

# THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 23, 2022

## MASS INTENTIONS

### January 24, Monday: St. Francis de Sales

6:45 AM + David Baronner (Mr & Mrs David Francis)  
12:00 PM + Harry Smith (Mary Lysinger)

### January 25, Tuesday: Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle

6:45 AM + Msgr. Roy Kline (Tom & Pat Forr)  
12:00 PM + Michelle Chislow (Helen Tomassetti Family)

### January 26, Wednesday: Sts. Timothy and Titus,

6:45 AM + Bill Pequignot (Ed & Lois Simanski)  
12:00 PM + Libby Shea Allen (John & Kim Shoeman)

### January 27, Thursday: Saints Angela Merici, Virgin and Religious Founder

6:45 AM + Martha Maurer (Bernard & Suzie Behe)  
12:00 PM + Thomas Boslet, Birthday (Wife)

### January 28, Friday: Saint Thomas Aquinas

6:45 AM + Paul Mercer (Children)  
12:00 PM + Theodore Cunka, Birthday  
(Ed & Deb Matosziuk)

### January 29, Saturday: Weekday

8:00 AM + Cyril & Mary Kibler (Jerry & Rita Kibler)  
12:00PM + Amelia Seiler (Kimberly & Ron Palmer)

### Vigil : FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 PM + Brian McCaulley, Ann. (Family)

### January 30, Sunday: Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time

8:00 AM + Jack & Jerry Yahner (Dave & Chris Behe)  
10:00AM+ Sharon Allshouse Harshberger(Debbie Ball)  
5:00 PM + Pro Popolo/For the People

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

### 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.

### Parish Council Meeting

Our Parish Council will be meeting on Tuesday, January 25, at 6:30 p.m. in the Cathedral Parish Center.

## Readings for the week of January 23, 2022

**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

**Monday:** 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30

**Tuesday:** Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117: 1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18

**Wednesday:** 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20

**Thursday:** 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/Mk 4:21-25

**Friday:** 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11/Mk 4:26-34

**Saturday:** 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mk 4:35-41

**Next Sunday:** Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17 [cf. 15ab]/ 1 Cor 12:31—13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-3



### Religious Education Dismissal

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

### Confirmation Session-Sunday, February 6th,

there will be a 9th grade Confirmation prep class from 2:00-4:00 PM in the Cathedral hall.

### First Communion Prep Schedule

All meetings/sessions will be held in the Cathedral basement from 6-8 PM.

An adult must accompany your child to each of the meetings. Please contact Chris Laraia if you are unable to attend a session so that make up work can be assigned.

### Parent/Student Sessions

Tuesday, February 8, 2022

Tuesday, March 8, 2022

### First Communion

will be celebrated on

Sunday, April 24, at 10:00 AM Mass

Saturday, April 30, 5:00 Mass

If you have any questions please contact Chris Laraia,

## OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday, January 16, 2022 \$4,774.43.

Mass attendance was low due to the weather.

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.



### Stewardship Reflection

In today's first reading, the ancient Israelites are asked to rejoice in the Lord for his gift of abundant food, and to give portion to those who had nothing. As Christian stewards we are called to do the same. Our gifts are our food to share. In St. Paul's letter to the Corinthians, as it states "If they were all one part, where would the body be? But as it is there are many parts, yet one Body." St. Paul teaches us as Christian stewards that we all have equal dignity and worth in God's sight and we should view each other in this same light. It teaches us to humbly recognize our own gifts as well as the giftedness of every member of our parish family.

And, while God has designed us to ultimately depend on Him, it seems He has also designed us to need each other! The good news of the beauty and richness of a stewardship way of life is that God does not ask anyone person to "do it all" in the family or parish. He simply asks us to share the gifts and talents we do have in the season of life, we find ourselves in right now. It might feel uncomfortable to say "No" sometimes. Do your part and let your brothers and sisters in the Body of Christ do theirs. The Spirit of the Lord is upon us all as we live out this stewardship of life. (Stewardship Reflection, Catholic Stewardship Consultants, Inc. 2021/12/27)

## 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. 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. There are still 172 tickets available.



### 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!



**January 23, 2022**

Human history reveals many periods where people lost a sense of God's transcendence. It may even be argued that human beings have been wandering and lost more than they have been at home and focused. Human nature being what it is, we struggle with who God really is — the God of our salvation history or the "gods" of human constructs. Relying on our own designs and pursuits, we forget that we really are meant to listen to One upon whom the Spirit of the Lord rests, Jesus Christ, and not to ourselves. That same history that reveals our fickleness and infidelity also reveals God's constancy and faithfulness. God always finds us.

As people wander and fumble to find their way, God is there bringing them back to holiness and giving them the assurance of His presence. We have to allow God's Word, God's life, to touch us and change us. It can make us more flexible and attentive to the sacred in all facets of life so that every day is one that is holy. Every day is a time when fulfillment is possible for one's soul. Jesus stood before those gathered in the synagogue as the fulfillment of words of promise that were echoed long ago. God doesn't forget. He always comes for us.

Now it is time to remember to go to God. Sometimes our lives are so confused and tangled that it is difficult to see the Word and hand of God. But when we realize, deep within, the depth of friendship God offers to us it really has the power to turn sadness to joy. The promise is fulfilled. Going frequently to God's Word, allowing ourselves to be enriched and rejuvenated, and pondering the certainty of God's fidelity and promise permanently transforms us. We will be more aware of the sacred and the holy and less invested in things that pull us away.

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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, \$10,300 has been received. Gratitude is extended to those who have contributed. The emergency lighting project is estimated to cost \$37,000. Some of the major components of equipment were delivered on Wednesday, January 19.

### **Religious Items from Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church at 1433 13th Avenue**

Individuals may stop by the church hall on Sundays, January 23 and 30, from noon to 1:30 P.M. and choose from a selection of free Sunday school supplies, free craft materials, Bible readers, coloring/activity books featuring stories from the Old and New Testaments,. There are also free items from their church library. Messages indicating continued availability or church closure due to weather will be available at 814-943-0091.

# **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.

**WEB: [WWW.ALTOONACATHEDRAL.ORG](http://WWW.ALTOONACATHEDRAL.ORG)**

**FAX: 814-942-4337**

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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](http://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](http://www.bishopguilfoyle.org) - 944-4014**

**DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

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

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