

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 11, 2022

MASS INTENTIONS

September 12, Monday: The Most Holy Name of Mary

8:00 AM+ Bary & Brian Elmers (Nancy & Spike Elmers)
12:00 PM+ Dec. Memebers of Yanchik Family (Marie & Sharon Yanchik)

September 13, Tuesday: St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

6:45AM+ Jim Davidson (Marge Leberfinger)
12:00PM+ John Duffy (Wally & Connie Tomassetti)

September 14, Wednesday: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

6:45AM+ Msgr. Paul Panza, Ann. (Bell & Breinch Families)
12:00PM+ David Seidel (Bernard & Suzi Behe)

September 15, Thursday: Our Lady of Sorrows

6:45AM+ Fred, Joe, and Patrick (M.L.)
12:00PM+ Bill Clemens, Ann. (daughter, Carole)

September 16, Friday: Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop

6:45AM+ Janet Tomlinson (Ed & Lois Simanski)
12:00PM+ Donna Marie Paglira, Ann. (Mother & Family)

September 17, Saturday: St. Robert Bellamine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:00AM+ John & Susan Ryan Kilcoyne, Wed. Ann. (Jim and Steph Kilcoyne)
12:00PM+ Sandy Cuzzolina (Family)

Vigil :Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00PM+ Leonardo & Lucille Eckenrode (Ashley Patillo and Alyssa Eckenrode)

September 18, Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM+ Kitty Bell, Anniversary (Family)
10:00PM Dale Herbert (John & Gail Murphy)
2:00PM Wedding Anniversary Mass
5:00PM Pro Popolo/ For the People

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



Readings for the week of September 11, 2022

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 15:1-10

Monday: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/ Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20/Ps 17:1bcd, 6-7, 8b and 15/Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Ps 56:10c-12, 13-14/Lk 8:4-15

Next Sunday: Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8/1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-1



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.

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, September 4, 2022 \$8,788.70
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!

High School Students Service Hours

High School Students who need service hours for 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

God grants mercy towards the ungrateful Israelite brats! Paul is well aware of the sins that he has committed. But this does not hold him back from ministry. But, rather it makes him all more grateful to be God's steward. What gratitude we owe to such a personal, passionate, loving God! Even our sins, once forgiven, become a source of fuel for our stewardship. How can we demonstrate our gratitude to such a God? By living as good stewards. We thank Him by offering back to Him the very best of ourselves.

A life of Stewardship is a continual process of conversion and growth. As we embrace Stewardship we are freed to view life in a new way: a precious gift from a loving God. (Stewardship Reflection, Catholic Stewardship Consultants, Inc. 8/2019)

Christian Mothers

On Sunday, October 2nd at the 10:00 am Mass, Bishop Mark will recognize the Cathedral Christian Mothers for their presence in our parish. Formed in 1972 by a group of parish women, this year marks our 50th anniversary! If you, your mother or grandmother were once members or have any memorabilia, pictures or stories, please share with our current members or call Mary Boslet at (814)944-8988. Everyone who has been involved throughout the years is invited to attend this special Mass.

The next meeting of Christian Mothers will be on Wednesday, September 14th in the Seton Suite at 6:30pm.

The Biblical of David Live

Anyone interested in attending the Sight and Sound production of "David" in Lancaster on October 10th? This bus trip includes the show, transportation and lunch. The cost is \$155.00 per adult. Seats are still available. If interested, call Carol Galioto at (814) 946-3769 and leave a message.

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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Since God created human beings, we have struggled to keep our focus on God. We wrestle with the question of “who is God” and foolishly believe some of God’s job description can be better completed by us. We wander in different directions, lose our way, think that happiness can be found elsewhere and even construct golden calves to worship. Are we simply too independent or just blatantly stubborn? It’s a good question to ask. Even with all of our silliness and distractions, God compassionately and patiently waits. He lets us assert our wills and knows that perhaps one day we will actually wake up and realize how lost we are.

“Since happiness is nothing other than the enjoyment of the highest good and since the highest good is above, no one can be made happy unless he rises above himself, not by an ascent of the body but of the heart. But we cannot rise above ourselves unless a higher power lifts us up ... Divine aid is available to those who seek it from their hearts, humbly and devoutly; and this means to sigh for it in this valley of tears, through fervent prayer (St. Bonaventure).” One of the biggest human struggles is discerning what, exactly, is the highest good. We are ordered to achieve it but if we pursue it with clouded vision, we will never truly find it.

One of the greatest obstacles to God’s power and love is a stubborn, closed heart of stone. When we are fiercely determined to set our sights elsewhere for happiness or simply ride the popular currents of the day, we will never satisfy the deep ache and longing within. We know that ache well. It is precisely why we scurry all over the place, attempting to find the next best thing to take away its pain. Nothing in the created world ever can or will. We continue our journey. One day, people may wake up and realize that they are grazing in the wrong pasture and putting themselves in harm’s way. When this awakening occurs, it will be a most joyous day as we will see God’s wide-open arms waiting to receive us. “Lead me, Lord, in your path, and I will enter in your truth. Let my heart rejoice that it may fear your name (St. Bonaventure).” **©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 Galimoto at (814) 327-4841.

A NEED FOR LITURGICAL MINISTERS

When the Church gathers together to celebrate the Mass we gather in a variety of ministries and roles. Because of our baptism we have been given a share in the priesthood of Christ. The *Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy* of the Second Vatican Council tells us that participation in the liturgy is the right and duty of all the baptized.

In addition to the ordained ministries there are roles in the liturgy which are exercised by lay people who place their time and talent at the service of the liturgical assembly as altar servers, readers, greeters, and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion (U.S.C.C.B.).

Cathedral parish is in need of additional lay people to function in roles of ministry during our liturgies. Individuals who would like to present themselves as candidates to prepare for one or more of these ministries are asked to sign-up during the first weekend of October. More information will appear in future bulletins.

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. Bartchak, 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
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

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

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