

# TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*September 26, 2021*

## MASS INTENTIONS

**September 27, Monday: Saint Vincent de Paul**  
6:45 AM + Mary J Delozier (Kirk Dodson)  
12:00 PM + Kathy Starr (Bear & Patty McCloskey)

**September 28, Tuesday: Sts. Wenceslaus,  
Lawrence Ruiz**  
6:45 AM + Barbara Neral (Dr. Dennis & Betsy Flynn)  
12:00 PM + Edward Matosziuk III (Family)

**September 29, Wednesday: Sts. Michael,  
Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels**  
6:45 AM + Linda Blackie, Birthday (Friend)  
12:00 PM In Thanksgiving (Anonymous)

**September 30, Thursday: Saint Jerome, Priest**  
6:45 AM + Alfred Rutolo, Birth. (Daughter & Family)  
12:00 PM + John Vogel, Birth. (Vogel Family)

**October 1, Friday: St. Therese of the Child Jesus**  
6:45 AM + Jim Davidson (Paul & Mary O'Leary)  
12:00 PM + John Adams, Wed. Anniversary (Wife)

**October 2, Saturday: The Holy Guardian Angels**  
8:00 AM + M. Virginia Jones (Joseph Wiedemer)  
12:00 PM + Delphina Rutolo, Ann. (Daughter & Family)  
**Vigil: Twenty-Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time**  
5:00 PM + Edgar A. Johnston, Ann. (Wife & Mother)

**October 3, 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
8:00 AM + James Riley Sr. (Vogel Sisters)  
10:00 AM + Janet Tomlinson (Regis & Christine  
McCloskey)  
12:00 PM + Lori & Joe Keirn (Ricke & Donna Kelly)  
5:00 PM Pro Popolo / For the People

*Please remember our sick in your prayers.*

## SOCIAL AND FELLOWSHIP

You are invited to remain after the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, October 2, for refreshments and fellowship. Gratitude is extended to our parish's Social Committee for sponsoring this event.

## Readings for the week of September 26, 2021

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

**Monday:** Zec 8:1-8/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23 [17]/Lk 9:46-50

**Tuesday:** Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 [Zec 8:23]/Lk 9:51-56

**Wednesday:** Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5 [1]/Jn 1:47-51

**Thursday:** Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11[9ab]/Lk 10:1-12

**Friday:** Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9 [9]/Lk 10:13-16

**Saturday:** Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-35, 36-37 [34]/Mt 18:1-5, 10

**Next Sunday:** Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [cf. 5]/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-1

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

### 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.

### Rite 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.

### Eucharistic Adoration

On Wednesday, October 6, Cathedral Parish will have Eucharistic Adoration from 12:30 P.M. until the end of Confessions. A sign-up sheet is located on the cross aisle table to mark your time for visitation before the Blessed Sacrament. 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 Saint John the Evangelist Church, 309- Lotz Avenue, Lakemont, on Friday October 1st, from 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. All are welcome to spend an hour or as long as you would like.

## OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday, September 19, 2021 \$7,415.50

### Basket Bingo

Today is the day for Basket Bingo at Father Kelley Hall. Tickets will be sold at the door: \$25 admission/ value pack \$30. Doors open at Noon, bingo starts at 1:00 p.m. A pasta & meatball dinner will be served at 12:30 p.m.

### 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. Cathedral Square side door. All voice parts are welcomed and needed.

### 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.

### HOUSEKEEPER POSITION

The rectory is in need of a housekeeper to do laundry and cleaning. Applicants are asked to go to the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown's website's CAREERS link for more information and to apply.

Gratitude is extended to Kathleen Winter who has done such a fine job fulfilling the position in recent years.

## 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!

## Stewardship Reflections

Our Gospel passage and the Second Reading from the letter of St. James urge us to examine our lives for anything that is keeping us from loving God above all else. St. James warns that our possessions can cause us to detach ourselves from God. When we hold onto possessions to tightly, they come to possess us. The "stuff" can easily become the focus of our energy and attention. Attachment to material things slowly and steadily lead to corruption, even as individuals.

