

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 4, 2022

MASS INTENTIONS

September 5, Monday: Labor Day

9:00AM Workers and Laborers

September 6, Tuesday: Weekday

6:45AM+ Sister Karen Duddy (Anonymous)
12:00PM+ Ron Sheehan, Birthday (Wife)

September 7, Wednesday: Weekday

6:45AM+ Libby Shea Allen (Terry Dodson)
12:00PM Spiritual Well-Being of the Cathedral Parish

September 8, Thursday: Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6:45AM+ Dan & Marian Burns (M/M Dave Hanekamp)
12:00PM+ Joanie Farina (Yanchik Family)

September 9, Friday: Saint Peter Claver, Priest

6:45AM+ Audrey Kraus (Phyllis Lavelle Sheetz)
12:00PM+ Michael "Mike" Wagner (Dave & Eve Bailor)

September 10, Saturday: Weekday

8:00AM+ Geraldine Petrunak (Family)
12:00PM+ Walter Beckel Jr. (Lisa Consalvo)
Vigil : Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00PM+ Robert Smithmyer, Anniversary (Wife)

September 11, Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM+ Patrick Duffy (Melanie Lee & Anne Marklin)
10:00PM Rachele M Thibault Finan, Birthday
(David & Jeanne Thompson)
5:00PM Pro Popolo/ For the People
Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Parish is at 11:30 A.M

Parish Offices Closed Labor Day

Cathedral Parish Offices will be closed on Monday, September 5, to celebrate Labor Day.

Eucharistic Adoration

On Wednesday, September 7th, Cathedral Parish will have Eucharistic Adoration from 1:00 P.M. until the end of Confessions. A sign-up sheet is located on the cross aisle table to mark your time for visitation before the Blessed Sacrament. The Church asks that at least two people be present at all times when there is Exposition of the Sacrament.

Readings for the week of September 4, 2022

Sunday: Wis 9:13-18b/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17/ Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33

Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12/Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday: 1 Cor 6:1-11/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/ Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31/Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17/Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c/ Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12/Lk 6:39-42

Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22/Ps 116:12-13, 17-18/Lk 6:43-49

Next Sunday: Ex 32:7-11, 13-14/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19/1 Tm 1:12-17/Lk 15:1-32 or 15:1-1



THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEDICATION OF THE CATHEDRAL OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

This Wednesday, September 7, is the 91st anniversary of the dedication of our cathedral. "Except for the coffered ceiling and stained glass windows from Munich, the interior of the Cathedral was an empty shell of bare brick and rough concrete. In spite of its unfinished interior, Cardinal Dennis Dougherty of Philadelphia came to Altoona on September 7, 1931, and formally dedicated the magnificent Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament."

(From a Tour Book of the Cathedral)

Bishop Mark Bartchak will celebrate a Solemn Mass at noon to commemorate the anniversary.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will follow the Mass and continue until the end of 7:00 P.M. Confessions.

Church Cleaning

The cleaning crew will be meeting Wednesday, September, 14th at 9:00 AM. They normally meet on the second Wednesday of the month. If there is a funeral, they will meet on Thursday.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION
Sunday, August 28, 2022 \$ 10,669.83
Thank you for your financial and spiritual support.

Donations for "Basket Bingo"

This year's Basket Bingo is scheduled for Sunday, September 25, 2022 at Father Kelley Hall. Doors open at 12:00 PM, Bingo starts at 1:00 PM. We are taking 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. This Bingo supports the ministries we offer to our children and teenagers.

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. The bingo is on Sunday, September 25, at Fr. Kelley Hall. Doors open at noon; bingo begins at 1:00 P.M. Let's Play Bingo!

Basket Bingo Meeting

We will be having a Basket Bingo meeting on Thursday, September 8th at 6:30p.m. in the Cathedral Parish Center 13th Avenue door. All are welcome.

High School Students Service Hours

High School Students who need service hours for Religious Education are invited to assist at our parish's Basket Bingo. You can help by emptying bags and giving cans of soda or bottles of water to our bingo players. If you could help us for 1 hour or all 4, that would be appreciated. You can get in touch with your teacher or have your parents call the office 814-944-4603 and talk to Paula who will put your name on a list and provide the times that are available.



