

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 12, 2021

MASS INTENTIONS

September 13, Monday: St. John Chrysostom

6:45 AM + Gloria Jean Weiland (Ed & Lois Simanski)
12:00 PM + Bobby Homan (Pat Byrne Family)

September 14, Tuesday: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

6:45 AM + Msgr. Paul Panza, Ann. (Bell & Breinick Family)
12:00 PM + Ted Beam Sr. (Patty & Bear McCloskey)

September 15, Wednesday: Our Lady of Sorrows

6:45 AM + Eleanor Fischer (McNelis All Stars)
12:00 PM + Bill Clemens, Ann. (Daughter Carole)

September 16, Thursday: Sts. Cornelius, Pope & Cyprian Bishop

6:45 AM + Dorothy Stephens (Robert Farabaugh)
12:00 PM + Donna Pagliara, Ann. (Mom, Sons & Brother)

September 17, Friday: St. Robert Bellarmine, Bp

6:45 AM + Kitty Bell, Ann. (Mary Ann Bell)
12:00 PM + Cheryl Consalvo (Linda Consalvo)

September 18, Saturday: Weekday

8:00 AM + Rita Beck (Kathy & Bob Ford)
12:00 PM + Ronald Sheehan (Kerry & Cathy Hallinan)
Vigil: Twenty-Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time
5:00 PM + Clara Mae (Sis) Tomlinson (M/M Jim Kilcoyne)

September 19, Sunday,

8:00 AM + CW04- Todd Talasky (Brother, Mark Talasky)
10:00 AM + Fran Moses (Kay Audia & Family)
12:00 PM + Orvita Knott (Colleen Douglass)
5:00 PM Pro Popolo / For the People

Please remember our sick in your prayers.

Our Lady of Sorrows
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Readings for the week of September 12, 2021

Sunday: Is 50:5-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [9]/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35

Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 [1Cor 11:26b]/Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38 [cf. 7b]/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [2]/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Thursday: 1 Tm 4:12-16/Ps 111:7-8, 9, 10 [2]/Lk 7:36-50

Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [2]/Lk 8:4-15

Next Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 [6b]/Jas 3:16—4:3/Mk 9:30-37

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.

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.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION Sunday, September 5, 2021 \$9,615.00

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!!!

The Cathedral Adult Choir

The choir will be meeting for the first time since March 2020! Rehearsals will be held on Thursday evenings 7:00-8:30 in the Cathedral Church in front of Mary's Shrine. All voice parts are welcomed and needed.

Blessing of Grandparents

I am the grandfather of a year-and-a-half old little girl who is the joy of my life. She calls me "Saba," which is the name for grandfather in Hebrew. At her age it comes out as "Baba." She runs to me and wraps her arms around my neck and says, "Baba!"

Let us bless our Grandparents on this day. For without them there would be less joy in the hearts of children:

Good and gracious God, you have given us the gift of children, who in turn give us the gift of grandchildren.

Bless our children and help them to be good parents to our grandchildren.

Let the little children come to us with arms wide open. Help us to open our hearts as wide as those little arms that wrap around our necks.

Protect them and their parents from worry and stress. And give us as many days of life as possible to hear those little voices cry, "Saba!"

We ask all this in Jesus' name who is your Son and lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.
Amen.

Grandparents Day

Stewardship Reflections

Jesus' words in the Gospel today challenges us to become imitators of Christ. This is not an easy request. It takes sacrifices, endurance, and commitment. Yet, it is profoundly rewarding. We should strive to remain committed to Christ in every joy and every trial, never ceasing to follow Him. This means serving others even when we feel like serving ourselves. If we surrender our lives to Christ and His mission, we will gain eternal life and become more alive than what we could truly imagine.

St. James reminds us that active discipleship is lively, meaning our lives must be an extension of our faith. As Christian stewards everything we do reflects what we believe. We cannot just hold that belief in our heart, we need to share it. This week let us sit in Jesus presence and listen to what He is calling us to do at this point in our lives. Let us commit to follow carrying our daily crosses as we live in gratitude and service to God, by sharing our time, talent and treasure. (*Stewardship Reflection*, Catholic Stewardship Consultants, Inc. 2021/08/16)



Note of Thanks

Gratitude is extended to those who helped plan and celebrate the Mass on the 20th Anniversary of September 11, 2001: Bishop Mark Bartchak, the Cathedral Staff, the Planning Committee, the Social Committee, the ushers and greeters, the liturgical ministers, the musicians, the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus, the Catholic War Veterans, and the City of Altoona Fire and Police Departments.

