

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 9, 2022

MASS INTENTIONS

October 10, Monday: Weekday

8:00 AM NO MASS
12:00 PM+ Adelaide Kipple (Mr & Mrs Dave Hanekamp)

October 11, Tuesday: Saint John XXIII, Pope

6:45AM NO MASS
12:00PM+ Patrick Duffy (Wally & Connie Tomassetti)

October 12, Wednesday: Weekday

6:45AM NO MASS
12:00PM+ Mary Kantoski, Anniversary (Family)

October 13, Thursday: Weekday

6:45AM NO MASS
12:00PM+Mary Alice & Ray Plummer, Wedding Ann.
(Val Fanale Miller)

October 14, Friday: Saint Callistus I, Pope & Martyr

6:45AM NO MASS
12:00PM Annie Adams (Vogel Family)

October 15, Saturday: Saint Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

8:00AM+ Mary Allman Culbreth, Birth. (Shamba Elijah)
12:00PM+ Jim Weaver (Kat & Ed Zeak)
Vigil : Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00PM+ James Conrad (Michael & Suzan Kuny)

October 16, Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM+ Mike Wagner (Dave & Karen Rhoa)
10:00AM+Jamie Diane Roland (Frances Kopy)
5:00PM Pro Popolo/ For the People
Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Parish is at 11:30 A.M

[Please note: There will be no 6:45 a.m. Mass from Monday-Friday, October 10-14.]



We will have a *Feeding the Hungry* pork chop meal this Sunday, October 9, from 11:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. in our hall.

Readings for the week of October 9, 2022

Sunday: 2 Kgs 5:14-17/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4/2 Tm 2:8-13/Lk 17:11-19

Monday: Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31—5:1/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7/Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday: Gal 5:1-6/Ps 119:41, 43, 44, 45, 47, 48/Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday: Gal 5:18-25/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 11:42-46

Thursday: Eph 1:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Lk 11:47-54

Friday: Eph 1:11-14/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13/Lk 12:1-7

Saturday: Eph 1:15-23/Ps 8:2-3ab, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 12:8-12

Next Sunday: Ex 17:8-13/Ps 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/2 Tm 3:14—4:2/Lk 18:1-



Confirmation Prep

October 16th 2:30-4:30pm 10th grade session, will meet at the Religious Ed Center.

SHYCON

Monday, October 10th all SHYCON registration forms are due.

Church Cleaning

The cleaning crew will be meeting Wednesday, October 12th at 9:00 AM. They normally meet on the second Wednesday of the month. If there is a funeral, they will meet on Thursday.

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, October 2, 2022 \$8,938.93
Thank you for your financial and spiritual support.

The Cathedral Choir and Cantors

The Cathedral has begun rehearsals for the 2022-2023 season! We are looking for new members in all sections: soprano, alto, tenor, and bass. Rehearsals are held Thursday evening's 7:00-8:30 in the Cathedral near the shrine of Mary. The choir sings at the 10:00 Sunday morning mass, with a warmup at 9:15. Please feel free to contact Leslie Thayer, Director of Music, at 814-944-2044 or lthayer@dioceseaj.org with any questions.

The Cathedral is seeking several cantors for the 2022-2023 season! Requirements include a pleasant voice, ability to read and learn music quickly, and dependability. Especially helpful would be the availability for either Saturday or Sunday evening masses. These are stipended positions. Please contact Leslie Thayer, Director of Music, at 814-944-2044 or lthayer@dioceseaj.org with questions or to set up an audition.

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.

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.

