

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 24, 2022

MASS INTENTIONS

July 25, Monday: Saint James

6:45AM+Libby Ann Allen (Linda Lambert)
12:00PM Special Intention (Anonymous)

July 26, Tuesday: Saints Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6:45AM+Genevieve Hallinan (Family)
12:00PM+The Sick of the Parish

July 27, Wednesday: Weekday

6:45AM+Geraldine Petrunak (Tom, Patricia and Marita
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12:00PM+Edward Matosziuk III (Family)

July 28, Thursday: Weekday

6:45AM+Poor Souls (Anonymous)
12:00PM+John Vargo (Saint Matthew's Parish Friends)

July 29, Friday: Saint Martha

6:45AM+Mike Zurilla, Birthday (Family)
12:00PM+John Koeck Jr.(George Koeck)

July 30, Saturday: Saint Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:00AM+Freddie Martynuska (Aunt Anna Marie)
12:00PM+Nancy Foster (Clair Robertson)

Vigil : Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00PM+Alice Winkler (Stephen Stefanon)

July 31, Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM+Bev Woodring (Tom Byrne)
10:00PM+Mary Himes (Brian & Sherry Himes Family)
5:00PM 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 24, 2022

Sunday: Gn 18:20-32/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8 [3a]/
Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13

Monday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/
Mt 20:20-28

Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Mt 13:36-
43

Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21/Ps 59:2-3, 4, 10-11, 17-
18/Mt 13:44-46

Thursday: Jer 18:1-6/Ps 146:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab/Mt
13:47-53

Friday: Jer 26:1-9/Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk
10:38-42

Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24/Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-
34/Mt 14:1-12

Next Sunday: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-
13, 14, 17 [1]/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-2

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.

Next Week's Mass Schedule

There will be no 6:45 AM Mass from Monday to Wednesday, August 1- 3. There will still be a noon Mass those days.

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.

Office Closed

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

Baptismal Prep Class Scheduled

There is a Baptismal Prep class scheduled for Tuesday, July 25th, 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.

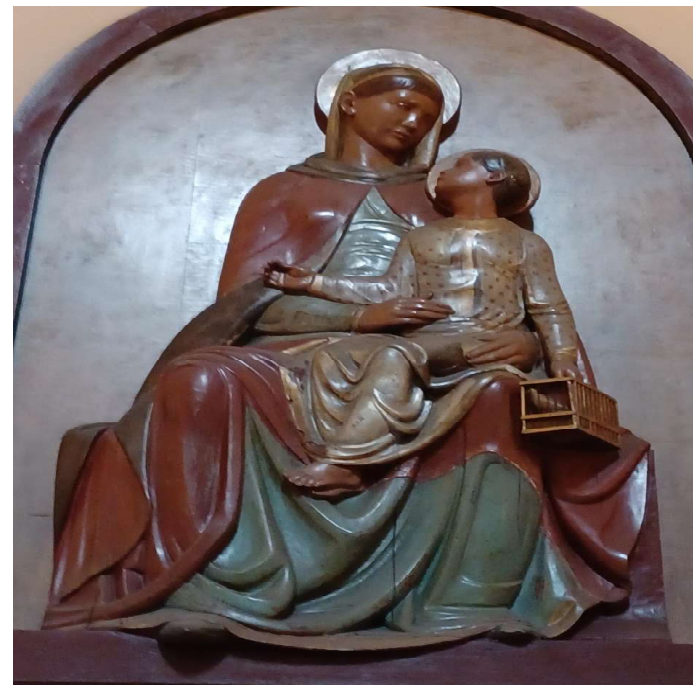
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Sunday, July 17, 2022 \$7,639.46
Thank you for your financial and spiritual support.

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 Anne, 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.



ST. ANNE, PRAY FOR US!

Stewardship Reflections

The Our Father is truly a steward's prayer. We call upon God intimately, as Father. We ask that His will be done (not ours!) and that His kingdom come (not ours!). We remember that everything is His, and our focus in life should be His priorities. Then we ask Him to supply our needs, forgive our sins, and protect us from evil. We proclaim that we trust completely in His provision for us and mercy towards us and we commit to extending mercy to others who have wounded us.

