

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 6, 2022

MASS INTENTIONS

February 7, Monday: Weekday

6:45 AM+ Helen Zurilla, Ann. (Family)

12:00 PM Kirk Kling, Thanksgiving and Remembrance
(Mom & Dad)

February 8, Tuesday: St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin

6:45 AM + Mary Irwin (Paul & Mary Beth Corace)

12:00 PM + Patricia Koeck (Vera Nazaruk Family)

February 9, Wednesday: Weekday

6:45 AM + Christine Dunchuck (Mom & Bob)

12:00 PM + Charles Riley, Birth. (Maureen Schoch)

February 10, Thursday: St. Scholastica, Virgin

6:45 AM + Madeline Seidel, Ann. (Jim & Elaine Weaver)

12:00 PM + John Duffy (Wally & Connie Tomassetti)

February 11, Friday: Our Lady of Lourdes

6:45 AM + Fred Martynuska (Sally Hancock)

12:00 PM + Donna Pagliara (Mom & Family)

February 12, Saturday: Weekday

8:00 AM + Maurice & Jane McNulty (Rita & Jerry Kibler)

12:00 PM + Mary Alice Plummer

(Dr. Joseph & Rebecca Clark Family)

Vigil : SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 PM + Michael Dionis, Anniversary (Mom & Dad)

February 13, Sunday: Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time

8:00 AM + Anthony Alianiello (Kirk Dodson)

10:00 AM + William E. Lumadue (Sister, Virginia Hart)

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 February 6, 2022

Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 [1c]/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/ Lk 5:1-11

Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-7, 8-10/Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11/Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40/Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40/Mk 7:24-30

Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15/Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22/Mk 8:1-10

Next Sunday: Jer 17:5-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6 [40:5a]/ 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-2

Religious Education Dismissal

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

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 PM Mass

If you have any questions please contact Chris Laraia,

Parish Council Meeting

Our Parish Council will be meeting on Tuesday, February 15, at 6:30 p.m. in the Cathedral Parish Center.

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 blessed Prayer Shawls.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION
Sunday, January 30, \$ 5,620.62
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 Galimoto at (814) 327-4841, if you are interested in joining.

Stewardship Reflections

The readings today remind us of the great privilege we have in calling ourselves both children and disciples of the Most High God. Our God invites us to such deep intimacy and friendship with Him that sometimes we can forget to feel like Peter did. Pete kneels down before Jesus in astonishment at the catch of fish that he makes.

This sense of awe and reverence before God should motivate us to deepen our stewardship way of life. He has chosen to include us in His work of spreading the Gospel to others through the grateful sharing of the gifts He has given us. Aware of this privilege we will then make the words of Isaiah our own, "Here I am Lord, send me!" (*Stewardship Reflection, Catholic Stewardship Consultants, Inc. 2022/1/10*)

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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10:00 AM SUNDAY MASS
on radio WFBG 1290 AM
2022

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Families and the Gospel

In today's gospel Jesus asked Simon to start by "going a short distance." Later he asked Simon to "go into deeper water." The first step toward reconciliation is usually a "short distance" which gives us the courage to go further "into deeper water." Reconciliation starts with the first short step!

Calendar of Prizes 2022

Calendar of Prizes 2022 are being sold in the parish office on weekdays between 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM. You can call 814-944-4603 to check if your favorite three digit number is still available. Over 895 tickets have been sold. 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.



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“Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man,” these words, uttered by Simon Peter, can be found on any one of our lips. What real significance do I have in the big picture of God’s Divine plan? Even though we try our best to hide it, we all suffer from a lack of faith. We get tired, confused, and often lack any sincere desire to put anything into our relationship with God. It’s easier to simply reap whatever benefits the world has to offer and call it a day. Floating along on the superficial currents of life doesn’t require much effort and seems to get us through the day. Confronting our own infidelity, apathy, weakness of spirit, and doubt in God’s providence, how can we even remotely be considered a worthy vessel of God’s presence or credible voice for His message?

This is the irony of faith. God doesn’t seek the perfect vessels. He likes the broken ones. There is something to be said about living honestly and sincerely, and wrestling with sin, imperfection, and weakness rather than skipping through the peripheries of life with pretention, arrogance, and mendacity. If we believe ourselves to be our own “god” and serve only ourselves, we close the door to ever being used by the real and only True God. But, if we at least acknowledge that there is One greater than ourselves, then even in our deepest poverty and lowliness, God can enter.

Lessons are best learned from those who suffer. Only someone who has been lonely and lost can attest to the beauty of both Divine and human friendship. Only those who have really lost their way know what happens when they are found. Only those who are afraid know what it is to be calmed by God. The Gospel is messy because life is messy. There are no black and white solutions to problems and challenges that are hazy and gray. When our hesitancy to encounter God gets replaced by friendship with God, we become more aware of our dignity and the fact that we are loved just as we are. We cannot be afraid to share our struggles, reservations, fears, and sinfulness with others. Our genuineness and sincerity will speak of the God who blesses us in our weakness.

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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, \$11,349.00 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 are being installed.

February Soup and Cherry Pie Sale

Queen of Peace Church, at 906- 6th Avenue, in Patton Pa. will be having a homemade potato soup and lasagna soup sale along with fresh baked white bread and a cookie for dessert, on February 12th, from 9:00 AM-1:00 PM lower hall. Also Cherry Pie & Turnover Sale. Soup is \$10.00 quart, 1 loaf of bread and 2 cookies. The pies are \$12.00 each and tunovers are \$2.00 each. These are PRE-ORDERS ONLY. Call the Parish office at 814-674-8983 or visit our website at <http://queenofpeacepatton.org>. **Orders must be submitted by Wednesday, February 9, at noon.**

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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

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Web: www.holytrinitycatholic.school

Altoona Campus (Pre-K thru Grade 4) - 381-7011
Hollidaysburg Campus (Pre-K thru Grade 4) - 695-6112
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Web: www.bishopguilfoyle.org - 944-4014

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

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