Stewardship Reflections

Christian Stewards view their possessions as gifts and resources that are meant to build God's kingdom here on earth. We are challenged to reach out to others with God's love. We are urged to be intentional about our faith, putting Christ first before all else, otherwise we will be easily swallowed up by the earthly cares that weigh us down; our material things, our status, and our egos. In the end, the life of discipleship, the stewardship way of life, is the only life that can satisfy. (Stewardship Reflection, Catholic Stewardship Consultants, Inc. 8/2019)

Could any of us renounce all our earthly possessions as a steward and disciple? How can we take steps towards living this vision? Look for ways to become more involved in your parish community.



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 11th. Sessions will begin October. Forms are available in the Parish Office. 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 11th. Sessions will begin September 18th, 2:30-4:30. Fall Session for grade 9 Please contact Chris Laraia 814-312-7317 or claraia@diocese.org.

Religious Ed PK-11

Classes begin September 11th in the Parish Education Center.

Catholic Daughters of America

Court Prince Gallitzin #2625- Serves all 11 Altoona parishes and beyond. New members are always welcomed! Find us online at: cda2625.com Catholic Daughters primary focus is *Spirituality and Service!*

On Monday, September 12, 2022, please join us for our monthly meeting, in the basement of Saint Rose of Lima, also known as the Social Hall! Use the entrance between the Maria Parish Center and the school, through the double glass doors. Social begins at 6:30 PM and the business meeting begins at 7:00 PM. If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact us at <http://cda2652.com/contact/>

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What virtue is the cornerstone of discipleship? Love. Jesus preached about it, lived it, and summarized his greatest commandment featuring it. Love is in our DNA. To follow Jesus, then, is to follow the path of love. While this may appear to be an attractive and easy option, it most assuredly is not. Authentic love always comes with sacrifice. It is the complete giving of oneself to another. The sacrificial character of love always requires that we leave something aside and pursue something else. This is at the heart of self-denial. Love asks us to make choices that are often difficult.

There is a reason Jesus asks that the love of God come first. "Charity is the right attitude of mind which prefers nothing to the knowledge of God. If a man possesses any strong attachment to the things of this earth, he cannot possess true charity (St. Maximus the Confessor)." "If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple." A devoted disciple must be single-minded in her quest for God. She cannot allow anyone or anything to have more power over her soul than God. When any earthly attachments become more important than Love, we can get ourselves into trouble.

The Gospel calls us to walk boldly into the darkness, confusion, and emptiness of the world clothed in the mantle of love. We are asked to walk with others on their journey, offering a supportive, healing, challenging, and faithful presence. Ours is not to judge. To walk this sacrificial journey means that I must put myself aside and focus on the needs of others. "A sacrifice to be real must cost, must hurt and must empty ourselves (St. Teresa of Calcutta)." Love helps us walk straight and focus to see things more clearly and help others to do so as well. Many folks struggle to find joy and meaning in life. People may simply need someone with the freedom to sit with them in their pain, so they don't feel so alone. Through acts of kindness, gestures of acceptance, and words of compassion, burdens can be lightened. Believe in God's love and seek it above all other things! ©LPI



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Anyone interested in learning more about the Catholic Church, or seeking information about joining the Catholic Church, you are welcomed to join us for "Inquiry" which will begin Sunday, September 18th after the 10:00AM Mass. We will gather in the church. If you are interested in joining or would like more information, please contact Carol Galioto at (814) 327-4841.

Birth of Mary Celebration

Thursday September 8, 2022

Saint Catherine of Siena Church
Old Rt. 22, Duncansville Pa 16635

The day begins with a 7:45 a.m. Mass in the Church, followed at 8:15 a.m.-9:15a.m. with the Holy Rosary in the Church. There will be another Mass at Noon

with the Holy Rosary commencing at 12:45 p.m. till 4:30 p.m. At 5:30 p.m. there will be an Outdoor Mass at the Shrine and Rosary Procession. Please bring a lawn chair. If there is inclement weather the 5:30 p.m. Mass will be celebrated in the Church.

Holy Spirit Ministry

Will be having Praise & Worship with Eucharistic Adoration.

Speaker: Fr. Brad Baldwin – *Spiritual Talk on the Holy Spirit*

When: Tuesday, September 6th at 7PM

Where: St. Michael's Church, Hollidaysburg

Holy Spirit Ministry is a renewal movement within the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese that serves the local Church by helping to form Intentional Disciples of Jesus Christ and seeks to evangelize in the power and presence of the Holy Spirit

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.

THE CHURCH OF ALTOONA-JOHNSTOWN

THE CATHEDRAL OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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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.

ANOIDING 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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Leslie C. Thayer, MM, CAGO

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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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