

# TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 16, 2022

## MASS INTENTIONS

### October 17, Monday: St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr

6:45AM+ Hermenia Barnard, Birth. (Daughter)  
12:00PM+ Ernie Tomassetti (Family)

### October 18, Tuesday: Saint Luke, Evangelist

6:45AM+ Mr. & Mrs. William Bussman (son, Tom Bussman)  
12:00PM+ Paul J. Renyck, Ann. (Pamela Beckwith)

### October 19, Wednesday: Saints John de Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests and Companions, Martyrs

6:45AM+ Poor Souls (Anonymous)  
12:00PM+ Patrick Duffy (McNelis All Stars)

### October 20, Thursday: Saint Paul of the Cross, Priest

6:45AM+ Edward Hallinan (Family)  
12:00PM+ Ann Rhodes, Anniversary (Family)

### October 21, Friday: Weekday

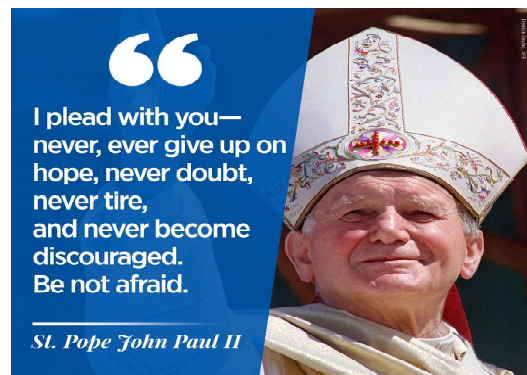
6:45AM+ Michael Ratzesberger (Mother)  
12:00PM+ Don Godish (Mary Lysinger)

### October 22, Saturday: Saint John Paul II, Pope

8:00AM+ John Duffy (Karen & Joe Hallinan)  
12:00PM+ Nancy Foster (Justin & Mary McCaulley)  
**Vigil : Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
5:00PM+ Ken Rahm (Sheila Evans)

### October 23, Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM+ Robert Beck (Mr & Mrs Tim Seasoltz)  
10:00AM+ Delphina Rutolo, Birthday (Family)  
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 October 16, 2022

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

**Monday:** Eph 2:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4ab, 4c-5/Lk 12:13-21

**Tuesday:** 2 Tm 4:10-17b/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/ Lk 10:1-9

**Wednesday:** Eph 3:2-12/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Lk 12:39-48

**Thursday:** Eph 3:14-21/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19/ Lk 12:49-53

**Friday:** Eph 4:1-6/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 12:54-59

**Saturday:** Eph 4:7-16/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 13:1-9

**Next Sunday:** Sir 35:12-14, 16-18/Ps 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23 [7a]/2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18/Lk 18:9-1



## Confirmation Prep

Today, October 16th, from 2:30-4:30pm, there will be a 10th grade Confirmation prep session in the Religious Ed Center.



## Baptismal Prep

Parents requesting the baptism of their first child are expected to attend an adult religious formation session. Sessions are held about 6 times a year. Parents are asked to plan ahead. You can attend the session prior to the birth of your child. You should not wait until the last minute to find an eligible Godparent.

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 9, 2022 \$8,634.76**  
**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 Galieto at (814)327-4841.

## 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: Paul Luke II, Dallas Luke, Paul and Sherry Luke, Fred Chverchko, Tina and Brian Welteroth, Butch and Carol Ruggery, 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.

## Stewardship Reflections

Stewardship cannot succeed unless it is steeped in prayer. Prayer will make our stewardship efforts fruitful. Today's readings show us the immense value of prayer and the privileged place it must have in our individual lives and in our parish community. God does not answer our prayers merely because we continuously ask. God intends each one of us to play a unique role in carrying out the divine plan.

We cannot expect people to respond to calls to increase their prayer life, their information, and their service within our parish, if they do not first feel welcomed and valued through the warmth of hospitality. It just makes good sense. Jesus does not call us as nameless people in a faceless crowd. He calls us individually by name. The challenge then, is to understand our role, our vocation, and respond generously to this call from God. (*Stewardship Reflections by Catholic Stewardship Consultants, 9/2019*)



## Faith Understood

**Friday, October 28 at 7:00 PM in the Basilica of Saint Michael the Archangel** FAITH UNDERSTOOD ~ Special guest speaker Paul Zuccarelli ~ Allow his experience to restore your faith! Paul suffered nine cardiac arrests after surgery and was dead for two hours. He was graced to witness heaven during this time. **Come and hear his amazing testimony of God's love and saving grace.** There is no charge ~ free will offering accepted. \*please note that handicap restroom facilities are not available in the basilica at this time\*



Today is our Trunk or Treat from 2:00-3:30 pm in the lower parking lot. Family fun, Costumes, and Candy. Please join in the fun.

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Brendan wouldn't stop. He continued nagging his mom to let him have a little more time with his phone. He knew the rules but wanted to finish a game and text a few more friends. He begged, had a temper tantrum, pleaded, screamed, pouted, and used every means he could think of to get Mom to change her mind. Mom had a busy day and was tired. At first, she held her ground. Then, her son's persistence got the best of her, and she caved. "Brendan, you can have 30 more minutes and no more!" she retorted. Brendan's determination paid off. He won.

Is this how it works with God too? If we want something enough and feel it is our due, does our persistence allow us to eventually get our way? Judging God by human standards, it would seem so. But is this the way God works? It gets a bit confusing when Jesus tells his disciples to "pray always without becoming weary" and then further tells them how God will "secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night." If we catch God at the right time, when he's having a weak moment, then our tenacity ought to pay off. What we want, we will get. Really? Sadly, the way many approach prayer suggests that this is precisely how it goes.

Good parents set boundaries and offer proper discipline. They learn the art of being steadfast when presented with determined minds and wills. They know what is best and, at times, have to say "no." God is always there with His full attention and unconditional love showering itself upon us. God also knows what is best. And, as with any good parent, the one constant that is always available and never withheld is love. We can be as persistent and determined as we want if what we are seeking is God's love. We are never a bother and requests for God's love are never denied. This is the prayer of the heart. Desiring God alone and not only what we want God to do for us places this love relationship foremost in our minds, hearts, and souls. God is never bothered by this prayer. As we breathe in and exhale out, the Divine Life freely flows. ©LPi



**OUR 2023 CALENDAR OF CASH  
LOTTERY TICKETS ARE NOW  
AVAILABLE IN THE OFFICE DURING THE  
WEEK AND FOLLOWING MASSES ON  
WEEKENDS. THE COST IS \$20.00.**

### **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 at your convenience.

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.

#### **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:**

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**

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**CHRISTIAN INITIATION TEAM - 814-944-4603**

**CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME - 814-944-4603**

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#### **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

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