

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

November 14, 2021

MASS INTENTIONS

November 15, Monday: St. Albert the Great, BP

6:45 AM + Mary Moffa Jenaway (Estate)
12:00 PM + Vocations to Religious Life (Rita Kibler)

November 16, Tuesday: St. Margaret of Scotland, St. Gertrude, Virgin

6:45 AM + Lavelle Family (Phyllis Lavelle Sheetz)
12:00 PM + Donna Pagliara (Family)

November 17, Wednesday: St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious

6:45 AM + Mary Irwin (Paul & Mary Beth Corace)
12:00 PM + Steve Yorgy (McNelis All Stars)

November 18, Thursday: The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter and Paul

6:45 AM + Peggy & Bernie Joyce (Family)
12:00 PM + Walt Beech, Anniversary (Family)

November 19, Friday: Weekday

6:45 AM + Bishop Joseph Adamec (Anonymous)
12:00 PM + Tim McCloskey (Albert Schlecht)

November 20, Saturday: Weekday

8:00 AM + Richard Anthony (Peggy Arnold)
12:00 PM + Alice Winkler (Diana Fanale)

Vigil: Solemnity Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

5:00 PM + Dave Lysinger, Sr. (Family)

November 21, Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

8:00 AM + Anthony Alianello (Pete Starr Family)
10:00 AM + Amelia Seiler (Cathy & Wayne Madden)
12:00 PM + Michael Dionis, Birthday (Mom & Dad)
5:00 PM Pro Popolo / For the People

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.

Readings for the week of November 14, 2021

Sunday: Dn 12:1-3/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Heb 10:11-14, 18/Mk 13:24-32

Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158 [cf. 88]/Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [6b]/Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b and 15 [15b]/Lk 19:11-28

Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15 [23b]/Lk 19:41-44. **Dedication:** Acts 28:11-16, 30-31/ Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43/Mt 14:22-33

Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/1 Chron 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd [13b]/Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13/Ps 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19 [cf. 16a]/Lk 20:27-40

Next Sunday: Dn 7:13-14/Ps 93:1, 1-2, 5 [1a]/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-3

1st Reconciliation Sessions

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

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. Registration deadline is Wednesday, November 17th.

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.

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.

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OFFERTORY COLLECTION
Sunday, November 7, 2021- \$12,528.12
Thank you for your support.

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.

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.

Prayer Shawls

If anyone feels that they need some comfort in their troubled times, please feel free to contact Lorraine Beck at 814-942-7774 for one of our Prayer Shawls. These shawls have been Blessed and may bring you the comfort that you need.

Pray For Our Sick

Remember our sisters and brothers who are weakened by illness in your prayers. Prayers are sometimes the best prescribed medicine.

Stewardship Reflections

When we have firmly established as individuals, as a family and as a parish that we will give to God the first and best portion of our Time, and Treasure, the warnings we read in scripture today need cause us alarm. In fact, we can receive them as encouragement, to "Keep Calm and Steward on," no matter what comes our way.

One of the blessings of a stewardship way of life is that in challenging times whether in our homes or workplaces, or even our beloved Church itself, we can take great comfort in knowing we have a concrete plan to keep our priorities in right order. And when we put God first in all aspects of our lives, we will experience the peace that only He can give that surpasses all understanding. (Stewardship Reflection, Catholic Stewardship Consultants, Inc. (2018/11/18))

Afghan Raffle

Altoona Catholic Daughters of America, are selling raffle tickets for an afghan made by one of our member's mother! Tickets are \$5.00 each. For tickets contact Hazel at cda2625.com/contact/. Flyers are in most parish foyers or you can see the flyer online at: cda2625.com/2021-afghan.pdf. Sponsored by Court Prince Gallitzin #2625. Serving all 11 Altoona parishes and beyond. Catholic Daughters primary focus is Spirituality and Service! New Members are always welcomed! Find us at : cda2625.com

A Father in the Shadows

The Polish writer Jan Dobraczynski, The Shadow of the Father, tells the story of Saint Joseph's life in the form of a novel. He uses the evocative image of a shadow to define Joseph. In his earthly relationship to Jesus, Joseph was the earthly shadow of the heavenly father: he watched over him and protected him, never leaving him to go his own way. Fathers are not born, but made. A man does not become a father simply by bringing a child into the world, but by taking up the responsibility for the life of another, in some way he becomes a father to that person.

Pope John XXIII was nicknamed the Pope of St. Joseph in this way to a large group of seminary rectors in 1961, "Meek, quiet, discreet: St. Joseph is the perfect model for imitation in circumstances that recur in every age and that call for self-denial and total abandonment to God." St. Joseph was named the Patron of the Second Vatican Council so that "the Council may be tranquilly prepared for the well-conducted, thus bringing abundant fruit to the souls." St. Joseph, A Father in the Shadows, Perfect Model for all Father, pray for us.

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“And then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in the clouds’ with great power and glory.” Take a moment to ponder these words from today’s Gospel. How does this image make you feel? For people to truly understand the significance of this message, something profound has to happen within. If we find ourselves reacting with a sense of dread or fear, we have to step back and ask why. Our answer will reveal a great deal about our relationship with God. It’s hard to fall in love with a God of whom we are afraid. God does not want us to be afraid. Nor does He want us to align our wills to His in order to avoid some kind of horrendous eternal consequence. That sounds like too much of a superficial power play on the part of God who continues to seek out His children in love.

In order for these words to carry any type of significant meaning for us, they have to resonate with and touch us on a deeper level. They have to be able to connect some dots and have meaning for us in order for this promise to change our lives. Sometimes we get preoccupied with the uncertainty of our deaths. Not knowing when or how we will eventually die can be unsettling. But, more so than needing an answer to the “when” of death, the “what” of death answer we provide has more significance. What happens to us when we die? Whether we die during the natural course of our lives or when Christ comes again, the experience is the same. If we believe that we are meant to live in union with God eternally and that death completes and does not diminish us, then it is worth our time and effort to wait in vigilant hope of the Lord’s coming in glory. Our journey back to God is something beautiful to be desired, not dreaded or feared.

Sadly, many folks believe that life is no more than a random occurrence without any purposeful direction or meaning. Death is simply death and nothing more. For them, the Second Coming of Christ and God’s eternal promise have no meaning. When we understand the truth about who we are, it changes things up. We then can see ourselves as works in progress who have the choice to either resist the inspirations of the Divine Artist or give into the wonderful creativity of His will. Life awaiting the fullness of Christ to come becomes an unfolding of Divine surprises and abundant joy. God is eternally merciful, forgiving, and welcoming. It is only when we directly reject this gift and turn our backs on Love itself that we have anything to fear.

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.



Cathedral Parish will be participating in #iGiveCatholic, a Giving Day for the faithful across the nation to come together and raise charitable dollars for Catholic parishes, schools, and ministries, on Tuesday, November 30.

We hope to install an emergency lighting system for the cathedral. A link is available at our parish’s website and will be made available on our facebook page beginning on Monday, November 15. You may also use one of the envelopes available at the entrances.

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. The chapel also contains a list of those for whom funerals have been celebrated since last November 2. Be sure to pray for the souls in purgatory. May they soon enter the joy and peace of heaven.

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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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