

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 14, 2022

MASS INTENTIONS

August 15, Monday: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

(Not a holy day of obligation this year since it falls on a Monday.)
8:00 AM+ John Duffy (Elaine & Frank Dombrowski)
12:00 PM+ Edward Matosziuk III, Birth. (Mom & Dad)

August 16, Tuesday: Saint Stephen of Hungary

6:45AM+ Michael Ratzesberger (Shirley Dougherty)
12:00PM+ Walter Beckel Jr. Anniversary (Family)

August 17, Wednesday: Weekday

6:45AM+ Jim Davidson (Paul & Mary O'Leary)
12:00PM+ Dick Hatch (McNelis All Stars)

August 18, Thursday: Weekday

6:45AM+ Sandy Cuzzolina Birthday (Family)
12:00PM+ Walt Beech Birthday (Family)

August 19, Friday: Saint John Eudes, Priest

6:45AM+ James E. Davidson (Family)
12:00PM+ Jeanne Hanlin (Carol & Rick McIntyre)

August 20, Saturday: Saint. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church

8:00AM+ William E. Lumadue (Mary Kowalski)
12:00PM+ Amelia Seiler (John & Beverly Buterbaugh)
Vigil : Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00PM+ Rebecca Longwill (Kathy Grove & Butch Winkler)

August 21, Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM+ Rudy Seidel, Ann. (Jim & Elaine Weaver)
10:00PM+ Virginia Hart (Diane Luke)
5:00PM Pro Popolo/ For the People
Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Parish is at 11:30 A.M

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Since the Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary, August 15, falls on a Monday this year, it is not a holy day of obligation. We will have Masses at 8:00 A.M. and Noon.

Readings for the week of August 14, 2022

Sunday: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18 [14b]/Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53

Monday: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10/Dt 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-36ab/Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Ez 36:23-28/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mt 22:1-14

Friday: Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ez 43:1-7ab/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 23:1-12

Next Sunday: Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1, 2/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-3

Religious Education PK-11

Classes will begin on September 11th in the Parish Religious Ed Center. **Registration will take place before and after all Sat/Sun Masses this weekend, August 13/14, in the RE Center.** Please bring a copy of your child's Baptism certificate if you are new to this program.

1st Reconciliation/1st Communion Prep

All students in public, parochial or homeschool who will be receiving these sacraments this year must fill out a registration form by September 1st. Sessions will begin October. Forms are available in the Parish Office or at the Registration this coming weekend. Please contact Chris Laraia if you have any questions.

Confirmation Prep

All 9,10,11th grade students in public, parochial, or homeschooled classes must register for Confirmation preparation by September 1st. Sessions will begin in September. Please contact Chris Laraia 814-312-7317 or claraia@diocese.org.

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church

The 16th Annual Greek Festival fundraiser will be held on Saturday, August 27th, from 12:00-7:00PM, and featuring Greek food and music. All are welcome!

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.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION
Sunday, August 7, 2022 \$ 9,077.50
Thank you for your financial and spiritual support.



FAITH NIGHT AT THE CURVE

Thanks to a benefactor, our parish has a block of 40 tickets (section 203) to the Altoona Curve for the game on Sunday, August 21, at 6:00 p.m. with postgame fireworks. Call or email our office to find out if there are still free ticket/s available. It will be fun to get together with parishioners and friends.

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.

Basket Bingo Tickets

We are selling Basket Bingo tickets now at the Cathedral Square door after all masses and at the Parish Office: \$25.00 entry ticket includes 15 games of Basket Bingo, Complimentary Food and Beverage. For an additional \$30.00 you can get the Value Pack that includes: 104 Door Prize Tickets, 6 Walk Around Tickets, 1 Dobber, 5 Special Games. If you have any questions please call Lorraine Beck at 1-240-676-6704, or the Parish Office at 814-944-4603. Tickets will also be available at the doors on the day of the event. Dobbbers Up!!! Lets Play Bingo!!!

Parish Council Meeting

Our Parish Council will be meeting on Tuesday, August 16th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Cathedral Parish Center.

Stewardship Reflections

Jeremiah was demoralized and thrown in to prison for speaking out against corruption and unjust treatment of the poor. In the letter to the Hebrews we are told to live as Christ lives, "In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding blood." In our words, "What are you complaining about if you are not bleeding? Do you seriously think I have to care? I didn't make these things happen!"

