

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

November 7, 2021

MASS INTENTIONS

November 8, Monday: Weekday

8:00 AM + Florence Moffa Brook (Estate)
12:00 PM + Janet Tomlinson (Ed & Cindy Eaton)

November 9, Tuesday: The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

6:45 AM + Lori Keirn (Cathy & Joe Koehle)
12:00 PM + David Baronner (John Cuzzolina)

November 10, Wednesday: Saint Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

6:45 AM + Dora Berkheimer (Kirk Dodson)
12:00 PM + David M Axinn (Family)

November 11, Thursday: Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop

6:45 AM + Cheryl Consalvo (Linda Consalvo)
12:00 PM + Anna Rhodes (Mary Boslet)

November 12, Friday: St Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr

6:45 AM + Vocation to Priesthood/Religious Life (Anonymous)
12:00 PM + Christina Dunchuck (Mary Lysinger)

November 13, Saturday: St. Frances Xavier Cabrini

8:00 AM + Carrie Kibler Detwiler (Mom & Dad)
12:00 PM + Madeline Vogel (Jim & Steph Kilcoyne)

Vigil: Thirty-Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

5:00 PM + Amelia Seiler (Stan Krish Family)

November 14, 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Nancy Nagy (Linda Kutz)
10:00 AM + James Riley Sr. (Paul & Emma Kowalski)
12:00 PM + Paul Reagan (Bob & Joan Lozinak)
5:00 PM Pro Popolo / For the People

Please remember our sick in your prayers.

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.

Readings for the week of November 7, 2021

Sunday: 1 Kgs 17:10-16/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Heb 9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

Monday: Wis 1:1-7/Ps 139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10 [24b]/Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [5]/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22

Wednesday: Wis 6:1-11/Ps 82:3-4, 6-7 [8a]/Lk 17:11-19

Thursday: Wis 7:22b—8:1/Ps 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135, 175 [89a]/Lk 17:20-25

Friday: Wis 13:1-9/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5ab [2a]/Lk 17:26-37

Saturday: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43 [5a]/Lk 18:1-8

Next Sunday: Dn 12:1-3/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Heb 10:11-14, 18/Mk 13:24-3

Religious Ed PK/8

Students will be collecting hats, scarves, mittens, toys and personal care items again this Advent season for Family Services of Blair County Abuse Shelters.

Confirmation Prep

* Students will be sponsoring three families from the Catholic Charities this Advent season.

* 11th grade Discipleship retreat, Saturday, November 20th, St. Mary's Memorial Hall. More information to come.

1st Reconciliation Sessions

Tuesday, November 9th 6-8PM, Cathedral hall, parent and students.

Tuesday, November 30th 6-8 PM, Cathedral hall, parents and students.

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.

FORMED provides the very best Catholic content from more than 60 organizations to help parishes, families and individuals explore their faith anywhere. Supporting thousands of movies, children's programs, ebooks, audio, parish programs and studies direct to your browser, mobile or connected device. You can gain access to our parish's subscription by going to <https://signup.formed.org> You are to sign up as a parishioner, enter our zip code (16601) which will reveal the Cathedral's name, and then just enter your name and email address.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday, October 31, 2021- \$6,382.00

Thank you for your support.

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.

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

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.

Helpers Needed

We will meet Wednesday, November 17th 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.

Basket Bingo Meeting

There will be a basket bingo committee meeting, on Thursday November 18th, at 6:30 pm in the Cathedral Parish Center. We will have a Basket Bingo Report in the bulletin the weekend of November 27th.

Stewardship Reflections

In Biblical times when there was no life insurance or Social Security, the widows we hear about seemed weak and dependent on others to take care of them. Yet, each demonstrated strength and generosity that distinguished them from others. Where did this strength come from? It came from knowing who they are and whose they are. Their security came from knowing they were daughters of the Most High God and they had put their faith in Him. Their faith allowed them to be brave and generous, to think of others despite their own trials.

These women saw themselves as stewards, not owners, of the resources God gave them, regardless of how much or how little they had. And acting as stewards made them gracious, generous and mighty indeed. Pray to act as they did. (Stewardship Reflection, Catholic Stewardship Consultants, Inc. (2018/10/26)

The Look

Have you ever made the mistake of telling your spouse that you're out of something — only to see them respond with The Look? Then you realize it: of course, he or she knows The Look

Have you ever made the mistake of telling your spouse that you're out of something — only to see them respond with The Look? Then you realize it: of course, he or she knows you're out of butter. They knew it before a butter shortage was even a blip on your radar.

We might go to the fridge and lament the complete lack of ketchup. Then someone moves a couple items and show us the ketchup that so savagely eluded us just moments before.

Sometimes, we all have "the look" when dealing with God. We tell Him our stores are empty. "I'm out, God! I can't do any more! Can't give any more. Can't take any more. It's all gone." But we forget: God is the keeper of our stores. He is the one who fills them, and the one who watches as they empty.

