

# SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME February 20, 2022 MASS INTENTIONS

## February 21, Monday: St. Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

6:45 AM + Bishop Joseph Adamec (Anonymous)  
12:00 PM + John Adams (Deb & Dan Lipple)

## February 22, Tuesday: The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle

6:45 AM + William V Bettwy, Ann. (Tim & JoAnn Bettwy)  
12:00 PM + John Duffy (Pat Rhoa)

## February 23, Wednesday: St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr

6:45 AM + Nancy Sassano Mignogna (Estate)  
12:00 PM + Robert Simanski (Mary Ann Bell)

## February 24, Thursday: Weekday

6:45 AM + Don & Anita Hanekamp ( Dave & Maureen  
Hanekamp)  
12:00 PM + Charles Yanchik, Birth. (Wife and Children)

## February 25, Friday: Weekday

6:45 AM + Dorothy Stephens (Robert Farabaugh)  
12:00 PM + Linda George (Aunt Mae and Family)

## February 26, Saturday: Weekday

8:00 AM + Terry J. Joyce (Family)  
12:00 PM + Cyndi Lear Greider (Dave & Karen Rhoa)  
**Vigil : EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
5:00 PM + Frances Pagliaro, Ann.and Bob Beck,  
Birth.(Family)

## February 27, Sunday: Eighth Sunday In Ordinary Time

8:00 AM + Verna Jarkiewicz (Vogel Family)  
10:00 AM + Mary and Cyril Kibler (Jerry & Rita Kibler)  
5:00 PM Pro Popolo/ For The People

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

## Junior High Youth Day

Junior High Youth Day 2022 will be held virtually on Sunday, March 20th, from 9:45-12:30. All 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students in parochial and public school must attend at least one JHYD during these three years. There is no fee for the event. Registration forms will be given to students thru their Catholic school and their Religious Ed program. For more info, please contact Chris Laraia at 814-312-7317.

## Readings for the week of February 20, 2022

**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 6:27-38

**Monday:** Jas 3:13-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mk 9:14-29

**Tuesday:** 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6/Mt 16:13-19

**Wednesday:** Jas 4:13-17/Ps 49:2-3, 6-7, 8-10, 11/  
Mk 9:38-40

**Thursday:** Jas 5:1-6/Ps 49:14-15ab, 15cd-16, 17-18,  
19-20/Mk 9:41-50

**Friday:** Jas 5:9-12/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8-9, 11-12/Mk  
10:1-12

**Saturday:** Jas 5:13-20/Ps 141:1-2, 3 and 8/Mk 10:13-  
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**Next Sunday:** Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 [cf.  
2a]/1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-4

## Religious Ed PK-11

### Lenten Group Project

We will collect money for the Catholic Relief Services' Rice Bowl project. All contributions go to local and international needs. The parish is invited to help with this project, which will begin on Ash Wednesday and end on Palm Sunday. Rice Bowl boxes will be located at all three church doors and in the Parish Office. For more information please contact Chris Laraia at 814-312-7317. Thank you for your help.

### 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,

## PREP Class

There will be a 9th,10th, and 11th Grade PREP CLASS this Sunday, February 20, 2022 in the Cathedral Hall from 6:00-7:15 PM.

## Confirmation Prep

The Spring Confirmation Service project this year will be to collect individually wrapped candy to be used for Easter treats for our parish and for the Food For Families Soup Kitchen. We will also be sending cards to the elderly, homebound, and sick members of our parish.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION  
Sunday, February 13, 2022 \$11,066.99  
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](http://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.

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

Please support the following sponsors of the weekly broadcast of our Sunday Mass. We are extremely grateful for their generous assistance.

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## Baptismal Prep Class Scheduled

There is a Baptismal Prep class scheduled for Tuesday, March 1st, at 6:30 PM in the Cathedral Parish Education Center, 14th Street entrance. You don't need to wait until the baby is born. You can pre-register by calling the Parish Office at 814-944-4603.