Right of Christian Initiation of Adults "Inquiry"

Anyone interested in learning more about the Catholic Church, or just seeking information, you are welcome to join us for "Inquiry" which will begin Sunday, October 3rd from 11:00-12:00 in the Seton Suite. Please contact Carol Galieto at (814) 327-4841, if you are interested in joining.

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We need to get our bearings straight and properly lay life's cornerstone. Otherwise, the rest of our journey will be skewed, and our judgment clouded. We can recall Jesus' famous rebuke of Peter, "You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." Even he, as one of Jesus' closest friends struggles with understanding things and grasping the big picture. Pierre Teilhard de Chardin (1881-1955) a renowned and learned French Jesuit priest often has these words attributed to him: "We are not human beings having a spiritual experience. We are spiritual beings having a human experience." Whether they were actually from his lips, they certainly mimic his thought. These wise words orient us and capture the essence of who we really are.

Many people consider spirituality an option. It is no wonder that they come to this conclusion when they predominantly define themselves using human terms and concepts. Immersed in this world view, they struggle finding any semblance of God because God does not work according to human expectations! This is especially true when suffering and death enter life's picture. If we are only human beings having a spiritual experience, then we wrongly expect our spirituality to serve us as we desire. The human expectation is that my spiritual life is something that is useful in avoiding pain, hardship, and death, not something that gives the courage to live through it!

So, when we protest and get upset with God because our journey is becoming difficult, painful, treacherous, disappointing, and even pointing us toward death, Jesus rebukes us as he did Peter and gently reminds us how to see. It is God who inspires and opens hearts to see truth and beauty. In God, the true meaning of things is understood, and we receive a depth of insight and understanding that is not found following purely human paths. It is not our task to understand God, as God is beyond human understanding. Ours is the joyful privilege of simply resting in God's presence simply because God is God and we are who we are. As spiritual beings having an exciting and adventurous human experience, it is in our DNA to do so. Through prayer we can let go and let be. This is how we lose our lives but then save them.

The Year of Saint Joseph

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

Imagine how perplexed Joseph must have been dealing with the mystifying events taking his place in his and Mary's life. In *Patris corde*, Pope Francis explains that, "Often in life, things happen whose meaning we do not understand. Our first reaction is frequently one of disappointment and rebellion. Joseph set aside his own ideas in order to accept the course of events and, mysterious as they seemed, to embrace them, take responsibility for them and make them a part of his own history." As Joseph did, are we willing to accept with faith, the challenges that face us?

We are reminded every time we celebrate Holy Eucharistic that St. Joseph has indeed accepted his role in history. In 1962, Saint John XXII, Pope inserted St. Joseph's name in Eucharistic Prayer I. Pope Francis, then decreed on May 1, 2013, in *Paterna vices* (Fatherly care) that the inclusion of St. Joseph would be extended to Eucharistic Prayers II, III, and IV.

St. Joseph, An Accepting Father, Joseph Most Brave, 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.**

St. John the Baptist- Parish Mission New Baltimore, PA. 814-733-2210

THEME: BELIEVE!

Sunday Night, September 26th, 7:00 P.M.

Greatest Threat To Holiness Today

Monday Night, September 27th 7:00 P.M.

Forgiveness

Tuesday Night, September 28th 7:00 P.M.

St. Joseph Model of Holiness

St. Joseph Pilgrimage Designated Sites

Saint Joseph Church Bellwood

Saint Joseph Church, Renovo

Saint Joseph Church the Worker Church
Williamsburg

Saint Joseph Mission Church at Hart's Sleeping
Place, Carrolltown

Families and Gospel

If we want to be happy at home, we must commit ("lose ourselves") to our family. If we try to be independent from others ("save ourselves"), we end up lonely and alone. Happiness is found in commitments. The gospel is true: We save our life by losing it!

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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.

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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Web: www.holytrinitycatholic.school

Altoona Campus (Pre-K thru Grade 4) - 381-7011

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BISHOP GUILFOYLE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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