

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 3, 2021

MASS INTENTIONS

October 4, Monday: St. Francis of Assisi

6:45 AM + Bishop Joseph Adamec (Anonymous)
12:00 PM + Rose Stefanon (Arlene & Stephanie Markovich)

October 5, Tuesday: Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos

6:45 AM + Richard Anthony (Dave & Kathy Baronner)
12:00 PM + Barabara Shoemaker (Judy Hatch)

October 6, Wednesday: Blessed Marie Rose Durocher

6:45 AM All Priests (Anonymous)
12:00 PM + Louise Talko, Anniversary (Husband & Son)

October 7, Thursday: Our Lady of the Rosary

6:45 AM + Nancy Sassana Mignogna (Estate)
12:00 PM + Sr. Catherine Mary (Family)

October 8, Friday: Weekday

6:45 AM + Joseph Merle Sr. (Family)
12:00 PM + Walter Beckel (Mr. & Mrs. Tim Watt)

October 9, Saturday: Sts. Denis & John Leonardi

8:00 AM + Richard Yahner (Minnie Yahner)
12:00 PM + Amelia Seiler (John & Beverly Buterbaugh)
Vigil: Twenty-Eighth Sunday In Ordinary Time
5:00 PM + Jennie Calabrese, Birth. (Daughter Nancy)

October 10, 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM + Robert Beck (Joe & Jane Doyle)
10:00 AM + Albert & Grace Cowan (Family)
12:00 PM + Mary Kantoski, Ann. (Family)
5:00 PM Pro Popolo / For the People

Please remember our sick in your prayers.

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.

Readings for the week of October 3, 2021

Sunday: Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [cf. 5]/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

Monday: Jon 1:1—2:2, 11/Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8/Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8 [3]/Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10 [15]/Lk 11:1-4

Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/Lk 11:5-13

Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9 [9]/Lk 11:15-26

Saturday: Jl 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12a]/Lk 11:27-28

Next Sunday: Wis 7:7-11/Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [14]/Heb 4:12-13/Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-2

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.

Confirmation Prep Session

All 9th graders on Sunday, October 3, 2-4 PM, in the Cathedral Parish Hall. Parents/ Sponsors do not need to attend. Masks required. Please contact Chris Laraia at 814-312-7317 if you are unable to attend.

First Reconciliation Prep Session

The next session for 2nd grade parents and students is on Tuesday, October 5th, 6-8 PM, Cathedral Parish Hall. Masks required. Please contact Chris Laraia at 814-312-7317 if you are unable to attend.

P.R.E.P.

Grades 9, 10, and 11, the next class meeting will be on Sunday, October 10th, in the Religious Education Center from 6:00 P.M.- 7:45 P.M.

The Cathedral Adult Choir

The choir has begun to meet. 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.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION Sunday, September 26, 2021-\$5,700.00

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 Galimoto at (814) 327-4841, if you are interested in joining.

Stewardship Reflections

The reading from the book of the Genesis reminds us that the union of marriage works together to bring families to heaven. We ask ourselves, how are we living out that mission? It can be through praying before or after meals, attending Mass together, going to confession, praying a decade of the rosary, or even a prayerful Hail Mary, Our Father and Glory Be. These simple actions can make the faith relationships of couples and families much stronger.

Action can unify within a family; how we treat each other, how we respond to one another in our day-to-day moments, how we support and challenge one another, and how we humbly choose to serve each member. As we think about our families this week, let us find small ways in which we can use our time to live out our mission to bring our families to heaven. (Stewardship Reflection, Catholic Stewardship Consultants, Inc. 2021/9/7)

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.

Greeters

Greeters and ushers are the first members of the faith community who are in a position to welcome those who gather for worship. Since it is important for a parish to be hospitable, greeters and ushers are asked to greet those who enter the cathedral and provide them with a worship aid. In addition to our ushers, we will begin to invite individuals and families to assist in the role of greeting people. If you are interested in helping, please call or email our office. Thank you.

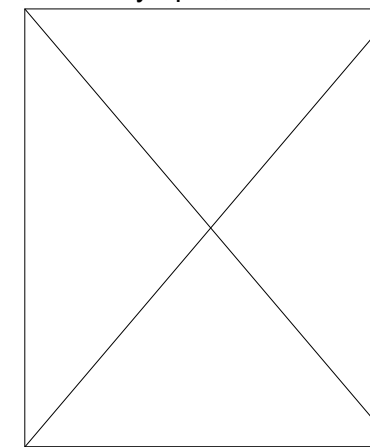
Fish Fry Fridays

The Church of Transfiguration 340- Second Street, Johnstown, Fish Fries! We will be having our monthly Fish Fries starting on Friday, October 8th from 3:30 PM - 6:30 PM. We will be having DINE IN & TAKE OUT available. Please call (814) 535-2698 to place your Take-Out order.

