

# THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 24, 2021

## MASS INTENTIONS

### October 25, Monday: Weekday

6:45 AM + Jack Bell, Anniversary (Mary Ann Bell)  
12:00 PM + Vocations to the Religious Life (Rita Kibler)

### October 26, Tuesday: Weekday

6:45 AM + Martha Maurer (Therese Frischkorn)  
12:00 PM + Walter Beckel Jr. (Cathy Pacifico)

### October 27, Wednesday: Weekday

6:45 AM + Jeanie Farabaugh (Dave & Karen Farabugh)  
12:00 PM + Lori Crilley, Ann. (Sisters Pam & Vicki)

### October 28, Thursday: Sts. Simon and Jude

6:45 AM + Paul Mercer (Children)  
12:00 PM + Gary Doyle (Theresa Deckard)

### October 29, Friday: Weekday

6:45 AM + Mary Lou Oswald (Family)  
12:00 PM + Catherine Beech Fredrick, Birth. (Family)

### October 30, Saturday: Weekday

8:00 AM + Denis Burns (Dave & Maureen Hanekamp)  
12:00 PM + David Hooper, Birthday, (Wife & Family)

### Vigil: Thirty-first Sunday In Ordinary Time

5:00 PM + Marti Stefanon (Ronald & Eileen Roefaro)

### October 31, 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM + Bobby Homan (Patricia Rhoa)  
10:00 AM + BGCHS Class of 1971 (Mary Gene Vogel)  
12:00 PM + Dennis Blackie (Friend)  
5:00 PM + Pro Popolo / For the People

**Please remember our sick in your prayers.**



### Finance Council Meeting

Our parish's Finance Council will be meeting on Tuesday, October 26, at 4:00 p.m. in the Cathedral Parish Center.

### Parish Council Meeting

There will be a Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday, October 26, at 6:30 p.m. in the Cathedral Parish Center.

## Readings for the week of October 24, 2021

**Sunday:** Jer 31:7-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-52

**Monday:** Rom 8:12-17/Ps 68:2 and 4, 6-7ab, 20-21 [21a]/Lk 13:10-17

**Tuesday:** Rom 8:18-25/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [3a]/Lk 13:18-21

**Wednesday:** Rom 8:26-30/Ps 13:4-5, 6 [6a]/Lk 13:22-30

**Thursday:** Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5a]/Lk 6:12-16

**Friday:** Rom 9:1-5/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 14:1-6

**Saturday:** Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 17-18 [14a]/Lk 14:1, 7-11

**Next Sunday:** Dt 6:2-6/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 [2]/Heb 7:23-28/Mk 12:28b-3

### **Calendar of Prizes 2021 Are Here!**

Calendar of prizes 2021 are being sold at the Cathedral Square Door after all masses starting this weekend. Each calendar costs \$20.00. There is a \$20.00 daily prize; an additional \$1,000.00 in special monthly prizes awarded throughout the year; and a grand prize of \$1,000.00. Due to the state's regulations for small games of chance, it is necessary that we sell all one thousand tickets are sold. If you have a favorite three digit number, call the Parish Office at 814-944-4603 weekdays between 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM to check for availability or stop by the Cathedral door after Mass on the weekends. These make great Christmas gifts and stocking stuffers.

### Stuffed Cabbage Dinner

Tickets are on sale after weekend Masses 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 are held on Thursday evenings 7:00-8:30 in the Cathedral Church in front of Mary's Shrine. Use the Cathedral Square side door. All voice parts are welcomed and needed.

### Helpers Needed

We will meet every Wednesday, October 27th at 9:00 AM, to tidy up the Cathedral. We are so blessed that so many have come forward to help. Please bring buckets and rags and join us.

## OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday, October 17, 2021- \$8,219.25

### 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.

### Trunk or Treat

On Sunday, October 31st, from 2-3:30 pm we are hosting a Trunk or Treat in the lower parish parking lot. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Parishioners who would like to hand out candy from their trunks should arrive before 1:30 pm to set up. Please let us know if you are decorating a trunk so we can assign you a spot. Register your decorated vehicle by 10/24 online at <http://tinyurl.com/cathedraltrunkortreat> or by calling the Parish office at 814-944-4603.

### APPLE DUMPLING - PIE SALE

St. Benedict Church Altar Rosary Society will have their annual apple dumpling and pie sale (apple, peach, pumpkin, cherry and raisin pies) on Saturday, October 30th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., in the Church Hall, 100- Main Street, Carrolltown. Prices: large pies- \$9.00; small pies- \$7.00; apple dumplings- \$3.00; homemade chicken noodle soup- \$6.00/quart. No pre-orders. A snack bar is available.

### 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 17th from 11:00-12:00 in the Seton Suite. Please contact Carol Galieto at (814) 327-4841, if you are interested in joining.

### Office Closed

The Office will be closed on Friday, October 29th, and Monday, November 1, 2021, Will reopen on Tuesday, November 2, at 9:00 AM.

### Families and Gospel

When Jesus asked the blind man, "What do you want from me?" he asked for sight. If Jesus asked you the same question, what would you say? Okay, that is your prayer.