## Office Closed

The Cathedral Office will be closed Monday, February 21, 2022 in observance of President's Day. We will reopen on Tuesday, February 22 at 9:00 AM.

## 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 939 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.

## Families and the Gospel

In studying the effects of religion upon family relationships, researchers inform us hostility and prayer can't coexist. You cannot be hostile toward someone for whom you are praying. Today's gospel encourages us: "Bless those who curse you. Pray for those who treat you badly."

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Sometimes, Jesus' teachings don't seem to make practical sense. When we hear things like love your enemies and do good to them, turn the other cheek when struck, give to anyone who asks, do to others as you would have them do to you, be merciful, stop judging, forgive, and give to others, we get a bit unsettled. After all, it's okay for God to do all of these things, but does He really want us to do them, too? Many good-hearted Christians really draw the line with some of these ideals and say, "No way!" They even remark that if someone did something hurtful to someone they loved, they would have no reservations seeking severe retribution. There is still this persistent thinking, even among those who consider themselves Christian, that a violent action deserves a violent response. Somehow, we continue to justify this.

Yet, it is most clearly against the very grain of the Gospel. Part of our difficulty has more to do with understanding God's love. We wrongly think that sinful or hurtful actions and evil people somehow are seen as lesser in God's eyes. They are not. God loves the sinner as much as He does the saint. And, both of these inclinations exist in every human being, even those who consider themselves holy. Both the capacity for good and the disposition toward evil exist in every one of us. Viktor Frankl has this to say when reflecting on the Holocaust: "Our generation is a realistic generation because we have learned what a human being really is. When all is said and done, man is that same creature who invented the gas-chambers of Auschwitz; but he is also that being who walked upright into those chambers with the prayer 'Shema Yisrael' on his lips."

If we believe in God, we have to act like God. Whether we like that idea is another issue. If we don't then perhaps, we need to reconsider our faith and whether we really believe in Jesus Christ. We are made in the image of God, not the image of ourselves. The Christian must, at all costs, leave resentment and the need for retaliation behind, lose defensiveness and bring into the mind and heart the realization of who we represent in this world. ©LPI

### 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.

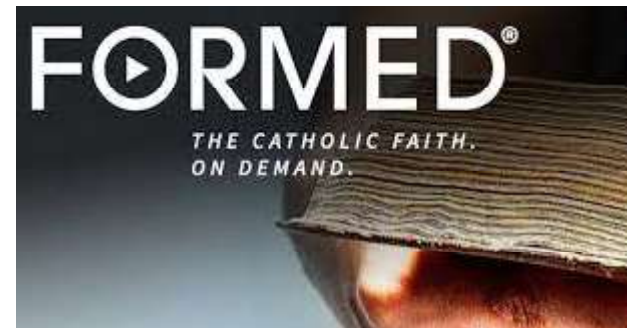
Registration is necessary by calling the Monastery Office by March 4th at 814-695-3802.



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.

### CELL PHONE SUNDAY & 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.

### Stewardship Reflections

Today's Gospel is full of stewardship advice: give to everyone who asks; expect nothing in return; do not judge or condemn; love your enemies. Live your life with great kindness and mercy! Jesus offers a very challenging seemingly impossible approach to daily life. It makes one way to say, "Seriously, Lord? And he doesn't stop there. Jesus adds, and from the one who takes what is yours do not demand it back.

It seems so unfair! That is, unless we look at this way of life as a steward. Then, not only does it seem doable (though challenging), but it also actually makes sense. God has entrusted all things to each of us in love for His purpose and glory. Jesus is simply asking that we also approach others, and the sharing of our gifts with the same attitude.

# 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.

**WEB: WWW.ALTOONACATHEDRAL.ORG**

**FAX: 814-942-4337**

**E-MAIL: ALTACATHEDRAL@DIOCESEAJ.ORG**

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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**

**Hollidaysburg 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**

**E-mail: claraia@dioceseaj.org**

**Religious Education Office: Sundays - 943-7424**

**DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRY**

**Leslie C. Thayer, MM, CAGO**

**Music Ministry Office - 944-2044**

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

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