

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 16, 2022

MASS INTENTIONS

January 17, Monday: Saint Anthony, Abbot

6:45 AM + Bill Crouse & Mike Kling (Families)
12:00 PM + Walter Beckel Jr. (Lee Kleiner)

January 18, Tuesday: Weekday

6:45 AM + Jack George (Dr. Dennis & Betsy Flynn)
12:00 PM + Robert Simanski (Kelly & Jim Brennan)

January 19, Wednesday: Weekday

6:45 AM + Special Intention (Anonymous)
12:00 PM + For An End To Abortion (McNelis All Stars)

January 20, Thursday: Sts. Fabian & Sebastian

6:45 AM + Janet Tomlinson (Kantoski Family)
12:00 PM + Sr. Beverly Hmel (Axinn Family)

January 21, Friday: Saint Agnes, Virgin

6:45 AM + Thanks & Gratitude (Kirk Dodson)
12:00 PM + Mary Snowberger (Barbara Stoltz)

January 22, Saturday: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

8:00 AM + Maurice & Jane McNulty (Jerry & Rita
Kibler)
12:00PM + Bobby Homan (Penn-DOT Maintenance)
Vigil : THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
5:00 PM + Edgar A. Johnston, Birthday (Mother)

January 23, Sunday: Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

8:00 AM + Jim Davidson, Birth. (Kathy & Greg
Clemens)
10:00 AM + Ronald Sheehan (Kerry & Cathy Hallinan)
5:00 PM + Pro Popolo/For the People

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

Office Closed

The Cathedral Office will be closed Monday, January 17, 2022 in observance of Martin Luther King Day. We will reopen on Tuesday, January 18 at 9:00 AM.

Additional Christmas Flowers

Mark & Carol Sanker
Terrance Eugene Smith
Peter & Barbara Rossi

Readings for the week of January 16, 2022

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

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and
23/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk
2:23-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2,
9-10/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-
11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12

Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-
19

Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-
7/Mk 3:20-21

Next Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10,
15/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Religious Education Dismissal

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

Confirmation Prep

All 11th grade candidates will meet in the Cathedral Hall on Saturday, 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.



Finance Council Meeting

Due to a conflict in schedules, our parish's Finance Council will be meeting on Tuesday, February 1, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. in the Cathedral Parish Center. (Instead of Tuesday, January 18.)

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 9, 2022 \$8,311.79
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.



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.



9 Days for Life is a novena for the protection of human life. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life. Go to 9daysforlife.com to participate. The intentions are: 1) May the tragic practice of abortion end. 2) May each person suffering from participation in abortion find forgiveness, hope, and healing in Christ. 3) May all who defend life find strength and renewal in the Holy Spirit. 4) May all unborn children be protected in law and welcomed in love. 5) May all who support or participate in abortion experience a conversion of heart to seek and receive the Lord's bountiful mercy. 6) May every expectant mother receive compassionate care and support as she nurtures the life in her womb. 7) May expectant fathers lovingly support the mothers of their children in welcoming new life. 8) May expectant mothers choosing adoption receive grace and support in embracing this loving option. 9) May civic leaders work for the protection of all human life, in every stage and circumstance.

Calendar of Prizes 2022

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.

March For Life

Knights of Columbus will hold their 34th Annual Respect Life March on Sunday, January 16th, 2022 at 12:00 Noon. They will start at the Noon with a Prayer Service in the St. Matthews Church in Tyrone. They walk 1.25 miles to Oak Cemetery to the grave of Baby Agnes Doe, for another short prayer. A hot luncheon will be served in the parish hall after the march.



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, and making phone calls. We are thankful for your support but want to tell you that the committee members feel as they are receiving more than what they are giving. Our homebound so appreciate that we, as a member of their parish family, remember them either with a card, or a phone call. Just recently a parishioners family member recently shared that they were touched that we had remembered his birthday by a card in the mail. The person does not have to be a member of the Cathedral Parish.

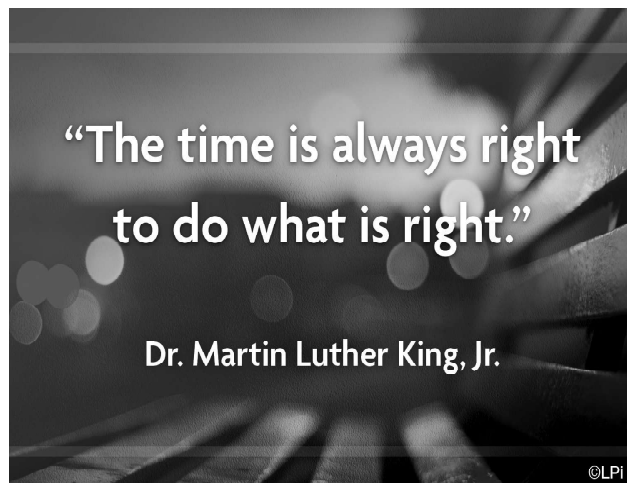
If you can please call the office 814-944-4603, with the name and address of a family member or friend who you know would welcome a kind word and a prayer through the mail we would be able to reach out to many more. If you would like to join this ministry please call the office at 814-944-4603, or Jeanne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

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God delights in you. How do you feel when you hear that? Delight usually comes with an exuberant flow of joy that seemingly arises from one's toes with the expression of great glee. Reflecting upon the deep measure of joy God has in us can be a source of joy for ourselves. Delight is infectious. A very young brother and sister were playing on the beach when the all too familiar ice cream truck made its daily rounds. The boy shook with excitement and delight as he took his sister's hand and exclaimed, "The ice cream man is here, isn't it great!" As they ran off toward the truck, one could hear the girl reply, "Yeah, I can't wait!" The experience of a child's delight in something so simple as ice cream, lifts our spirits from our burdens and transports us to the lighter, more innocent side of life.

Life is not meant to be a burden. Believe it or not, God actually wants us to be happy! In fact, the wedding feast at Cana shows us that God even puts His blessing on our happiness. It is okay to celebrate the wonder of ourselves and others. Life is good. It is always interesting to note that Jesus saves the good wine until last. You would think it would be the other way around. The superb quality of Jesus' wine points to the superior quality of life we find in Christ. It is not a life of burdens but a life of wonder and delight! In Christ, we are lifted from the superficial and mundane to a life of purpose, hope, and love.

God is with us through the long haul, through the challenges and sorrows as well as the successes and accomplishments. In spite of the fact that we often wander from the path, God's celebratory delight in us remains. As spouses are asked to remain faithful to each other through whatever life brings, God remains faithful too. This promise remains through this life and into the next. All we have to do is take the advice of Jesus' mother to heart when she says, "Listen to him." This wisdom saves us from foolishly giving in to the illusion that we can make better wine than Jesus. ©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.



THE CHURCH OF ALTOONA-JOHNSTOWN

THE CATHEDRAL OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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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.

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Sunday: 5:00 PM (Vigil)
8:00 AM
10:00 AM
5:00 PM

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

DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Chris Laraia - Pre-K thru 12 - 312-7317

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DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRY

Leslie C. Thayer, MM, CAGO

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Weekday: 6:45 AM
12:00 Noon
Saturday: 8:00 AM
12:00 Noon

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