

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 19, 2021

MASS INTENTIONS

September 20, Monday: Saints Andrew Kim Taegon, Priest & Paul Chong Ha-sang, Martyrs
6:45 AM + Bernie McLucas (Family)
12:00 PM + Linda George (Jim & Steph Kilcoyne)

September 21, Tuesday: St. Matthew, Apostle
6:45 AM + Rev. Paula Turnbull (M/M Dave Hanekamp)
12:00 PM + Paul Mercer (Anita Burket)

September 22, Wednesday: Weekday
6:45 AM + Msgr. Roy Kline (Charles & Angeline Ehredt)
12:00 PM + Patricia Koeck (Bob & Josh Hopfl Family)

September 23, Thursday: St. Pius of Pietrelcina
6:45 AM + All Poor Souls (Anonymous)
12:00 PM + Jeanie Farabaugh (Pat Rhoa)

September 24, Friday: Weekday
6:45 AM + To End Abortion (Chris McNelis)
12:00 PM + John Adams (Karen & Dave Woodward)

September 25, Saturday: Weekday
8:00 AM + Rita Beck (Ted Hoover Family)
12:00 PM + Alice Winkler (Patricia & Francis Pleva)
Vigil: Twenty-Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time
5:00 PM + Bob Simanski (Kathy Grove)

September 26, 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 AM + Mary Moran Aigner (Jim & Elaine Weaver)
10:00 AM + Kimberly Kokolis, Birth. (Mom & Dad)
12:00 PM + Betty Capouellez, Birth. (Family)
5:00 PM Pro Popolo / For the People

Please remember our sick in your prayers.

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.

Readings for the week of September 19, 2021

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

Monday: Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Mt 9:9-13

Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8 [1b]/Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Hg 2:1-9/Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4 [5]/Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13 [cf. 10d]/Lk 9:43b-45

Next Sunday: Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 [9a]/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Confirmation

11th grade candidates / parent or sponsor session, Sunday, 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.

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 10th from 11:00-12:00 in the Seton Suite. Please contact Carol Galioto at (814) 327-4841, if you are interested in joining.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION
Sunday, September 12, 2021 \$7,761.00

Basket Bingo Update

Basket Bingo is upon us! But we are looking for donations of gift cards, lottery tickets, gift baskets, and monetary contributions. They may be dropped off at the Cathedral Parish Center Office during the hours of 9:00AM-4:00PM.

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. Tickets will also be available at the doors on the day of the event. 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.

Catechetical Sunday

The Church celebrates with all our catechists today. Many people come forward annually to pass on the faith to our children, adolescents, and adults. The theme for this year is ***Say the Word and My Soul Shall Be Healed***. Cathedral Parish Catechists will be acknowledged and we will pray *The Rite Blessing of Catechists* this Sunday, September 19th during all the Masses.

We express appreciation to the following: **Holy Trinity Catholic School:** Danielle Aikens, Lori Eberwein; **Religious Education Pre-K-12:** Chris Laraia, Director, Gabriele Cronin, Beth Moore, Lori Pastore, Helen Carper (Our Lady of Fatima) Kristin John, Carol Galioto, Phyllis Baker, Darlene Sinisi, Nicole Burkle, Roberta Burns, Jeanne Thompson; **First Reconciliation and First Eucharist:** Msgr. Stanley Carson, Chris Laraia; **Confirmation:** Chris Laraia, Fr. Kurdziel, Phyllis Baker, Kristin John; **Baptismal Preparation:** Chris Laraia, Judy Kokolis, Paula Clemens, Gabrielle Cronin, Roberta Burns; **Marriage Preparation:** Fr. Kurdziel, Clark and Kim Adelman, Bob and Christ Laraia, Tom and Beth Moore; **Christian Initiation of Adults:** Jeanne Thompson, Diocesan Director, Carol Galioto, Director, Peter and Barbara Rossi.

BBQ Chicken Dinner

St. Demetrius Church, 811- Church Street, Gallitzin Pa, will be holding their Famous BBQ Chicken Dinner on Sunday, September 26, 2021, as a Take-Out Dinner only. Cost: \$12.00/dinner will include their Delicious 1/2 BBQ Chicken, 2-Sides and dessert. Dinners will be available from 11:00 AM until sold out. Basket raffle, theme games, and other small games of chance will be available as well. Location: Parish Activity Center at 714- FASTER Street (enter below 616- Church Street).