## LAND OF PEACE/HOLY LAND PRODUCTS

Next week, our brothers and sisters representing the Land of Peace Mission, a nonprofit organization, will be with us speaking about the Christian situation in the Holy Land and selling crucifixes, religious art work, and rosaries-all made of olive wood which is native to Israel and Bethlehem. Since tourism has greatly depleted, Christian families in the Holy Land, who depend on tourists, have been greatly affected. The goal of this mission is to help the poor and needy families in Bethlehem and Jerusalem. Sale of these goods will help them very much and also give you the opportunity to have something authentic from the Holy Land. Please browse and purchase some articles for yourself or as gifts. It is for a good cause and also a help to your personal devotion. The articles will be displayed in the former baptismal font area.

Visit: [www.landofpeace.org](http://www.landofpeace.org) for more information.



This weekend, the Church celebrates World Mission Sunday, the annual worldwide Eucharistic celebration for the Missions of the Church. Pope Francis' message this year reflects on the theme: "We cannot but speak about what we have seen and heard" (Acts 4:20).

We can speak about our faith and respond to our missionary call---through prayer, participation in the Eucharist, and giving generously to the collection for the Society of the Propagation of the Faith on this special day. As we rebuild our lives and recover from the pandemic, let us respond generously to those who are Speaking about Jesus and helping to rebuild the lives of those most in need.

### 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.

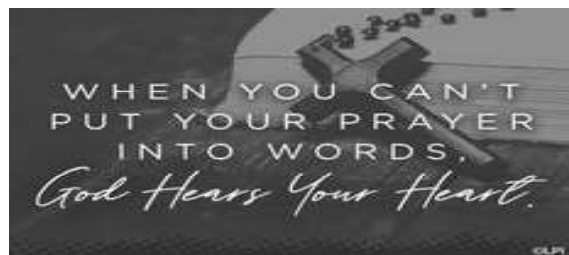
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When we see God with true sincerity of heart and God passes us along our way, it is only then that we will be able to cry out, "Jesus, son of David, have pity on me!" We have to truly want to be healed by, and in union with, God in order for us to reach out to him. If God is only an abstract idea, theory, or someone found in the pages of a book, there is no motivation for a relationship and no desire to seek him. God needs to be real in order for faith to be real. It's all about the journey.

St. Augustine reminds us that "to fall in love with God is the greatest romance; to seek Him the greatest adventure; to find Him the greatest human achievement." We strive after many things and mercy is not always one of them. We think that we can find fulfillment and healing in other things only to discover that we are still short and empty. From the moment human beings were created, God has been calling us and seeking us. He has been walking right beside the human story from the minute He first breathed life into the first human soul. Are we able to recognize God as He walks with us? At some point we have to realize that there is only one way to satisfy the deepest longings of the human heart and that is in relationship with our Creator. We are called to this. However, we make the huge error of thinking that what we are hearing is coming from somewhere else. We become confused. Every human being would certainly profit with wisdom if they realized Who calls them and to Whom they belong.

Then and only then will we realize that it is only our Divine Master who can give us true vision and heal us. Once we recognize and reach out for the merciful presence of our loving Maker, we will be able to see with our soul, understanding the true nature and depth of all things. God's mercy is always available. It doesn't matter how far we have strayed or how blind we become, God patiently waits to console us, guide us and heal us. All we need to do is desire Him. Once we reach out, we also realize that there is no greater love to be found than God's, no human adventure that comes even close to the thrill of a spiritual search, and no human achievement even remotely as satisfying as union with Him. This is where we belong. This is salvation.

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## **We Remember Our Dead in November**

Every November 2<sup>nd</sup> the Catholic Church prays for the faithful departed, that is, the souls in purgatory. The Catechism of the Catholic Church defines purgatory as a state of final purification after death and before entrance into heaven for those who died in God's friendship. Purgatory is a final cleansing of human imperfection before one is able to enter the joy of heaven.

The Church gives the name Purgatory to this final purification of the elect, which is entirely different from the eternal punishment of the damned in hell. The Church formulated her doctrine of faith on Purgatory especially at the Councils of Florence and Trent. In the rich tradition of the Church, certain texts of Scripture speak of a cleansing fire. Saint Gregory the Great said, "As for certain lesser faults, we must believe that, before the Final Judgment, there is a purifying fire. He who is truth says that whoever utters blasphemy against the Holy Spirit will be pardoned neither in this age or in the age to come. From this sentence we understand that certain offenses can be forgiven in this age, but certain others in the age to come."

The teaching on Purgatory is also based on the practice of prayer for the dead, again mentioned in Sacred Scripture: "Therefore (Judas Maccabeus) made atonement for the dead, that they might be delivered from their sin." (II Maccabees 12:46) From the beginning the Church has honored the memory of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage for them, above all in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, so that, thus, purified, they may attain eternal happiness with God in heaven. The Church also commends almsgiving and works of penance undertaken on behalf of the dead. Saint John Chrysostom writes, "Let us help and commemorate our dead. If Job's sons were purified by their Father's sacrifice, why would we doubt that our offerings for the dead bring them some consolation? Let us not hesitate to help those who have died and to offer our prayers for them." Catechism of the Catholic Church, Numbers 1030 through 1032.

# **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.

### **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	Holiday:	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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