

# TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 25, 2022

## MASS INTENTIONS

### September 26, Monday: Saints Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs

8:00 AM+ Betty Capouellez, Birthday (Family)  
12:00 PM+ Alfred Rutolo, Birthday (Family)

### September 27, Tuesday: Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest

6:45AM+ Joseph Knott Jr. (Joe & Dan Angeschi and  
Marcy Yurinko)  
12:00PM+ Ann Rhodes (Nancy Craig)

### September 28, Wednesday: St. Wenceslaus, Martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs

6:45AM+ Anna Mercer (Children)  
12:00PM+ Pete & Sally Colledge (Children)

### September 29, Thursday: Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

6:45AM+ Florence Moffa Brook (Estate)  
12:00PM+ Vera Hauk (Mai Nguyen)

### September 30, Friday: Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church

6:45AM + Paul & Geraldine Rose (Tom & Patricia Forr)  
12:00PM+ John Vogel, Birthday (Family)

### October 1, Saturday: Saint Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

8:00AM+ Alice Winkler (Friends at Forever Media)  
12:00PM+ Mary Snowberger (Mary Lysinger)

### Vigil :Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00PM+ Ann Rhodes (Gary & Lou Craig)

### October 2, Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM+ Walter Beckel Jr. (Emily Beiswenger)  
10:00PM+Dennis Behe, Birthday (Sister Peg)

5:00PM Pro Popolo/ For the People

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



We will have a social on the portico following the 5:00 P.M. Mass on Saturday, October 1.

We will have a Feeding the Hungry meal on Sunday, October 9, from 11:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

Trunk or Treat will take place on Sunday, October 16, from 2:00 P.M. to 3:30 P.M.

## Readings for the week of September 25, 2022

**Sunday:** Am 6:1a, 4-7/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/1 Tm 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-31

**Monday:** Jb 1:6-22/Ps 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7/Lk 9:46-50

**Tuesday:** Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23/Ps 88:2-3, 4-5, 6, 7-8/Lk 9:51-56

**Wednesday:** Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Ps 88:10bc-11, 12-13, 14-15/Lk 9:57-62

**Thursday:** Dan 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5/Jn 1:47-51

**Friday:** Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Ps 139:1-3, 7-8, 9-10, 13-14ab/Lk 10:13-16

**Saturday:** Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130/Lk 10:17-24

**Next Sunday:** Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-1



### Religious Ed PK-11

All registrations are due now. Classes have begun and are held in the Cathedral Parish Religious Ed Center.

### 1st Reconciliation/1st Communion

All registrations are due now. First meeting with students and parents is Tuesday, October 4, 6:30-8:30 in the Cathedral Hall.

### Confirmation Prep

All registrations are due now. Sunday, October 2nd, 2:30-4:30, Fall Session for grade 11, is being held in the Cathedral Religious Ed Center. Please bring your red folder.

### Baptismal Prep

Parents requesting the baptism of their first child are expected to attend an adult religious formation session.

The next session is on Tuesday, October 11, at 6:30PM in the Cathedra Parish Religious Ed Center. Please call the Parish Office to register 814-944-4603.

Godparents/sponsors are required to have completed the 16th year, be a Catholic who has been Confirmed and has already received the sacrament of the Most Holy Eucharist. They also need to be living a life in harmony with the faith and the role to be undertaken; for example, not being a practicing/participating member of a parish, cohabitation, and being married outside the Church would be an obstacle.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION  
Sunday, September 18, 2022 \$8,703.82  
Thank you for your financial and spiritual support.

### Basket Bingo Tickets

**THIS IS THE DAY!** Tickets will be available after the 8AM and 10:00AM Mass. They will also be available at the door, \$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!

### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Anyone interested in learning more about the Catholic Church, or seeking information about joining the Catholic Church, are welcome to join us for "Inquiry" which will begin Sunday, September 18, after the 10:00 A.M. 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.

### 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.

### A Note of Thanks

Gratitude is extended to Steve Stefanon and his crew for spreading mulch in the islands of the parking lot at the corner of 13th avenue and 13th street.

A word of thanks is also extended to the volunteers who cleaned the cathedral on Wednesday, September 14.

Additionally, appreciation is offered to the volunteers who have been preparing the socials on the portico and the meal following the wedding anniversary Mass.

*THANKS!*

### Stewardship Reflections

Our culture makes it easy to be like the rich man. It is easy to "walk by" those asking for a handout. On our electronic devices, it is easy to watch the basest human tendencies play out as entertainment. The tendency towards complacency is perhaps an even greater danger in this modern age with so many conveniences. Some of us don't have to look at or remain aware, that there are families and elderly in need of basic food items as we now get our groceries delivered to our doors or placed in our cars in a parking lot!

