

# FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

March 6, 2022

## MASS INTENTIONS

### March 7, Monday: Saints Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs

6:45 AM + Maria Neibauer (Ed & Lois Simanski)  
12:00 PM + Mary Snowberger (Mary Ann Bell)

### March 8, Tuesday: Saint John of God, Religious

6:45 AM + Orvita Knott (Richard & Connie Steinbeiser)  
12:00 PM + Dec. Family Members E.T. Smith (George & Dot Smith)

### March 9, Wednesday: Saint Francis of Rome

6:45 AM Special Intentions (Anonymous)  
12:00 PM + Anna Rhodes (Ken & Kathy Civils)

### March 10, Thursday: Lenten Weekday

6:45 AM + Henry Mangiacarne Family (Bill Mangiacarne)  
12:00 PM + Alfred Rutolo, Ann. (Daughter & Family)

### March 11, Friday: Lenten Weekday

6:45 AM + Joseph A. Moffa, Anniversary (Estate)  
12:00 PM + Carrie Kibler Detwiler (Mom & Dad)

### March 12, Saturday: Lenten Weekday

8:00 AM Karen Triana (Vogel Cousins)  
12:00 PM Annie Dombrowski, Birthday (Mom & Dad)  
**Vigil : Second Sunday of Lent**  
5:00 PM + James Riley Sr. (Tom & Beth Moore)

### March 13, Sunday: Second Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM + Joe Weidemer, Anniversary (Family)  
10:00 AM + Libby Ann Shea (William Plank)  
5:00 PM Pro Popolo/ For The People

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

### CATHOLIC CHARITIES PARKING LOT

Parishioners and guests are not to park in the Catholic Charities parking lot from Monday to Friday during business hours, 7:45 A.M.-4:30 P.M. They have an increase in staff and have had an increase in clients in need of assistance.

### Readings for the week of March 6, 2022

Sunday: Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 [cf. 15b]/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13  
Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46  
Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-15  
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32  
Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Mt 7:7-12  
Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26  
Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48  
Next Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14/Phil 3:17-4:1 or 3:20-4:1/Lk 9:28b-36

### 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,



### 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 27, 2022 \$ 5,922.91  
Thank you for your financial and spiritual support.

### Ministry to the Elderly, Seriously Ill and Grieving

Thank you to the Cathedral Parish friends who have donated cards and stamps in the past weeks. Our homebound and their families really appreciate these small acts of kindness. Please continue to give names of family members and friends who would welcome a kind word or prayer through the mail, by calling the Parish Office at 814-944-4603. They do not have to be members of the parish to be added to our list.

If you would like to join this ministry please call the Parish Office at, or Jeanne Thompson at 814-317-2672. And we can always use stamps!

### 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" Sunday, any time, 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 Parish Social Committee will offer drive thru Fish Lunches on Ash Wednesday and the Fridays of Lent, except Good Friday, from 11:00 AM to 1:30 PM. Take out orders only. The menu includes battered fried fish, macaroni and cheese, haluski, cole slaw, and a sandwich roll. The cost is \$10.00. Orders of 10 or more can be delivered. Please call in orders at 814-944-4603.



### Stewardship Reflections

In the First Reading from Deuteronomy, Moses teaches the people as grateful stewards for all that God has done for them. He tells the Israelites to declare to God, "Therefore, I have now brought you the first fruits of the products of the soil which O Lord, have given me." As the priest received the harvest basket to be placed in front of the altar, the gratitude for God's promise to rescue them from oppression and slavery in Egypt was made visible.

As grateful stewards ourselves, we can look at these 40 days as "soil" that God is giving us as a gift to grow closer to Him and become more like Him. We can choose to use each of the days of Lent as a day to intentionally make a generous response to our God, who sent His own Son to deliver us from the affliction and oppression by sin. May we experience the conversion during Lent that we will always want to return our first fruits to God by offering them to those in need, and not give them merely our leftovers. (Stewardship Reflections, Catholic Stewardship Consultants, Inc. 2022/02/08)



### FAST AND ABSTINENCE

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. All Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence. Abstinence refers to not eating meat at all on those days. Persons 14 years of age and older are to abstain. Fasting refers to one full meal, with two small meals, and no eating between meals. People who have reached their 18th birthday and up to their 59th are obligated to fast. In addition to these obligations, other forms of fast and abstinence may be observed.



STATIONS of the CROSS

STATIONS OF THE CROSS WILL BE PRAYED DURING LENT ON FRIDAYS AT 5:30 P.M.

**March 6, 2022**

One of the greatest temptations human beings face is leaving the truth of who they are, where they came from and who created them in pursuit of more personal satisfactions. When we consider all that desires our attention in a given day, there are many lures that attract us to illusions about ourselves. We can easily find ourselves distracted or tired, preoccupied with preserving our status in life, social relationships, current trends, and corporate demands, and intrigued by pursuing what we perceive to be the "path of least resistance." The daily concerns of life can quickly take our eyes off of our truth, making the empty promises of worldly accomplishments and ideologies seem so attractive. What is at risk in giving into this temptation?

We cease giving thanks to and worshipping our Creator as we pursue our own self-sufficiency, power, and prestige. We replace the true God with a "pet" one. While many do not totally dismiss the idea of God and pretend to remain at least remotely connected, they do not invest themselves heart, mind, and soul in the relationship either. That is why we are so easily swayed. If something attractive comes along, we lunge for it. After all, having a position above and over everyone else is a good thing, isn't it? In more honest moments, many have to admit that they believe this to be true. The Evil One is very convincing. But he can only gain control if we allow him to.

About temptation, St. Basil remarks, "As the pilot of a vessel is tried in the storm, as the wrestler is tried in the ring, the soldier in the battle and the hero in adversity, so is the Christian tried in temptation." And here is found the reason for Lent. It is a wonderful opportunity to get a handle on the attractive lures of illusion that easily captivate us and bring us off track. It is also a time for some honest reflection rooted in prayer, fasting, and selfless giving that can bring us to temptation's remedy: love. Love of his Father gave Jesus resistance. It can do the same for us. ©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.



### **SMALL FAITH SHARING GROUPS**

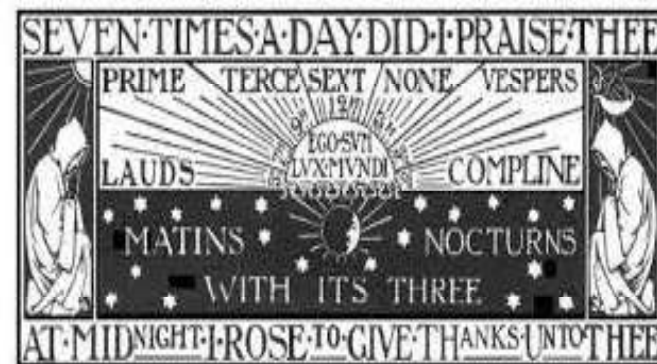
The Diocese has prepared three faith-sharing resources for any Arise Group or newly formed group who would like to reflect on a passage from Scripture and then respond to questions that will be submitted to the synod. The themes of the sessions are: Communion, Participation, and Mission. All responses are due April 30, 2022.

If a group leader would like a copy of the resource, please call the office or pick one up in the sacristy.

It is suggested that the groups meet three times during the Lenten season.

### **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, \$11,894.00 has been received. The emergency lighting project is estimated to cost \$37,000.00. Some of the major components are being installed.



You are encouraged to sing evening prayer before the Blessed Sacrament beginning the Second Sunday of Lent at 6:30 P.M. Vespers will be concluded with Benediction.

# **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.

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

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