

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 17, 2022

MASS INTENTIONS

July 18, Monday: Saint Camillus de Lellis, Priest

6:45 AM Fred Petrunak Sr. Birthday (Family)
12:00 PM+Spiritual Healing for Friend (Anonymous)

July 19, Tuesday: Weekday

6:45AM+Orvita Knott (Jeff & Becky Knott Family)
12:00PM+Charles V Brady, Birthday(Joe & Dee
Shellenberger)

July 20, Wednesday: Saint Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr

6:45 AM+Dec. Family Memebers E.T. Smith (George
and Dot Smith)
12:00 PM+Betsy Dionis (McNelis All Stars)

July 21, Thursday: St. Lawrence of Brindisi

6:45 AM+Mary & Tom Irwin (Mary Corace)
12:00 PM+Sr. Clementine O'Friel (McNelis Teachers)

July 22, Friday: Saint Mary Magdalene

6:45 AM+Carol Kepner (Tom Bussman)
12:00 PM+Bob & Margaret Burkey, Birthdays (Family)

July 23, Saturday: Saint Bridget, Religious

8:00 AM+Linda Blackie, Anniversary (Friend)
12:00 PM+Gary Doyle (Ginger Cooney)
Vigil : Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00 PM+Rene A. & Rene P. Thibault, Birthdays
(David E. & Jeanne Thompson)

July 24, Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM+Nona Lear (Dave & Karen Rhoa)
10:00 AM+Barbara Noel (Brian & Sherry Himes)
5:00 PM Pro Popolo/ For the People
Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Parish is at 11:30 A.M

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

When Msgr. Carson is away for retreat, a few days off, or vacation, the 6:45 A.M. will normally be cancelled and coverage will be arranged for the noon Mass. Eventually, there will probably be only one daily Mass on Saturdays, since the Cathedral frequently has other liturgies scheduled like marriages, funerals, and diocesan events. There will still be a 5:00 P.M. Vigil Mass on Saturdays.

Readings for the week of July 17, 2022

Sunday: Gn 18:1-10a/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5 [1a]/Col 1:24-28/Lk 10:38-42

Monday: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8/Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8//Mt 12:46-50

Wednesday: Jer 1:1, 4-10/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15 and 17/Mt 13:1-9

Thursday: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13/Ps 36:6-7ab, 8-9, 10-11/Mt 13:10-17

Friday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Saturday: Jer 7:1-11/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11/Mt 13:24-30

Next Sunday: Gn 18:20-32/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8 [3a]/Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-1

PATCHWORK AND PAINTING

There are areas in the Cathedral's side aisles, chapels, and ambulatory(the hall behind the sanctuary)that need some repair work and painting. The work is expected to be done during the summer months.

Office Closed

The Parish Office will be closed on Friday, August 5th. Paula will be back in the office Monday, August 8th.

BLESSINGS TO FATHER DENNIS KURDZIEL

On May 18, 2022, Bishop Mark announced that Father Dennis Kurdziel, has been appointed to Senior Priest status with private residence, effective May 11, 2022.

Bishop Mark will be celebrating the 5:00 P.M. Mass on Saturday, July 23, with Father Dennis as a concelebrant. A reception for Father will follow that Mass. You are invited to attend the Mass and reception and express your appreciaton for Father Kurdziel's ministry.



OFFERTORY COLLECTION
Sunday, July 10, 2022 \$9,792.61
Thank you for your financial and spiritual support.

Outdoor Mass for Married Couples

The Altoona-Johnstown Diocese Family is invited to participate and to pray for those living the Sacrament of Marriage at an Outdoor Mass honoring Married Couples on Sunday evening, July 17th at 7:00 PM at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Alleghenies in Loretto. Bring a lawn chair. Indoors if rain. Bishop Mark is the celebrant and homilist. This is a wonderful way to celebrate, and support married couples!

Prayer Shawls and Anointing of the Sick

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 Prayer Shawls. These shawls have been Blessed and may bring you the comfort that you need.

The Sacrament of the Sick will be celebrated during the Noon Mass on Tuesday, July 26.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

The Sacrament of the Sick will be celebrated during the Noon Mass on Tuesday, July 26, the Feast of Sts. Joachim and Ann, the parents of Mary. Those who are receiving the Sacrament are asked to sit in the reserved pews in front of the Blessed Sacrament chapel and in front of the ambo.

The Letter of James states that the sick are to be anointed in order to raise them and save them. While the sacrament should not be given indiscriminately, prudence and good, reasonable judgement is sufficient to decide if one should receive the sacrament. A sick person may be anointed before surgery, elderly people may be anointed if they have become notably weakened even though no serious illness is present, and children may be anointed if there is sufficient use of reason. The sacrament may be repeated if the sick person recovers after being anointed and then falls ill again.

The Sacrament of the Sick is different from Viaticum (Holy Communion to the dying) and the Commendation Prayers for a dying person.

Stewardship Reflections

Abraham offers a generous welcome to three mysterious men. Saint Paul uses the term "stewardship" to describe the particular mission that has been entrusted to him. Jesus told Martha she was anxious and worried about too many things, "There is need of only one thing." A Christian steward takes time to listen as Mary did, giving Him the first priority of our time no matter how busy we think we are.

Christ calls each of us to be stewards of our personal vocation, which we receive from God. The challenge, then, is to understand that role and to respond generously. But be prepared, like Paul, to anticipate a share of suffering as part of the privilege of being called His stewards. Who are you willing to suffer for? (Stewardship Reflection, Catholic Stewardship Consultants, Inc. 2019/07/19)

SAINT ANN NOVENA

The Sisters of Saint Ann have announced the annual Novena in honor of their Patroness Saint Ann beginning Monday, July 18th, to Tuesday, July 26th, 2022 at Mount Saint Ann, 1120- North Center Street, Ebensburg PA. The Eucharist celebration and devotion will be held every evening at 7:00PM, outside at the shrine.

