join us. Gratitude is extended to our parish's Social Committee for hosting this event.

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.

Basket Bingo Tickets

We are selling Basket Bingo tickets 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 had purchased a ticket last year it is still good for this year. If you have any questions please call Lorraine Beck at 1-240-676-6704, or the Parish Office at 814-944-4603. Dobbers Up!!! Lets Play Bingo!!!

Baptismal Prep Class Scheduled

There is a Baptismal Prep class scheduled for Tuesday, September 9th, at 6:30 PM in the Cathedral Parish Center Education Room on 14th Street entrance. Need not wait till the baby is due. You can pre-register by calling the Parish Office at 814-944-4603.

Birth of Mary Celebration Planned at Duncansville Parish

Saint Catherine of Siena Parish in Duncansville will host the 40th annual Birth of Mary celebration on September 8th. The Rosary will be prayed at 7:15 a.m. in the church followed by Mass at 7:45 a.m. The Rosary will be prayed again at 11:30 a.m. at the outdoor shrine at the parish followed by Noon Mass at the shrine. Another outdoor Mass will be celebrated at the shrine at 5:30 p.m., followed by the Rosary procession. If it's raining, everything scheduled outdoors will move to inside the church.

Windber Catholic Parishes

Invites you to venerate three Relics of St. Padre Pio (his blood, hair and scab from his wound). The relics will be at St. Anthony of Padua Church, Windber on Tuesday, September 14th, 9:00 A.M.-8:00 P.M. We will have our traditional Noon Novena Mass in honor of St. Anthony of Padua and St. Padre Pio. At 6:00 P.M., we will have a Mass in honor of St. Padre Pio. The Church will be open the entire day for veneration. Also confessions will be heard from 9-11:30 A.M. and from 1:00-5:30 P.M. Quoting St. Padre Pio, "Stay with me, Lord, for you are my light and without you I am in darkness."

SEPTEMBER 5, 2021

From the time we are born into this world until we die, our human radar picks up signals about how to respond to life. What we picked up on when we were very young carries an even greater power. The messages we receive and process tell us what we are “supposed” to do with our feelings, how to understand and cope with disappointment, anxiety, failure, death, illness, and what to expect out of life. As life unfolds for us, these radar messages kick in and resonate in us at very deep levels. Sometimes what we have learned is helpful and sometimes it is not. The stories we have been told, especially when we are young, about how life is best lived and how to negotiate its pain carry a heavy weight.

Life can be challenging and frightening. Sometimes, it really hurts to be a human being. It also can be quite unpredictable and, at times, unfair. We face our vulnerability and brokenness of all kinds: physical, emotional, and spiritual. It doesn't take much for life to quickly fall apart. What we knew to be familiar and true is gone and something we relied upon, physically, emotionally, or spiritually, can be taken away. It is hard to confront our limitations and sit with our incompleteness. Often, life hurts us so much that we find ourselves sitting in a pool of sadness, not sure what we are supposed to do. It is particularly hard when the signals we have inherited tell us that we need to be successful in what we do, and we have to avoid life's unfairness. We can feel like a failure, wondering what precisely we did to deserve this fate, or ruminate about what we did not do correctly. But it's really not about us. We are part of a bigger picture and a much more fascinating story!

If we cease doing battle with life's incompleteness and see ourselves, as God does, on a journey toward wholeness and completeness we can better accept our disappointments and stand firm. The prophets told us, and Jesus reassured us: Be strong! Fear not! Sometimes we have to update our stories and replace them with newer, more accurate ones. When we make God's story our own and tune our radar into His voice, what we hear is all about restoration, healing, and rejuvenation! This is true even when we think we have hit rock bottom and can go no further. There is always hope. Remember the words of Julian of Norwich: God made us, God loves us, and God keeps us. Now, listen to God when He says, “be opened!” Be healed and allow your stories to change.

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The Year of Saint Joseph

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Ordinary Time. **Patris corde, 4. An Accepting Father, Joseph most prudent.**

In Patris corde Pope Francis writes, “Joseph accepted Mary unconditionally. He trusted in the angel's words. The nobility of Joseph's heart is such that what he learned from the law he made dependent on charity. Today in our world where psychological, verbal and physical violence towards women is so evident, Joseph appears as a figure of a respectful and sensitive man. Even thou he does not understand the bigger picture, he makes a decision to protect Mary's name, her dignity and her life. In his hesitation about how to best to act, God helped him by enlightening his judgement.”

Pray that we too can make the right judgements as we progress throughout our earthly journey.

St. Joseph, An Accepting Father, Joseph most prudent, pray for us.

(Pope Francis Apostolic Letter Patris corde, 2020, 4. Dec. 8, 2020; **2021**), **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 Church Bellwood

Welcome all Pilgrims! Thursday, September 9, Confessions at 5:00 pm, Mass at 6:00 pm Fr. David Roesch guest celebrant. **Friday, September 10,** Confessions at 5:00 pm, Mass at 6:00 pm, Fr. Alan Thomas guest celebrant. **Saturday, September 11,** Saturday evening Mass at 4:00 pm. Bishop Mark main celebrant; Confessions at 3:30 pm. **Sunday, September 12,** 9:00 am, outdoor Sunday Mass at the Shrine of St. Joseph, Celebrant: Fr. Jozef Kovachik, Pastor. St. Joseph Table Social to follow.

Homemade Italian Trio Dinner

On Sunday, September 12, St. Joseph Parish, Williamsburg will be hosting our delicious **Homemade Italian Dinner** of lasagna, spaghetti, meatballs, salad & dessert. Meals are carry-out only and tickets (\$11.00) must be purchased in advance. For tickets call 814-599-1196, 814-414-6285, or 814-832-2314.

Fish Fry

Welcome Back! The Church of Transfiguration Fish Fries! We will be having our monthly Fish Fries starting on Friday, September 10th, from 3:30 P.M. - 6:30 P.M. We will be having DINE IN & TAKE OUT available. Please call 814-535-2698 to place your Take-Out order.

THE CHURCH OF ALTOONA-JOHNSTOWN THE CATHEDRAL OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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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.

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	Holiday:	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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Most Reverend Mark L. Bartchak, J.C.D., Bishop

Reverend Monsignor Stanley Carson, Administrator

Reverend Father Dennis M. Kurdziel, Parochial Vicar

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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

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BISHOP GUILFOYLE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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