

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 13, 2022

MASS INTENTIONS

February 14, Monday: Saints Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop

6:45 AM + Matt & Mark (Dave & Maureen Hanekamp)
12:00 PM + Walter Beckel Jr. (Laurie & Mike Beckel)

February 15, Tuesday: Weekday

6:45 AM + Lavelle Family (Phyllis Lavelle Sheetz)
12:00 PM + Lori Crilley, Birthday (Sisters, Pam & Vicki)

February 16, Wednesday: Weekday

6:45 AM + Karen Detwiler (Cathy & Joe Koehle)
12:00 PM + Sheila & Rod Krape (McNelis All Stars)

February 17, Thursday: The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

6:45 AM + Jim Davidson (Jim & Terry Riley)
12:00 PM + Vocations to the Religious Life (Rita Kibler)

February 18, Friday: Weekday

6:45 AM + Tracey Anderson & Mom (Friend)
12:00 PM + John F. Kilcoyne Jr. (Jim & Steph Kilcoyne)

February 19, Saturday: Weekday

8:00 AM + Peggy Joyce (Family)
12:00 PM + Donna Anderson (Clair Marshman Powell, and Carolyn Craine Wallen)

Vigil : SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 PM + Barb Beech Frederick, Birthday (Family)

February 20, Sunday: Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time

8:00 AM + Joe & Mary Grace Merle (Family)
10:00 AM + John Kasun (Anne Marie & Tim Longwill)
5:00 PM Pro Popolo/ For The People

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

Please remember our sick in your prayers.

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.

Readings for the week of February 13, 2022

Sunday: Jer 17:5-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6 [40:5a]/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26

Monday: Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76/Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19/Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Jas 1:19-27/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5/Mk 8:22-26

Thursday: Jas 2:1-9/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 8:27-33

Friday: Jas 2:14-24, 26/Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mk 8:34-9:1

Saturday: Jas 3:1-10/Ps 12:2-3, 4-5, 7-8/Mk 9:2-13
Next Sunday: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 [8a], 1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-3

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

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

Parent/Student Session

Tuesday, March 8, 2022, 6:00-8:00 P.M. in the cathedral hall.

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.

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 919 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.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION
Sunday, February 6, 2022 \$ 9,709.92
Thank you for your financial and spiritual support.

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!



How can the Church better teach and spread the Good News of Jesus Christ? Pope Francis wants to hear from you. A Synod Survey is available at www.dioceseaj.org/synod. Copies of an abbreviated survey are available at the entrances of our cathedral.

The Synod on Synodality is a two-year process of listening and dialogue. By journeying together and reflecting together on the journey that has been made, the Church will be able to learn through Her experience which processes can help Her to live communion, to achieve participation, and to open Herself to mission.

LIVE FROM THE
CATHEDRAL OF THE
BLESSED SACRAMENT
10:00 AM SUNDAY MASS
on radio WFBG 1290 AM
2022

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Families and the Gospel

Don't look very far when you hear today's gospel speak of poverty, sorrow, or exclusion. These things happen in families. Children feel "insulted" when they are constantly criticized. Spouses "hunger" for affection. Grandparents feel "excluded" by divorce and custody decisions. Parents "weep" because they feel alienated from their children.

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.

Lenten Journey Series

"As We Journey Through Lent"- Join the Friars at St. Bernadine Monastery, 768- Moastery Road, Hollidaysburg, for a time of reflection, prayers, and fellowship during this Lenten Season.

Wednesday- March 9th, 16th, 23rd, and 30th from 10:00 AM-1:00PM. Lunch is included and a free- will offering will be taken.

Registration is necessary by calling the Monastery Office by March 4th at 814-695-3802.

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What has been the most difficult challenge you faced in your life? Many difficult human experiences can “turn up the heat” in our lives, causing us to question the why of things or even fall into despair. Some people just somewhat passively accept what life brings, even death, and chalk difficult experiences up to happening “because they do.” They seemingly endure and move on. Taking life at face value, there really is no ultimate meaning to things. It’s easier to ignore that inner prompting calling us to understand why. It’s there whether we admit it or not. To question or not to question — that is the question! People sometimes give up the God search because it causes too many questions. Once we open the door to the possibility of God’s existence, then all of the awkward, challenging, and tragic pieces of life have to find their place.

It gets messy. But the search is so important to living. We can easily dry up and become arid, abandoning any hope for purpose and meaning because it’s too difficult and non-rational at times. In searching for answers to the how and why of life, human beings also embark on a search for God. When one finally stumbles upon the real living tangible presence of God, then that discovery allows life’s ironies and tensions to be held side by side with the all-encompassing totally unconditional, unmerited love of God! Then when life’s heat gets turned up, difficulties and challenges abound, dryness and heartache become the norm, the soul remains in joyful repose. There is no fear.

The beatitudes celebrate life’s ironies and tensions, holding them all together in the Kingdom of God. Poverty, hunger, weeping, being insulted and hated are not things we would normally associate with being God’s friends. But they are! In fact, those who experience these uncomfortable realities of life are actually better off than those who do not. This is what makes Jesus’ message so intriguing! Don’t give up questioning. Questioning the apparent inequities and polarities of human experience will certainly challenge one’s faith. But it’s the only way to deepen it. ©LPi

Gifting the Cathedral Parish

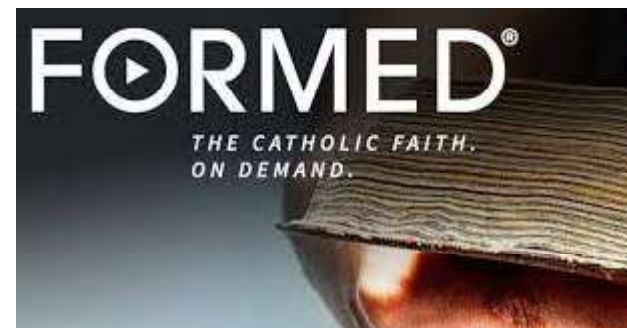
As wills and insurance policies are established with your attorney, remember the Cathedral Parish as a beneficiary of your estate. Perhaps you would like to direct your gift to a particular ministry or project at the Parish. Please realize that Mass Stipends go directly to fulfilling that canonical wish and do not aid the financial life of the Parish.



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.

SIGN-UP WEEKEND

Volunteers will be available at our entrances the weekend of February 26 and 27 to register people for flocknote and Formed to help us be better informed as parishioners and Catholics. Your cooperation will be appreciated.



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, \$11,839.00 has been received. The emergency lighting project is estimated to cost \$37,000.00. Some of the major components are being installed.



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.

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

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

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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

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