

# TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 10, 2021

## MASS INTENTIONS

**October 11, Monday: Saint John XXIII, Pope**  
6:45 AM + Adelaide Kipple ( Dave & Maureen Hanekamp)  
12:00 PM + Jean Yorgy, Ann. (Jim & Marie Williford)

**October 12, Tuesday: Weekday**  
6:45 AM + Paul Reagan (Bob & Joan Lozinak)  
12:00 PM + Jeldo Evangelisto (John Prosperi)

**October 13, Wednesday: Weekday**  
6:45 AM + Louise Machowski (Trudy Schroth)  
12:00 PM + Ray & Mary Alice Plummer, Wedding Ann.  
(Bob & Kathy Ford)

**October 14, Thursday: Saint Callistus I**  
6:45 AM + Sister Kevin (Allan Axinn)  
12:00 PM + Eleanor Fischer (Jennifer & Clifford Plank)

**October 15, Friday: St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin & Dr. of the Church**  
6:45 AM + Joseph Knott Jr. (Jeff, Beckey & Ryan Knott)  
12:00 PM + John Gority (Pat Byrne Family)

**October 16, Saturday: Sts. Hedwig, Margaret**  
8:00 AM + Suzanne Decker (The Baker Family)  
12:00PM + Mary Margaret (Peg) Mullan (Daughter)  
**Vigil: Twenty- Ninth Sunday In Ordinary Time**  
5:00 PM + Alice Winkler (Friends at Forever Media)

**October 17, 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
8:00 AM Becky Bettwy (Friend)  
10:00AM + Mary Snowberger (Tim & Anne Marie Longwill)  
12:00 PM + Dave Berger Sr. (M/M Sante Bambocci)  
5:00 PM Pro Popolo / For the People

*Please remember our sick in your prayers.*

### Parish Council Meeting

There will be a Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday, October 19, at 6:30 PM in the Cathedral Parish Center.

### Parish Offices Closed Columbus Day

Cathedral Parish Offices will be closed on Monday, October 11th, to commemorate Columbus Day.

### Readings for the week of October 10, 2021

**Sunday:** Wis 7:7-11/Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [14]/  
Heb 4:12-13/ Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27  
**Monday:** Rom 1:1-7/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [2a]/Lk 11:29-32  
**Tuesday:** Rom 1:16-25/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [2a]/Lk 11:37-41  
**Wednesday:** Rom 2:1-11/Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9 [13]/Lk 11:42-46  
**Thursday:** Rom 3:21-30/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [7]/Lk 11:47-54  
**Friday:** Rom 4:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [cf. 7]/Lk 12:1-7  
**Saturday:** Rom 4:13, 16-18/Ps 105:6-7, 8-9, 42-43 [8]/  
Lk 12:8-12  
**Next Sunday:** Is 53:10-11/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [22]/  
Heb 4:14-16/Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-4

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

#### SHYCON-VIRTUAL

Senior High Youth Day, an annual diocesan event, will be held on Sunday, October 24th. SHYCON check in time is at 10:40 AM and it ends at 2:30 PM, virtual. 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. Registration deadline is Monday, October 11th. Please call Chris Laraia for more information 814-312-3713.

#### 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.

#### Stuffed Cabbage Dinner

Tickets will be on sale starting this weekend, at the Cathedral Square Door and Alley door, for the Stuffed Cabbage Dinner drive-thru from 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM on Wednesday, November 10th. Menu is: Stuffed Cabbage, Pierogies, Cabbage & Noodles and Apple Sauce, Dessert and Roll for \$10.00.

#### 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, October 3, 2021-\$8,605.00

#### 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 eye of the needle," in today's gospel, was a tight passageway into Jerusalem. Travelers with camels passing through had to remove whatever the camel was carrying that was the barrier for entrance. If we look at our own lives, we can probably think of something we carry that holds us back. Maybe it is possessions, material goods or money. Or maybe it is status, pride or control. What will happen when we reach the gate of heaven and we won't fit into the narrow gate?

Jesus doesn't want our "stuff." He knows our struggles and gives us many opportunities to choose Him, to overcome our attachments, and surrender. It could be a tragic event, a rough week, an unexpected expense that depletes our saving, or the loss of material goods. These moments are opportunities that Jesus allows in our lives to grow in holiness and we should not waste those moments. Pray for the grace to overcome them, don't pass by these opportunities and work on creating moments to detach yourself from your "stuff." (Stewardship Reflection, Catholic Stewardship Consultants, Inc. 2021/9/7)

#### 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.

#### 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.

### 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!

### 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.

### A NOTE OF THANKS

Gratitude is extended to our parish's Social Committee for preparing and hosting the refreshments following the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, October 2. In addition to the snacks, the cups of homemade wedding soup and chili were a nice autumn treat.