If you have considered the spiritual discipline of tithing, (stewardship of treasure) now may be the time to act on it. Stewardship of treasure leads us to let go of unhealthy attachment to material things and leads us to attach ourselves to God, relying on Him as our true source of security and happiness. We come to understand that all we have is a gift from our loving Father and we use it to bless others and glorify Him. What a wonderful freedom there is in living this way! Set some time aside to think about how you can make a plan to live in this freedom. (*Stewardship Reflection*, Catholic Stewardship Consultants, Inc. 2018/9/30)

## St. Anthony of Padua

St. Anthony's Church, 2201- Graham Avenue, Windber, will have a Food Fest and Baskets on Saturday, October 3, 3-7 PM and Sunday, October 3, 11-4 PM. You're favorite Ethnic Festival Foods for Take-out only. Porkettes, Rigatoni & Meatballs, Gnocchi & Meatballs, Sausage and Meatball Sandwiches, Pizza, Pigs, Haluski and Gobs! We will also have chances on Baskets, 25 chances for \$5.00.

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What are the little ones? They are the poor, the marginalized, the women and men at the well, the Zacchaeus' looking for Jesus from a tree, those mired in sin, the blind who want to see, and the lame who want to walk. They are the lepers and the different ones who have been told that they are unclean, and the ones who suffer from abuse and grave injustices and oppression. They are children who want nothing more than to be loved and enjoy celebrating their innocence. These are all the little ones and they are all vulnerable. Life already brings them burdens, we don't need to add to them.

St. Oscar Romero said, "When the church hears the cry of the oppressed it cannot but denounce the social structures that give rise to and perpetuate the misery from which the cry arises." Why are so many people still so gravely hurting? We have the resources and the means to make things better. We choose not to. There are still those things called greed, pride, lust, apathy, jealousy, gluttony, and anger that prevent us from seeing each other and people to be loved and not objects to be used. Is this how God intended things to be?

God loves what is good and upright. It doesn't matter who did it or where it came from. In God's eyes, the end result is always faith, hope, and love. Those will always unite a person with God. We fill our lives with many things that are not good either for ourselves or for others. All of us have to work to discover what it is, exactly, that leads to the world's brokenness. There are people, systems, and ideologies in place that foster oppression and injustice rather than equity and fairness. Sadly, our complacency can be the greatest evil. Turning a blind eye, ignoring the truth, and believing that we are helpless to fix so great a problem, does little to move us closer to the kingdom of God. As members of the Body of Christ, we cannot condone anything that keeps people in misery.

As it is said, charity begins at home. Perhaps a good place to start is with our own households and making sure their foundations are properly laid.

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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, Head of the Holy Family.**

"The faith Christ has is what we see in St. Joseph. He did not look for shortcuts, but confronted reality with open eyes and accepted personal responsibility for it." Many fathers today do not take seriously the responsibility that is placed on their shoulders. In many cases, fathers turn their back on their wives and children in order to pursue their own interests. Even when they have not literally abandoned their children they have been spiritually absent, failing to provide the love, guidance, support and example that children need for their spiritual and personal development.

Joseph trusted in the angel's message and lovingly accepted Jesus as his own son. He provided a protective home for Mary and Jesus and accepted his call to be a husband to Mary and a father to the Son of God, even if he believed himself unworthy to do so. By following this example, fathers today have a perfect model to mirror. **St. Joseph, An Accepting Father, Joseph, Head of the Holy Family, 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

# 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)	Holiday:	5:30 PM (Vigil)	Weekday:	6:45 AM
	8:00 AM		8:00 AM		12:00 Noon
	10:00 AM		12:00 Noon	Saturday:	8:00 AM
	12:00 Noon		5:30 PM		12:00 Noon
	5:00 PM				

**Most Reverend Mark L. Bartchak, J.C.D., Bishop**

**Reverend Monsignor Stanley Carson, Administrator**

**Reverend Father Dennis M. Kurdziel, Parochial Vicar**

CHRISTIAN INITIATION TEAM - 944-4603

CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME - 944-4603

MAIL MINISTRY TO ELDERLY, HOMEBOUND, SERIOUSLY SICK, AND GRIEVING - 944-4603

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Web: [www.holytrinitycatholic.school](http://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](http://www.bishopguilfoyle.org) - 944-4014

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