

# SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

March 13, 2022

## MASS INTENTIONS

### March 14, Monday: Lenten Weekday

6:45 AM + John Bettwy, Ann. (Tim & JoAnn Bettwy)  
12:00 PM + Sr. Beverly Hmel, Birth. (Ed & Lois Simanski)

### March 15, Tuesday: Lenten Weekday

6:45 AM + Jim Davidson (Drs. Alice & John Joyce)  
12:00 PM + Gary Vaughn (Mary Boslet)

### March 16, Wednesday: Lenten Weekday

6:45 AM + Msgr. Roy Kline (Ron & Darlene Harella)  
12:00 PM + Ken Hatch (McNelis All Stars)

### March 17, Thursday: Saint Patrick, Bishop

6:45 AM + Millie Jaronieski (Trudy Schroth)  
12:00 PM + Karl Burgmeier, Ann. (Daughter Carol)

### March 18, Friday: Lenten Weekday

6:45 AM + John Duffy (Mitch & Gina Cooper)  
12:00 PM + Patricia Koeck (Bob & Sandy Shepp)

### March 19, Saturday: Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 AM + Mary & Cyril Kibler (Jerry & Rita Kibler)  
12:00 PM + Amelia Seiler (Eileen & Bobby Civiello)

#### Vigil : Third Sunday of Lent

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

### March 20, Sunday: Third Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM + Jake & Verna Jarkiewicz (Dombrowski Family)

10:00 AM + Rita Beck (Elaine & Jeff Spencer and McConnell Family)

5:00 PM Pro Popolo/ For The People

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

*Please remember our sick in your prayers.*

### 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 13, 2022

**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

**Monday:** Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Lk 6:36-38

**Tuesday:** Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 23:1-12

**Wednesday:** Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16/Mt 20:17-28

**Thursday:** Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31

**Friday:** Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

**Saturday:** 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

**Next Sunday:** Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11 [8a]/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-

### 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

will be celebrated on

Sunday, April 24, 10:00 AM Mass at Cathedral

Saturday, April 30, 5:00 PM Mass at Cathedral

Sunday, May 1, 11:30 AM Mass at Our Lady of Fatima  
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.



Stations of the Cross will be prayed on the Fridays of Lent at 5:30 P.M.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION  
Sunday, March 6, 2022 \$ 8,508.21  
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 2022 Catholic Ministries Drive target for the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament is \$42,898. The Catholic Ministries Drive supports programs and services beyond the resources of any single parish. Please be supportive.



The Cathedral Parish Social Committee will offer drive thru Fish Lunches on 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

The Reason for all the fasting and prayer and almsgiving during Lent is to be reawakened to all God has done for humanity, and to all that He has personally done for us. It is too easy to get lulled into complacency in our daily routines and to "sleepwalk" through life, getting up and getting ourselves out the door, going to work, returning home for dinner and dishes, meetings or sports activities, and flopping on the couch to watch TV or play games until bedtime. While there is nothing inherently sinful in this routine, as Christian stewards, we are called to do so much more.

This Lent, let us train ourselves, or more precisely, allow Him to train us to say, "Yes" to His will and to offer our lives back to Him in gratitude. In doing so, we too, will become fully awake, "transfigured." This is a stewardship way of life and it is glorious indeed! (Stewardship Reflections, Catholic Stewardship Consultants, Inc. 2022/2/15)

### Reflections

Why is it so important that we register in a parish? Isn't it good enough that we go to Mass?

Registration is the official way we join a parish community. Many people think that because they attend a particular parish they automatically belong. At times, young adults who have moved away for years think they are still signed up under their parents. But membership requires signing up, formally enrolling yourself in a parish. Registration is a commitment to a community, a way to be included in the religious, social, and ministerial activities of your parish. Your registration affects the parish in many ways. Census numbers can determine how many priests are assigned to a church, what benefits and obligations the community has to the diocese, and how Masses, Confessions, and devotions are planned and scheduled. Registration shows you belong. It is also necessary for certain benefits, like scheduling sacraments, obtaining sponsor certificates, and getting donation statements for taxes. Most importantly, it lets the parish count on you, to call on you to assist in its mission. Registering in your parish is a statement of faith and confidence in the life and work of your parish. ©LP



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There is so much wisdom in the first commandment. The daily demands of life, current political ideologies and dynamics, social expectations, corporate philosophies, and even technology can easily become lesser gods. We can find ourselves beholden to and held captive by these secular constructs and systems. Even for those who profess a faith in the one true God, these lesser, attractive but false gods are a temptation. Being overly preoccupied and even obsessed with the state of our present lives, we lose sight of our real destiny and purpose.

Jesus showed his disciples a glimpse of this destiny when he was transfigured before their eyes. In fact, Peter was so caught up in the brilliance, awe, and sacredness of these fleeting moments that he wanted to extend them as long as possible. Wonderful things happen when we leave our illusions and discover something that is true. This is why creating some sacred space in our lives for reflection, prayer, renewal, refreshment, centering ourselves, and disconnecting from the noise is so important. It shows us how false and shallow our lives can be and what is really of importance. Do you create some kind of sacred space in your life? Lent is a perfect time to do so.

St. Irenaeus, one of the early fathers and martyrs of the Catholic Church, said that, "he who was the Son of God became the Son of Man that man ... might become the son of God." We mistakenly believe that life is all about us. It's not. Ours is a journey of transformation in which we become more and more one with the mind of Christ and Christ himself. St. Augustine saw this same transformation occurring when the Eucharist is received. In receiving the Eucharist, we become what we eat, the Body of Christ. Honestly acknowledging false gods that we cling to can open the door for God to show us the wholeness and holiness to which we are called. Take time to discover the sacred. When we do, we will want to stay there for a while. Then, when we return to our personal affairs, we will see more clearly.  
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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.



**SMALL FAITH SHARING GROUPS**

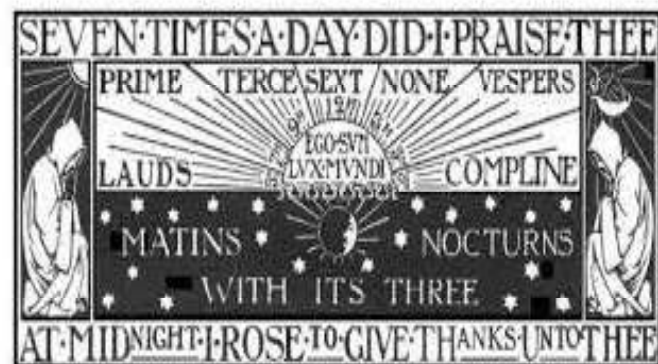
The Diocese has prepared three faith-sharing resources for any Arise Group or newly formed group who would like to reflect on a passage from Scripture and then respond to questions that will be submitted to the synod. The themes of the sessions are: Communion, Participation, and Mission. All responses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

Thanks to a very generous donation of \$15,000 from a parishioner who has asked to be anonymous, we currently have \$26,894 towards the installation of emergency lighting, which should be completed soon. The project is estimated to cost \$37,000.00.



You are encouraged to sing evening prayer before the Blessed Sacrament beginning this Sunday, 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.

**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](http://WWW.ALTOONACATHEDRAL.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](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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Chris Laraia - Pre-K thru 12 - 312-7317  
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Weekday: 6:45 AM  
12:00 Noon  
Saturday: 8:00 AM  
12:00 Noon

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