### PARISH PROPERTY

Earlier this year, pointing work was done on the retaining wall on the parking lots side of 13th avenue. This summer, the roofing between the cathedral and rectory was replaced and patch work was done on parts of the cathedral's rubber roof. The ceiling in the cathedral's ladies' restroom was repaired. There will also be some repair work done on some of the steps and landings in front of the cathedral. Eventually, major work will need to be done in that area.

### Thank You

We would like to thank everyone who donated and participated at the Basket Bingo. 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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If we are truly in love with God, then the basics are not going to be enough. That love is going to want to be expressed in going above and beyond, in leaving the comfortable and familiar, in stretching and growing, and in following a voice other than our own. St. Teresa of Calcutta rightly instructs us that for "love to be real, it must cost, it must hurt, it must empty us of self." Being in love with God requires more than just checking the boxes of the commandments. It requires a sincere and unconditional self-investment. Desiring God with our whole heart, mind, and soul means that I must also desire a relationship with my neighbor with that same degree of fervor.

Biases and prejudices usually occur when people are kept at a distance and treated as objects. We cannot truly know our neighbors, especially if they are different than us, if we keep them in boxes and do not listen to their stories. When we open ourselves to listen to another person's story, we begin to realize more how similar we are than dissimilar. Being overly attached to our possessions, ideologies, agendas, lifestyles, and personal needs are absolute barriers to achieving the type of personal investment love demands. This is why following Christ can be difficult. It is less a matter of intellect and more a matter of heart and soul. It requires that we transfer our treasure from an investment in tangible secular things and move it into the Kingdom of God. It is only the gift of wisdom and discernment that can help us decide what to do and how to do it.

Contemporaries of Jesus would know that a camel could not enter through the portal of a city weighed down with the baggage it was carrying. In order to enter, the baggage must be removed so that the animal could fit through the entry way. The same is true for us. We carry a lot of excessive baggage around with us that keeps us tethered to our past histories, wounds, myopic world views, prejudices, fears, and suspicions. To invest ourselves in the Kingdom of God, do God's work and live out our love relationship with God, we need to shed the extra weight. While it may seem that a lot of that stuff is necessary, it really is not. We are much more than the things that we think define us and more secure than we think. The more there is to hold on to and the more that we carry with us, the harder it will be to leave it all behind. Many choose not to and walk away sad because they are not ready to trust.

### The Year of Saint Joseph

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

If at times God to seem not to help us, surely this does not mean that we have been abandoned, but instead are being trusted to plan, be creative, and to find solutions ourselves. Faced with imminent danger from Herod, who wanted to kill the child, Joseph was warned once again in a dream to protect the child, and rose in the middle of the night to prepare the flight into Egypt. (Mt 2:13-14)

The Gospel does not tell us how long Mary, Joseph and the Child Jesus remained in Egypt. Yet they certainly needed to eat, to find a home and employment. It does not take much imagination to fill in those details. The Holy Family had to face concrete problems like every other family, like so many of our migrant brothers and sisters who, risk their lives and families, to escape misfortune and hunger to seek employment and asylum in a foreign land. In this regard, I consider Saint Joseph the special patron of all those forced to also leave their native land because of war, hatred, persecution and poverty. **St. Joseph, A Creatively Courageous Father, Protector of Families, 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.**

### St. Teresa of Ávila

St. Teresa of Ávila (1515-1582) was a Spanish Carmelite nun who lived in the 16th century. She was a mystic and author of spiritual writings and poems. The originator of the Carmelite Reform, she founded numerous convents throughout Spain and restored a contemplative life to the order. She became well known for the mystical experiences, many of which she described in her autobiography.

The first of only four women to be named a Doctor of the Church, St. Teresa's ascetic doctrine and Carmelite reforms shaped Roman Catholic contemplative life, and her writings on the Christian soul's journey to God are considered works of art. Her writings, especially the "Way of Perfection" and "The Interior Castle," have helped generations of believers.

St. Teresa of Avila died on Oct. 15, 1582. She was canonized on March 22, 1622, along with three of her greatest contemporaries: St. Ignatius Loyola, St. Francis Xavier, and St. Philip Neri. ©LPi



# THE CHURCH OF ALTOONA-JOHNSTOWN

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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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