Feast of St. Francis-Day of Celebration

Saturday, October 2nd, Rummage/ Garage and Friar's Nook Gift Shop Fall Sale starting at 10:00 A.M., Rosary (3:00 PM), Pet Blessing (3:30 PM), and Mass at (4:00 PM). Food and Baked Good Sale. Bring a lawn chair or blanket!

ARE YOU OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS LOOKING FOR A CHURCH TO CALL HOME?

On Sunday, October 3, at 11:00 a.m., you are invited to join us for refreshments and social time and to ask any questions you may have about the possibility of becoming a member of the Catholic Church. We will meet you in the main aisle of the cathedral. Feel free to bring a companion, family member, or friend. This is primarily a meet and greet opportunity. If you have any questions, call Paula, the parish secretary, at 814-944-4603 or Carol Galioto at 814-327-4841

TRIP TO TUSCANY

There will be a presentation by Collette Travel on Tuesday, October 26, at 6 p.m. in Father Kelly Hall concerning a October 11-19, 2022 trip to Tuscany. If you are interested in experiencing the beauty, food, wine, art, and architecture of that area, come and see what Collette has to offer. A five day, 3 night extension to Rome is also an option. The price of the trip is \$3,499 and \$999 for the pre-tour if desired. Call Alice Storm at 814-312-0156 or Mary Jo Moloney at 814-946-5325 for more information.

GREEK GRILL

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church is having a Greek Grill on Sunday, September 26, from 1 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Food for take-out includes: \$7 Gyros, \$7 Chicken Souvlakia, \$8 Lamb Souvlakia, \$5 Greek Salad, \$1. Drinks, and Assorted Pastries. Cash only.

SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

There is something about being first. Whether it be first in line, first to be picked for the team, or the first one to finish their work, great satisfaction is achieved. Our egos love being first. It somehow sets us apart from everyone else, gives us a sense of pride and positions us to feel better than others. When we are first, we can glory in our efforts, skills, and achievements. Isn't that what really matters? After all, we are taught from a very young age to be proficient, stay on top, be the best at what we do, and win the praise and esteem of others. This is the stuff that makes us successful and provides us with a comfortable, satisfying life.

Jesus wants none of it. All of the details we anguish over mean little to the kingdom of God. You want to be first? Then, be a servant and welcome a child. All of this is the opposite of our often vehement pursuits. If we are serious about following Jesus and living the Gospel, then we must put the needs of others before our own. If we continue to listen only to the noise of the world, we are going to continue to believe the illusions we inherit. Those illusions come in many forms, but all have things in common: me before you, being on top and not the bottom, us versus them, personal security over universal harmony and peace. When are we going to learn that always striving to be the best and first is an empty pursuit in our struggle for happiness? While satisfying our ego with this momentary boost of esteem may feel good for a moment, is it what we really desire?

If we can break from the world's noise and create a space of sacred silence in our lives, we can begin to listen and see that we are being called in another direction. What we really desire is not the bolstering of our egos but the innocence we lost somewhere along the way. When we can be playful, joyful, and even somewhat carefree, life is good. We want our relationships to work, a place to call home, and to live peaceful lives with our sisters and brothers. Only a servant can do this. The servant's prayer seeks to detach from self-concern in order to be used by God. Rather than worrying about being first and coming out on top, we can be inspired, guided, empowered, and led to do good works. Stop worrying about being first and put greater energy into feeling joy

The Year of Saint Joseph

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Ordinary Time. **Patris corde, 4. An Accepting Father, Mirror of Patience.**

St. Joseph's entire life was committed to quiet, hidden unassuming service to Mary and to his Son. His actions were also his response to God's will. This example should provide hope to us. We often wonder whether our actions are making a difference. By going about our daily routines in seemingly unremarkable ways in the home, at work, and in countless other places, our quiet, steady and reliable presence is our answer in accepting God's will for us.

"The spiritual path that Joseph traces for us is not one that explains, but accepts. Only a result of this acceptance can we begin to get a glimpse of a broader history, a deeper meaning. Joseph is certainly not passively resigned, but courageously and firmly proactive." **St. Joseph, An Accepting Father, Joseph, Mirror of patience, 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

Disagreements are common in families. However, what would you say if Jesus posed the same question "What are you arguing about?" Is it silly and petty? Is it an attempt to impose your will and control on another? Today Jesus tells us and his disciples to give it up. We are meant to serve each other, not control.

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

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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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CHRISTIAN INITIATION TEAM - 944-4603

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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

Middle School Campus (Grades 5 thru 8) - 942-7835

BISHOP GUILFOYLE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Web: www.bishopguilfoyle.org - 944-4014

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