See, we don't know how much we are capable of loving. We don't know how much we are capable of serving. We don't know how much we are capable of hoping. We see everything with spouse eyes. Only our Creator truly knows the limits of His creation.

Do you ever make the mistake of telling God "I'm done"? Be careful the next time you do. Chances are, He's far from finished working.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

©LPI

NOVEMBER 7, 2021

On December 10, 1979, a very petite holy woman known as Mother Teresa of Calcutta spoke these words in her Nobel Peace Prize Acceptance Speech, "But I am sure in the families and many of our homes, maybe we are not hungry for a piece of bread, but maybe there is somebody there in the family who is unwanted, unloved, uncared, forgotten, there isn't love. Love begins at home. And love to be true has to hurt. I never forget a little child who taught me a very beautiful lesson. They heard in Calcutta, the children, that Mother Teresa had no sugar for her children, and this little one, Hindu boy four years old, he went home and he told his parents: I will not eat sugar for three days, I will give my sugar to Mother Teresa. How much a little child can give. After three days they brought into our house, and there was this little one who could scarcely pronounce my name, he loved with great love, he loved until it hurt. And this is what I bring before you, to love one another until it hurts, but don't forget that there are many children, many children, many men and women who haven't got what you have. And remember to love them until it hurts."

Living authentically and walking with holiness always involves sacrifice. It has to hurt. Only actions springing from true and deep sacrifice demonstrate true integrity. Without sacrifice, even what is apparently a generous gesture can be nothing. It is no wonder that the widow who contributed from her poverty received great admiration from Jesus and the young child in our story above the interest of Mother Teresa. It is easy to make the houses of our lives look like they are in perfect order when in fact they are in shambles within. Religion can sometimes make this hypocritical masquerade easy to accomplish. We can find ourselves in all the right holy places, reciting all of the correct prayers, participating in community collections, and reciting the proper doctrines only to find ourselves empty, shallow, self-focused, and overly anxious about personal concerns.

The one who learns to discover their inner poverty, their spiritual poverty, is the only one who can truly place him or herself at the mercy of God. It is only when we allow ourselves to be empty that we realize Who we actually need to fill us. This is the real meaning of trust. Many of us are afraid to take the plunge. We allow ourselves to detach from only so much, always keeping a watchful eye on the protection of our securities. We understand the value of poverty, but we do not want to become too poor. As long as we are able to recognize this tension, our reluctance to let go and our struggle, we can continue our journey of humbly learning how to love so deeply that it hurts. God understands and waits.

Handel's Messiah Concert and Sing Along

Featuring Julie Hanlon, soprano, Jan Wilson, mezzo-soprano, TBA, tenor, James White, bass-baritone. Robert Long, conductor, Asa Carns, organist. Sunday, November 28th, 2021 at 2:00 pm. First Presbyterian Church, 601- Walnut Street, Hollidaysburg Pa 16648. All are welcome to attend this Sacred Music Experience! A free-will offering will be taken. Bring your copy of Handel's Messiah- some copies will be available to borrow at the door.



Did you know that text messages have a 99% open rate? It's true! In addition to emails, text messaging is the most effective way to reach parishioners—more effective than an app, a paper bulletin, or a Facebook page. With Flocknote, a parish can text all members, just a specific group or ministry, or an individual, and capture replies and respond. Flocknote's church texting makes it simple.

Cathedral parish has slowly begun to use Flocknotes. Soon, we will be asking parishioners to participate by either texting or registering online. It's fast and easy.

A NOTE OF THANKS

Gratitude is extended to the fine volunteers who cleaned the cathedral on Wednesday, October 27. Since such a nice number of people showed up, it only took one and a half hours.

A sincere word of thanks is also extended to the Trunk and Treaters who decorated their vehicles and provided treats and entertainment on Sunday, October 31. It was a fun afternoon.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

A Book of Remembrance is available at the Our Mother of Sorrows Chapel. You are invited to include the names of your deceased loved ones in the book. There is a bond between those of us on earth, the souls in purgatory, and the saints in heaven. We are all members of God's family created to become saints who enjoy the eternal glory and love of God in heaven.

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.

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.

WEB: WWW.ALTOONACATHEDRAL.ORG

FAX: 814-942-4337

E-MAIL: ALTCATHEDRAL@DIOCESEAJ.ORG

<https://www.facebook.com/cathedralofaltoona>

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

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

Altoona Campus (Pre-K thru Grade 4) - 381-7011
Hollidaysburg 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

DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
Chris Laraia - Pre-K thru 12 - 312-7317
E-mail: claraia@dioceseaj.org
Religious Education Office: Sundays - 943-7424

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRY
Leslie C. Thayer, MM, CAGO
Music Ministry Office - 944-2044
E-mail: lthayer@dioceseaj.org