Jesus' words were supposed to make us feel uncomfortable. We are reminded that a high bar is set for us as Christian stewards. As Paul tells us, "we must persevere in running the race that lies before us while keeping our eyes on Jesus." It is a way of life that is meant to be challenging, but it is a life we are capable of living. (Stewardship Reflection, Catholic Stewardship Consultants, Inc. 2019/1/10)

Thank You

A huge thank-you to the following Prayer Shawl Ministry ladies that have donated their time and talent to knit these shawls to give people comfort when they need them: Cathy Greiner, Kathy Sanker, Isabelle Gerber, Steph Kilcoyne and Lorraine Beck.

Holy Spirit Ministry

Holy Spirit Ministry will be having a Praise and Worship service on Tuesday, August 16th, 2022 at 7:00PM, at St. Michael's Catholic Church, Hollidaysburg. Speaker: Andrew Potopa, Andrew will be entering the Loretto Franciscans in the fall. Come and be blessed by his vocation and journey to the Franciscans.

Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass

Bishop Mark Barchak and the Family Life Office cordially invite all couples celebrating **1, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60+** years of marriage in 2022 (and their families) to attend the **Annual Wedding Anniversary Liturgy**. Couples may attend Sunday, **September 18** in **ALTOONA** at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, or Sunday, **September 25** in **JOHNSTOWN** at St. John Gualbert Cathedral. Both locations are handicap accessible. Liturgies in each location begin at 2:00 p.m. Bishop Mark will be the celebrant and homilist at each celebration. Refreshments/snacks will be provided after the mass for anniversary couples and their families.

Family members of the couple, children, grandchildren, siblings, nieces and nephews etc. are encouraged to participate in the liturgy as ushers and altar servers, if they currently serve (or have served) in their home parish.

Reservations must be made through your parish for either celebration by Monday, August 29th.

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An inward transformation occurs in a person who decides to follow Jesus Christ. Things change. They see the world differently, understand their journey more deeply and profoundly, have their sights fixed on eternity and union with God and hold themselves to higher standards and virtues. It requires a conscious choice to be a Christian, and this choice must be renewed at least daily. While the basic premise of Jesus' message may appear heartwarming and straightforward: love of God, neighbor, and self, the implications of doing so are challenging. The true disciple is called to live radically, and often finds themselves at odds with the world or even with those in their own homes.

Holding ourselves to higher standards comes with a price. We have to leave other things behind. It is difficult to be people of faith, hope, and love in a world often fixated with its own fulfillment and self-absorption. Justice, temperance, prudence, and fortitude require sacrifice if they are to be lived with integrity. God's ways are not ours. This becomes crystal clear to those who have enough courage to stand against the tide. Putting love into action requires that we challenge accepted modes of doing business and fight complacency. This is what makes the saints stand out as witnesses. They are simply sinners, just like us, who persevere.

People do not want to be told that they're sailing their ships in the wrong direction. Clinging to their insistence and need to be correct, they can become defensive when challenged. This can happen even with those closest to us. As much as the Gospel calls us to unity, it also can easily create division. When we love seriously, we encounter more than feelings of warmth and acceptance. "What does love look like? It has the hands to help others. It has the feet to hasten to the poor and needy. It has eyes to see misery and want. It has the ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of men. That is what love looks like (St. Augustine)." Love also has the courage and honesty to tell people what they may not want to hear but need to, and model, without wavering, a life of humble, loving, and faithful service. Don't lose heart! There are many examples of faith before us and around us. If Jesus endured the voices of opposition, so too can we. There is no need to apologize for speaking the truth. ©LPI

Women's Conference

A dynamic and inspiring Catholic speaker will headline the upcoming Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown women's conference "Women Find Strength in Christ" on Saturday, September 10, 2022, at Holy Name Parish in Ebensburg. Kelly Walquist, founder of WINE: Women in the New Evangelization, will be the keynote speaker. Also presenting will be Deanne Miller and Colleen Scariano, co-founders of Soul Core, a movement that nurtures a body and soul through prayer and core strengthening exercises. The conference includes Eucharistic Adoration, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and lunch. The cost is \$10.00 per person. Please register online at dioceseaj.org or pick up a hard copy registration form at any parish and mail the form and a check to the diocese. The deadline for reservations is August 31.

A NOTE OF THANKS

Gratitude is extended to our Social Committee: Butch Winkler, Mary Ann Bell, Beth Moore, Janet Hammond, Tom Moore, and Linda Yaskow. The refreshments after the weekend Masses have been an enjoyable time for fellowship and good food. The homemade sticky buns and pizza frites have been a real treat.



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

Most Reverend Mark L. Barchak, 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

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

Weekday: 6:45 AM
12:00 Noon
Saturday: 8:00 AM
12:00 Noon

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