The Lord's message could not be any clearer, we must get off the couch and put our powers (the many gifts He has given us) to work! We are called to live stewards in our homes, our neighborhoods, and our community. Our gifts are needed by those around us. (*Stewardship Reflections by Catholic Stewardship Consultants, 9/2019*)

### 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.

### Precious Life Baby Bottle Campaign

A thank you letter from Precious Life, Inc. indicated that Cathedral parish collected \$1,579.96 for the ministry of Precious Life. Locally, over \$127,600 was raised.

### Mental Health Workshop

The Family Life Office and Catholic Charities are working with the National Alliance on Mental Illness to offer Mental Health workshop for our Dioceses. The focus of these workshops will be to identify mental health risks factors in others, to address our own mental wellness, and to help us know how to respond to crises. This will be especially helpful to pastors caring for their flock, as well as anyone who is in need or knows someone who is. The first workshop will be on Thursday, October 13th, from 1:00-4:00pm at the Diocesan Pastoral Center in Altoona. There is no cost to attend, but please register in advance by Monday, October 10th. You may register online at <https://www.wesharegiving.org/App/Form/218c0ce-d3b7-4361-8bae-9a7292bf9bf1> or by calling the Pastoral Center at 814-695-5579 x0.

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“If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead.” Regardless of how the message of faith is received, a total conversion of mind and heart is needed for it to take root and have meaning. It is easy to become complacent and comfortable with all that life can afford us. Life can become “all about me,” preserving my livelihood and protecting my securities. Often, this drive can become so strong that we eagerly strive to protect our self-interests at the expense of others. Other people are necessary only to the extent that they are “useful” to us and profitable.

Merriam-Webster defines entitlement as “the belief that one is deserving of or entitled to certain privileges.” In a world that pretends to offer us so many necessities, this is perhaps the greatest contemporary sin. When we feel “entitled” to something, even if it is perceived necessary, our relationships can get skewed. Unless we adopt a global vision of entitlement wherein everyone is entitled to the same things, we risk becoming extremely self-focused and selfish. All we care about is defending our rights and protecting our turf. This impulse can be so strong that we pursue it even at the expense of another. Is this what God intends for his children?

Holding on to this myopic vision, the plight and station of others are off our radar and of no real concern to us. Relying on our own merits and becoming resilient to life’s challenges, we replace the true and real God with the one we created ourselves. Jesus and the prophets before him have consistently reminded us of the dangers of wealth, ignoring the poor and the needy, and becoming too fiercely independent and arrogant. Yet, we conduct our lives as if that message has never been preached. We give our faith a nod and never consider for a moment that we may be wrong in terms of what we see as important. “The things that we love tell us what we are (attributed to St. Thomas Aquinas).” Ponder those words a bit and remember that when we leave this world and go to the next one, what we loved here is what we will look for there. What we sought here may not be there. ©LPI

### **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.

Youth (3rd grade and older) and adults are invited to the ministry of server. Servers may be boys and girls, men and women of the parish. Servers are aware of the parts of the Mass; fully participate in the worship; and assist the bishop, priest or deacon.

Members of the parish starting in ninth grade, male and female, are invited to be readers. Readers need to love Scripture and are skilled in pausing, pronunciation, projection, voice tone, eye contact, and reverent proclamation.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion must be Confirmed and completed the 11th grade of high school. Extraordinary Ministers need to have a deep love and practice of the Eucharist and possess the respect of God’s people.

Sign-up sheets will be available in the cathedral next weekend, the first weekend of October. On the form, please include your name, mailing address, email address, cell-phone number, check the name of the ministry you are interested in, and your preferred Mass time.

It would also be helpful if we are able to have individuals who would be available to serve funerals and a couple of five-person teams who could serve liturgies when the bishop is the celebrant.

Participating as a liturgical minister during sacred liturgy is both a responsibility of the laity and an honor. The Eucharistic sacrifice of the Mass is the action of Christ and God’s people during which the human race adores the Father, through Christ, in the Holy Spirit. The Mass is the Sacrament of unity in which the faithful are nourished from the table of God’s Word and the Sacrament of Christ’s Body and Blood.

# **THE CHURCH OF ALTOONA-JOHNSTOWN**

## **THE CATHEDRAL OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

**ONE CATHEDRAL SQUARE, ALTOONA, PENNSYLVANIA 16601-3315**  
**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:**

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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**FAX: 814-942-4337**

**E-MAIL: [ALTCATHEDRAL@DIOCESEAJ.ORG](mailto:ALTCATHEDRAL@DIOCESEAJ.ORG)**

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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**

#### **DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

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

Religious Education Office: Sundays - 814-943-7424

E-mail: [claraia@dioceseaj.org](mailto:claraia@dioceseaj.org)

#### **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](http://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](http://www.bishopguilfoyle.org) - 814-944-4014

Weekday: 6:45 AM

12:00 Noon

Saturday: 8:00 AM

12:00 Noon



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