

## FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 27, 2022

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### March 28, Monday: Lenten Weekday

6:45 AM + Bishop Joseph Adamec (Anonymous)  
12:00 PM + Thomas P Kilcoyne (Jim & Steph Kilcoyne)

#### March 29, Tuesday: Lenten Weekday

6:45 AM + Dave Baronner (Greg & Kathy Clemens)  
12:00 PM + John Adams (Karen & Duane Woodward)

#### March 30, Wednesday: Lenten Weekday

6:45 AM + Louise Hallinan (Family)  
12:00 PM + Todd C. Talasky, Anniversary (Mark Talasky)

#### March 31, Thursday: Lenten Weekday

6:45 AM + Jane Davidson (Ed & Lois Simanski)  
12:00 PM + Alverda Nardella (Cathy Chirdon)

#### April 1, Friday: Lenten Weekday

6:45 AM + Dorothy Stephens (Robert Farabaugh)  
12:00 PM + Mrs. Lumina Thibault, Birthday  
(Jeanne & David E. Thompson)

#### April 2, Saturday: Saint Francis of Paola, Hermit

8:00 AM + Lori Keirn (Kevin & Cindy Boslet)  
12:00 PM + Maverick Baker (Friends)

#### Vigil : Fifth Sunday of Lent

5:00 PM + Marti Stefanon (Husband)

#### April 3, Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM + Mary Alice Plummer (Bob & Joan Lozinak)  
10:00 AM + Mike Kling (Geishauser Family)  
5:00 PM Pro Popolo/ For The People

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

#### Annual Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Mark your calendar: this year's Novena will be held from March 28th through April 5th. Bishop Mark Bartchak will be the Celebrant and Homilist the opening night of the Novena at 7:00 p.m. on March 28th. There will also be morning masses at 7:45 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. and the Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:45 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. each day.

#### Readings for the week of March 27, 2022

**Sunday:** Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [9a]/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

**Monday:** Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Jn 4:43-54

**Tuesday:** Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16

**Wednesday:** Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30

**Thursday:** Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Jn 5:31-47

**Friday:** Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

**Saturday:** Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-53

**Next Sunday:** Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-1

#### 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 Sessions

Saturday, April 2, 2:00-4:00. Final meeting with 11th grade **candidates and sponsors** in the Cathedral Hall.

Sunday, April 3, 2:00-4:00, Final session with 10th grade candidates in Parish Education Center.

#### Confirmation Service Project

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, March 20, 2022 \$ 6,385.15

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!



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.

#### 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.

#### MEN'S CONFERENCE

A professional soccer player turned priest, a man nicknamed the "Dynamic Deacon," and a mixed martial arts champ are the headliners for an upcoming men's conference sponsored by the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown. Titled "Strength in Christ," the gathering is scheduled for Sunday, May 1, 2022, at Noon at Saint Francis University in Loretto. The speakers are Father Chase Hilgenbrinck, a professional soccer player turned priest in the Diocese of Peoria, Illinois; Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers, a dynamic evangelist, author, and radio host; and Bas Rutten, a mix martial arts champion and TV/movie star who openly shares his Catholic journey. The conference is open to all men 18 and older, and includes lunch, the opportunity for Reconciliation, and a closing Mass at 5:00 p.m. with Bishop Mark, which is open to the families of the conference attendees. The cost is \$10. Please register online at dioceseaj.org or pick up a hard copy registration form at any parish. The registration deadline is April 25. Please also promote the men's conference through your websites and social media. Attached is a graphic image to include with your posts.

Here is a link from our website that you may share: [2022 Men's Conference - Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown \(dioceseaj.org\)](https://www.dioceseaj.org)

#### 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.



You are encouraged to experience the Sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for the Holy Triduum. Bishop Mark will be presiding at our annual Lenten Communal Penance Service on Wednesday, April 6, at 6:00 P.M.

You are also welcome to attend one of these services: Sunday, March 27, 4:00 P.M. St. John the Evangelist Parish, Lakemont; Saturday, April 2, 10:00 A.M. St. Therese of the Child Jesus Parish; Sunday, April 3, 5:00 P.M. St. Rose of Lima Parish; Monday, April 4, 7:00 P.M. Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish; Thursday, April 7, 5:30 P.M. Our Lady of Lourdes Parish; and Sunday, April 10, 4:00 P.M. St. Mary Parish, Hollidaysburg.

## March 27, 2022

God's love story reveals itself in our stories, experiences, and aspirations. We are all prodigal sons and daughters. There are many times in our lives when we would "sell our souls" in order to pursue our passions. We pursued what we wanted without regard for others or God. We have sowed our oats, thrown ourselves into careless pleasures, spent what we know we ought to have saved, turned our backs on those we love and abused gifts we have been given. We even hit bottom and realized the silliness and self-destruction of it all. We needed to come home. We knew we erred and needed a gentle presence to show us God's unconditional love. This wayward journey home changed us.

As much as we need to be welcomed, we are also the one who needs to do the welcoming and mercy giving. Those we love need our guidance, but they don't always take it. We know that what they are doing is off the mark, self-destructive and wrong. We have to let them go and let it happen, even though they might get hurt. As we wait and hope, they choose to make their way back to us. They don't need us to judge them. They have done enough of that to themselves. We immediately embrace them and are just happy they're home. God uses us to help heal them. Knowing how much we craved understanding and forgiveness ourselves, we can now freely give it away. God uses what he has taught us to teach others.

We are also the entitled ones. At least we "think" we are entitled. After all, we work hard for what we have. We cannot get our heads around the idea that someone can get something that I really deserve! If I do what I'm supposed to do, I ought to be rewarded for that, right? If I do something wrong, I ought to pay the consequences. This is justice, isn't it? This is not God's justice. God is all about love, mercy, compassion, and forgiveness. God's justice is love freely given without merit. We carry the stories of the prodigal son, the unconditional forgiving father, and the entitled angry brother with us. When we make friends with all three, humbly telling those stories to others makes us Christ's ambassadors.

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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.



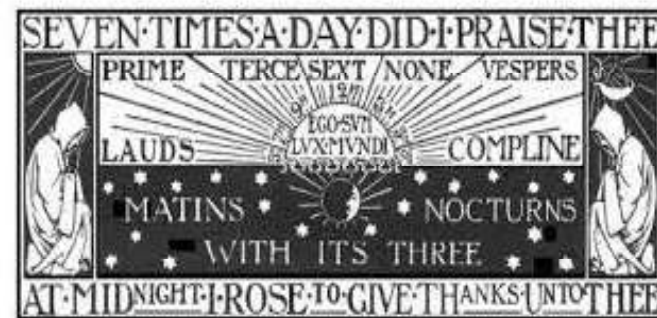
### SMALL FAITH SHARING GROUPS

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.

### EMERGENCY LIGHTING

Thanks to the generosity of parishioners, benefactors, and the very generous gifts of anonymous donors, the emergency lighting project has been completed and paid. In the event of a power outage, a single phase emergency lighting inverter system will turn on some of the lights that are currently operating in the cathedral. Gratitude is extended to Tim Bettwy for facilitating the project and dealing with the city fire inspector, and to Joe Bettwy, Matt Bettwy, and Dave Lozinak who helped install components.



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.

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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

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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