

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

January 9, 2022

MASS INTENTIONS

January 10, Monday: Weekday In Ordinary Time

6:45 AM + Paul Weible (Wife)
12:00 PM + Ann Diehl (Family)

January 11, Tuesday: Weekday

6:45 AM + Patty Seidel and David Weaver
(Jim & Elaine Weaver)
12:00 PM + Dave Berger Sr. (Dave & Karen Rhoa)

January 12, Wednesday: Weekday

6:45 AM + To End Abortion (Chris McNelis)
12:00 PM + Helen (Lindy) Adams (Nancy & Skip)

January 13, Thursday: St. Hilary, Bishop & Dr.

6:45 AM + All Priests (Anonymous)
12:00 PM + Joseph Knott Jr (Joe & Dan Angeski and
Marcy Yurinko)

January 14, Friday: Weekday

6:45 AM + Nancy Moffa Jenaway (Estate)
12:00 PM + John Gority (Jim & Steph Kilcoyne)

January 15, Saturday: Weekday

8:00 AM + Carrie Kibler Detwiler (Mom & Dad)
12:00PM + Alice Winkler, Anniversary (Family)
Vigil : SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
5:00 PM + Robert Beck, Birthday (Pat Rhoa)

January 16, Sunday: Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

8:00 AM + Jane Davidson (Gene & Lorraine Adams)
10:00 AM + Donna Pagliara (Family)
5:00 PM + Pro Popolo/For the People

[Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Parish is at 11:30 A.M.]



Readings for the week of January 09, 2022

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/
Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22_or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps
104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-
7/ Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/Mk
1:14-20

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk
1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a,
8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk
1:40-45

Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-
12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-
7/Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1
Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-1

Beginning Jan. 2nd,

All religious education children will be dismissed from the ally door (lower level) in anticipation of inclement weather.

Confirmation Prep

All 11th grade candidates will meet in the Cathedral Hall on Sunday, January 15th from 2-4 PM for the Spring Session. Sponsors do not need to attend. Please bring your folder, eligibility form, and Saint paper.

Photos will be taken for the Easter sacrament prep candidates board to be displayed at the church doors.

P.R.E.P Class

All 9th, 10th, and 11th Grade Religious Ed students are expected to meet this Sunday, January 9th, from 6:00-7:30 PM in the Cathedral Hall.



Finance Council Meeting

Our parish's Finance Council will be meeting on Tuesday, January 18, at 4:00 p.m. in the Cathedral Parish Center.

Parish Council Meeting

Our Parish Council will be meeting on Tuesday, January 18, at 6:30 p.m. in the Cathedral Parish Center.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday, January 2, 2022 \$6,787.99

Thank you for your financial and spiritual support.

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, January 2nd, 2022 from 11:00-12:00 in the Seton Suite. Please contact Carol Galioto at (814) 327-4841, if you are interested in joining.

Ordinary Time

After this weekend's Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, Ordinary Time begins. Ordinary Time is the ordered or numbered time of 33 or 34 weeks in which no particular aspect of the mystery of Christ is celebrated, but rather the mystery of Christ is honored in all its fullness, especially on Sundays. (Universal Norms #43)



The Cathedral Adult Choir

Choir 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.

Stewardship Reflections

As we celebrate this feast of the Baptism of the Lord to close this Christmas Season we can study Jesus' actions at the Jordan River as a powerful example of servant leadership that is characterized by humility and leading by example. He doesn't just tell the people they need to be baptized. Jesus allows John the Baptist to baptize Him to teach that we must "walk the walk" and not merely "talk the talk."

If we want those we lead to be generous and hard-working, then we must show them how to do this by demonstrating our own generosity and sacrifice. Let us be filled with gratitude for our amazing God and be reminded that when we are grateful followers of Jesus and servant-leaders in imitation of Him, the Father will be "well pleased" with us too. How can you be an example this week? (*Stewardship Reflection*, Catholic Stewardship Consultants, Inc. 01/10/2019)

Calendar of Prizes 2021 Are Here!

Calendar of prizes 2022 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.

Fish Fry

There will be a Fish Fry on Friday, January 14th at The Church of Transfiguration, 201- Third Street, Conemaugh, from 3:30-6:30. Take outs available call (814)535-2698. The cost is \$10.00.



Ministry to the Elderly, Seriously Ill and Grieving

We will be approaching the eighth year which began as a simple Thanksgiving Card to our parishioners who were on the First Friday visitation list and those residing in elder care homes. Our twenty person committee has been sending cards, making phone calls and visiting with some men and women who invited us into their homes. We are thankful for your support but want to tell you that committee members feel as they are receiving more than what they are giving. Paula Miller who began by praying a simple Hail Mary with a resident over four years ago shared, "I cannot begin to tell you how enriched my life has become since joining this ministry. After each visit, I would leave more blessed than when I arrived. Our homebound so appreciate that we, as a member of their parish family, remember them either with a card or a visit. Their smiles are priceless!"

If you can please call the office 814-944-4603, with the name and address of a family member or friend who you know would welcome a kind word and a prayer through the mail we would be able to reach out to many more. If you would like to join this ministry please call the office at 814-944-4603, or Jeanne Thompson at 814-317-2672. And we can always use stamps!

January 9, 2022

**“We are called to live our baptism every day,
as new creatures, clothed in Christ.”
— Pope Francis**

What reference point do you use when making decisions? Many times, impulse takes control and decisions are made based solely on emotion and desire. We all know that these types of decisions can often get us into trouble. When a person has a confident sense of who they are and a real understanding of what is important and of value, the likelihood of kneejerk impulsive choices diminishes. Baptism gives us what we need to make well informed and purposeful decisions. By this simple gesture, God claims us as His own and provides us with the identity and purpose we need to properly live life.

It is tremendously reassuring, when we truly embrace this revelation and realize that we no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. The answer of who we are in God has been given to us. We no longer have to fumble around, trip over ourselves or walk aimlessly about. Issues surrounding the sacredness of life, the meaning of death, the protection of those most vulnerable, care for the weak and the poor, offering hospitality to those in search of a home, the purpose and proper place of work, how to create a just social order, caring for creation, and understanding our roles as heralds and stewards are just a few of the wonderful gifts baptism brings. When we make decisions based on things such as these core Gospel truths we really act as Christ himself, revealing to others the new creations that we are. This is how we live our baptism.

It is difficult to walk against the tide. Yet, that is precisely what baptism calls us to do. Although we are sinners, in need of mercy and far from perfection we are called to order our life and make decisions based upon the wisdom and guidance of Almighty God. He alone is the one who can claim us as His sons and daughters. Standing up for our principles will not make us popular. But who ever said Christianity is a popularity contest? Baptism calls us to stand up for that which goes against the grain of secularism. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor to steady us in the tempests of life and God is very pleased. Forge ahead. There is nothing to fear. ©LPi



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.

To keep you in touch with what's going on in our parish in a more timely fashion, please sign up to receive emails and texts at <https://altoonacathedral.flocknote.com>
Your participation will be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

EMERGENCY LIGHTING

You are encouraged to participate in our efforts to raise funds to install emergency lighting in the cathedral by placing your contribution in a specially marked envelope. So far, \$6,900 has been received. Gratitude is extended to those who have contributed.

The emergency lighting project is estimated to cost \$37,000.



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.

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.

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
5:00 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
Holidaysburg 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

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