Stewardship Reflections

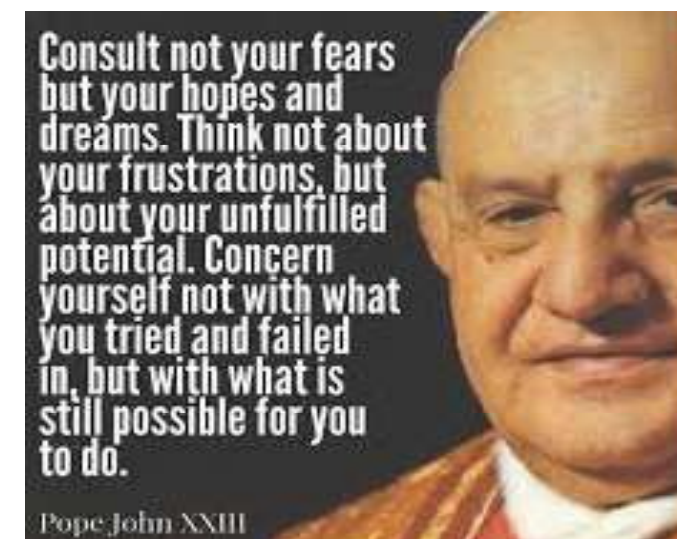
Today's readings demonstrate the power and vital importance of gratitude in the life of the Christian disciple, for gratitude leads us to worship God who offers us salvation. We see this in the response of the two lepers. The truth is that our very lives and every breath we take are His gift to us. But we can get so caught up in the stresses and distractions of daily life that we lose touch with the truth. Gratitude is the key to a stewardship way of life.

Gratitude begins within our minds and hearts when we take the time to recognize how blessed we truly are, and when we have the humility to recognize where these blessings come from- our merciful and loving God. Do you give thanks to our generous God for all the blessings you receive each and every day? (*Stewardship Reflections by Catholic Stewardship Consultants, 9/2019*)

Basket Bingo Thank-You

We are grateful to everyone who donated to the Basket Bingo. We would like to thank the Social Committee for preparing the meal. We especially thank the Basket Bingo Committee: Lorraine Beck, Mary Ann Bell, Maryann Bistline, Roberta Burns, Paula Clemens, Lori Eberwein, Paulette Farabaugh, Mary Lumadue, Peggy McLucas, Paula Miller, the adult helpers: Dallas Luke, Fred Chverchko, Tina and Brian Welteroth, and Randy Clemens, and the young helpers: Ronan Chirdon, Abigail Chverchko, Aleia Eckenrode, Mikayla and Morgan Geishauser, Shannon Hoyne, Adelia and Dominic Ianuzzi, Lucie Jones, Sara Glass-Knopp, Tyanna Pattilla, Xavier Rhodes.

Gratitude is also extended to the many generous sponsors, local businesses, and the 146 bingo players. May God bless you for your support and kindness.



October 2, 2022

Ten lepers were cured. Only one returned to give thanks. When we fall victim to entitlement, we diminish our capacity to love. Never satisfied, we walk around with outstretched arms, eagerly searching for the next thing we want so that we can acquire it ourselves. Very rarely do entitled hands hold anything to freely give away to others. Entitled hands also find it challenging to reach toward heaven in a gesture of gratitude and praise. We are often more obsessed with celebrating our victories, securing our assets, safeguarding our futures, and stacking the deck of life in our favor rather than relishing and absorbing the gift of the moment and blessings received.

Entitled people find it difficult to pray properly. When the subject of our prayer is mostly about our needs and wants, we are falling into the trap of deception. We foolishly try to convince God that our tiny worlds are of greater importance than His. In ancient times, people would offer sacrifices to "the gods" to secure protection and favors. Our God desires mercy, not sacrifice, because He is about love and justice, not simply meeting our agendas. Every breath is a gift. Prayer, which is a celebration of that gift, acknowledges the Giver. Prayer strengthens the bond between Giver and receiver, creating a deepening awareness that nothing I am or anything I have can exist apart from His Divine Will. It also reminds us that we have done nothing to merit the unconditional love and mercy God showers upon us. Prayer is not just about getting what I need but celebrating who I am.

For St. Therese of Lisieux prayer is "a surge of the heart; it is a simple look turned toward heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy." When our hearts "surge" toward God, we rush to the Source of our restoration and wholeness, knowing our longing for God's Divine embrace. Prayer is a response to God's graciousness with an act of gratitude returned by us. In prayer, we gaze upon each other in that sacred space where I give myself to God as He is, and God gives Himself to me as I am. We cannot take another step without saying thank you. ©LPI

CALENDAR OF CASH

Our Calendar of Cash lottery tickets are now available in the office during the week and following Masses on the weekend. The cost is \$20.00. Buy one for yourself and give a few as gifts!

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 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 cards are available in the cathedral at the 13th avenue entrance. 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. You may take a form home and return it next weekend.

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

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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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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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CHRISTIAN INITIATION TEAM - 814-944-4603

CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME - 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

BISHOP GUILFOYLE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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