As we pray the words of The Our Father, we recognize this basic truth about ourselves and God: God is our Father and we are beloved infinitely blessed to be His children. This is the stewardship way of life. (Stewardship Reflection, Catholic Stewardship Consultants, Inc. 2019/07/26)

Director of Music Ministry

Our Mother of Sorrow Church in Johnstown Pa. is seeking to hire a Director of Music Ministry that will help develop and lead the worship music ministry for the church, in consultation with the pastor and other team members, in a way that is consistent with the mission, values and theology of the church. For a complete job description and application information, please go to the omostoday.com website and click on the "We're Hiring" tab.



Basket Bingo Meeting

We will be having a Basket Bingo meeting on Thursday, July 28, 2022 at 6:30 PM here at the Cathedral Parish Center. All are welcome!!

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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Meister Eckhart asks, "Who is the man whose prayers God always hears?" He answers, "God hears the man who appeals to God as God. When, however, man appeals to God, hoping for some worldly good, he is not appealing to God at all, but to what he is asking of God. He is trying to make God his servant. On this point, St. Augustine says: 'You pray to what you love, for true whole prayer is nothing but love!' Thus, we pray to what we love, and no one rightly prays to God but he who prays for God and has nothing on his mind but God." We struggle with what we want God to do and how we want our prayer validated. Meister Eckhart is correct. We often want God to be our servant. We further struggle with trusting that God knows what we need and that His will is best.

God's will is not some predetermined outcome of events that we must simply suggest. "Thy will be done" is not an invocation beckoning us to accept a particular state of affairs passively. Rather, it is the humble and confident placement of ourselves in the presence of the God we seek, whom we call "Father." We must remember that God is the God of life and light. It is from nothing that God brings something and from the darkness that God brings life. Prayer allows us to seek the One we love with the assurance that all will be well regardless of what course the events of our lives take. God is not about passive submission but the humble trust of love.

That's what makes the Lord's Prayer the perfect prayer. It provides us with proper disposition and focus, putting in line all of the essential relationships of our lives. It celebrates and fosters the ever-deepening relationship of trust we have with our Creator. It also calls us to keep open the doors of love between our brothers and sisters with the power that comes with forgiveness. If in one's darkest hour they can find the resolve to fervently pray this perfect prayer of Jesus' conviction, then there is no doubt that God will hear their plea, reach out in love, and bring them ever closer to His heart. What more does one need to weather the storms of life besides faith, hope, and love? These are God's most perfect gifts and all we really need.

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Saint James the Apostle is also called James, son of Zebedee, or James the Greater to distinguish him from the other James in Jesus' group of twelve. Most of what we know about Saint James is recorded in the New Testament. He and his brother John were collected by Jesus along the sea of Galilee. Matthew 4:18-22 tells the story of Jesus calling first Simon Peter and his brother Andrew and then the sons of Zebedee. In Mark 3:17 the brothers receive a nickname from Jesus who calls them "sons of thunder" because of their many extreme reactions, like that in Luke 9:54 when they offer to call down fire on a Samaritan village.

Saint James was part of Jesus' intimate circle, a witness to the Transfiguration, the resurrection of Jarius' daughter, and the agony in the garden of Gethsemane. In A.D. 44 Herod Agrippa had "James, the brother of John, killed by the sword." (Acts 12:2) He is the only apostle whose martyrdom is written of in the New Testament.

According to Spanish tradition, his body was taken to Santiago de Compostela, Spain where his relics were rediscovered in 9th century. This tradition has sometimes been attributed to a passage in the Song of Roland which tells of St. James appearing to Charlemagne in a dream, prophesying that Charlemagne would conquer the Moors in Spain. This was followed by a vision of stars which if followed would lead to the saint's lost tomb. In the Middle Ages Compostela was a hugely popular pilgrimage site. The saint's relics continue to rest in the cathedral there and one can still undertake the pilgrimage.

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. Bartchak, J.C.D., Bishop

Reverend Monsignor Stanley Carson, Administrator

Paula Clemens, Parish Secretary

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CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME - 814-944-4603

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

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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

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