A RESPECT LIFE PRAYER

Good and gracious God, you blew into our nostrils the breath of life. You are the One to whom we owe our very existence. Give us the courage to take that unpopular position of protecting those who have no voice, the unborn child in the womb to the person taking his or her last breath. The life you have given us is a gift beyond measure. Embolden us to speak the truth about protecting the child, the elderly, and the one without a voice in the public square.

With thankful hearts, we ask all this of the One God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Amen!



LIFE CHAIN

The annual Life Chain will be held from 2 to 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 3. Those participating will line up along 17th Street across from Boyer Candy for peaceful prayer for the intention of ending abortion. Parking is available in the Station Medical Center parking lot. The event is sponsored by Citizens Concerned for Human Life.

Thank You

We would like to thank everyone who donated and participated at the Basket Bingo last Sunday. We would like to thank the Social Committee for preparing the pasta and meatball meal. We especially thank the Basket Bingo Committee: Lorraine Beck, Mary Ann Bell, Maryann Bistline, Roberta Burns, Paula Clemens, Lorie Eberwein, Paulette Farabaugh, Mary Lumadue, Peggy McLucas, Paula Miller, the teenagers: Brendan Aikens, Emily Koller, Aydan Roland, and Leah Simanski, and Dominic and Adelia Ianuzzi.

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Archbishop Fulton Sheen said, "It takes three to make love, not two: you, your spouse, and God." Apart from the incarnation of God in Jesus Christ, nothing speaks better of God's incarnate love than marriage. God designed it this way. We place great value on love and rightly so. What we fail to realize, however, is that love, its very presence and place in our lives, is not simply part of the human package deal. Love comes from God. It is one of God's greatest gifts to human beings. When we begin to realize that our very ability to love is sacred, it changes up how we see the essence of life, and purpose and sanctity of marriage.

God is love. It stands to reason then that if we follow the path of unconditional, self-emptying love we will then stumble upon God. It is precisely this intimate wedding of God with love that gives such eloquence and honor to the love between husband and wife. As a living sign of Christ's love for the Church and for humanity, husbands and wives speak volumes of God's unconditional incarnate love for all of his children! The Divine power that brings unity and life to marriage is so strong that once joined, it really cannot be separated.

Admittedly, marriage covenants can be extremely difficult to negotiate and, at times, very painful to experience. God's perfect divinity always meets our broken and imperfect humanity. God is okay with this setup as he created it this way. Our loving is never as unconditional as God's and often tainted by our own imperfections, needs, memories, hurts, sinfulness, and weakness. All of this baggage negatively impacts even the most well-intentioned marriages, causing them to be hurtful and empty. We are love works in progress. God can succeed in perfecting our love only if we keep our eyes fixed on him as the source of that love. That's why marriage is always about three and not just two.

The Divine intimacy at the heart of marriage is what can make them celebrations of great union and happiness. Couples who are still madly in love with each other after many years, still looking at each other with that timeless twinkle in their eyes, best tell the story of God's oneness with humanity. Honor, celebrate, and support those who have accepted a vocation to marriage. Living in a world that easily pulls relationships apart, may they find hope and inspiration from their faith companions who are on the same journey!

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The Year of Saint Joseph

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Ordinary Time. **Patris corde, 5. A Creatively Courageous Father.**

If the first stage of all true interior healing is to accept our personal history and even embrace even the things in life that we do not choose, we must now add an important element: creative courage. This emerges especially in the way we deal with difficulties. We can either give up and walk away, or somehow engage either it. At times, difficulties bring out resources we did not even think we had.

Joseph was the man chosen by God to guide the beginnings of the history of redemption. He was the true "miracle" by which God saves the Child Jesus and his mother. Arriving in Bethlehem and finding no lodging where Mary could give birth, Joseph took a stable and, as best he could, turned it into a welcoming home for the Son of God to come into the world (Lk 2:6-7). The "good news" of the Gospel consists in showing that, for all the arrogance and violence of worldly powers, God always finds a way to carry out his saving plan provided we show the same creative courage as the carpenter of Nazareth, who carry out his saving plan provided we show the same creative courage as the carpenter of Nazareth, who was able to turn a problem in to a possibility by trusting always a divine providence. **St. Joseph, A Creatively Courageous Father, Trustee in God's providence, pray for us.**

(Pope Francis Apostolic Letter Patris corde, 2020, 5. 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 Mission Church Shrine

All the faithful are invited on Saturday, October 9 to join Bishop Mark for 4:00 P.M. Mass at the Shrine of St. Joseph Mission Church at Hart's Sleeping Place, Carrolltown, to celebrate the Anniversary of the Blessing of the Church by Fr. Demetrius Gallitzin on October 10, 1830. For a full history and directions to the shrine go to: www.sjmc1830.com

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.

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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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