The Most Rev. Bishop Mark L. Bartchak will be the main celebrant for the closing of the Novena on Tuesday, July 26th, the feast of Saints Joachim and Ann.



Coming up! "Basket Bingo"

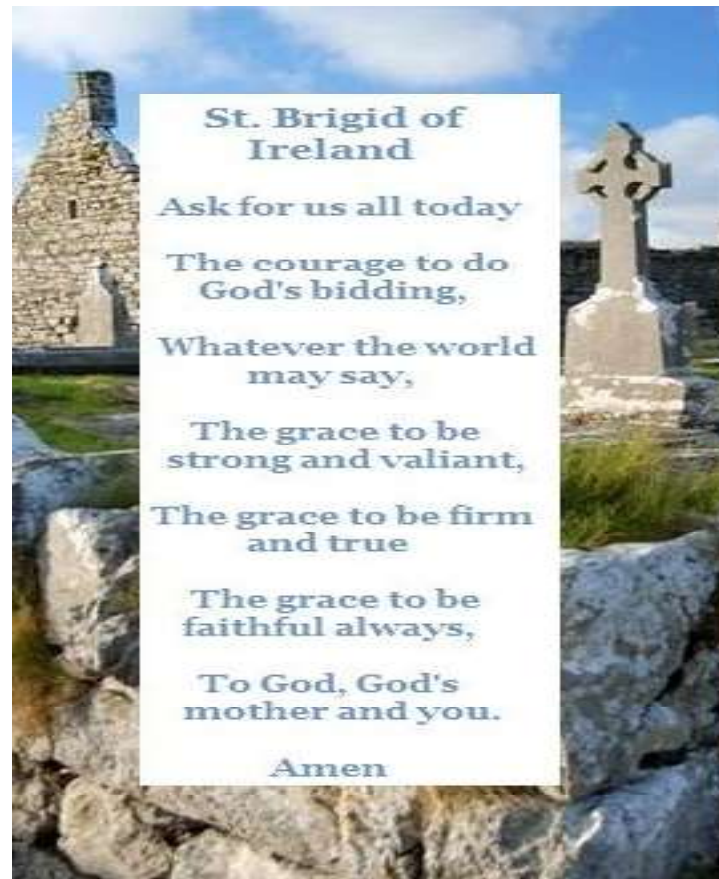
It is getting to that time of the year to start thinking of Basket Bingo, that which is scheduled for Sunday, September 25, 2022 at Father Kelley Hall. We are starting to take donations of Basket Fillers, Monetary, and gift cards (with activation receipt please). Bottles of water and cans of soda would also be appreciated. They may be dropped off at the Cathedral Parish Center Office during the hours of 9:00 AM-4:30PM. If you have any questions you can call the Parish Office at 814-944-4603, or Lorraine Beck 1-240-676-6704.

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“Our families need to ask for the gift of the Spirit! Through prayer, even in the busiest times, we give time back to God, we find the peace that comes from appreciating the important things, and we encounter the joy of God’s unexpected gifts. Through daily prayer may our homes become, like the house of Martha and Mary, places where Jesus always finds a warm welcome (Pope Francis).” While it is necessary to attend to the details of hospitality, learning how to be present to people, experiences, and God is sometimes more important. Creating homes that are welcoming environments requires not only organization and structure but members who truly enjoy being there and celebrating life with one another.

Details can often get the best of us. While attending to details is important to success, our obsession with them can be problematic. Whether wanting to make a good impression, fear of failure, insecurity, or emotional immaturity, throwing ourselves into the “details” of hospitality can distract us from being present to those we want to serve. Conversely, focusing exclusively on being present without any attention to detail also sets our attempts at hospitality up for disaster! We need a balance of both. But creating a truly welcoming space in our homes and within ourselves requires still more.

We have to be empty of ourselves. Becoming a welcoming, hospitable person is not possible in someone focused on their own needs and desires. If the one we serve is the one who looks back at us in the mirror, then there is no space for anyone else. While Martha and Mary had different ideas of what it means to serve, they both had the inner space and freedom to do so. They were detached from themselves. Detachment becomes the challenge to hospitality and creating a God-centered, open-hearted space in our lives. When we impulsively act out of our personal agendas, violence, abuse, pride, greed, lust, power, control, passion, and self-aggrandizement encroach upon the space needed to be present to another human being. Not only can others not find a home in us, but even God cannot find a home in us! ©LPi



DO IT TOGETHER MINISTRY

Most parishes, including the Cathedral and Our Lady of Fatima, are still recovering from the pandemic, church scandals, and either cultural indifference or opposition. Liturgical ministers need to be recruited and trained; committees need to be formed to address issues of maintenance, the liturgy, and our presence on social media; help is needed to respond to requests for ancestry research; since the Cathedral is also a tourist site, tours and hospitality need to be provided; the formation of missionary-disciples needs to take place; storage areas need to be cleared of accumulated and unvaluable debris; and we need to improve our outreach to those in need.

You are encouraged to respond positively when requests are made for the contribution of your time and talent.



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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. Barchak, J.C.D., Bishop

Reverend Monsignor Stanley Carson, Administrator

Paula Clemens, Parish Secretary

DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Chris Laraia - Pre-K thru 12 - 814-312-7317

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DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRY

Leslie C. Thayer, MM, CAGO

Music Ministry Office - 814-944-2044

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CHRISTIAN INITIATION TEAM - 814-944-4603

CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME - 814-944-4603

MAIL MINISTRY TO ELDERLY, HOMEBOUND, SERIOUSLY SICK, AND GRIEVING - 814-944-4603

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 - 814-944-4014

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