

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 23, 2022

MASS INTENTIONS

October 24, Monday: Saint Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop

6:45AM+Jane Davidson (Jim & Steph Kilcoyne)
12:00PM+Gregory Hoover, Ann. (Linda Stassburger)

October 25, Tuesday: Weekday

6:45AM+Jack Bell, Anniversary (Family)
12:00PM+Cheryl Consalvo (Linda Consalvo)

October 26, Wednesday: Weekday

6:45AM Rosemarie Fedeli (Anonymous)
12:00PM+Pete & Sally Colledge (Children)

October 27, Thursday: Weekday

6:45AM+Lori Crilley (Sisters Pam and Vickie)
12:00PM+Patrick Duffy (Rusty, Mary Ann Pleva Family)

October 28, Friday: Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles

6:45AM+Robert Simanski (John & Deb Milliron)
12:00PM+Eleanor Fischer (Bob & Chris Laraia)

October 29, Saturday: Weekday

8:00AM+John Gority (John & Deb Milliron)
12:00PM+David Hooper (Wife and Family)

Vigil : Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00PM+ Catherine Beech Frederick, Birthday (Family)

October 30, Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM+Vera Hauck (Children)
10:00AM+Denis Burns (Mr & Mrs Dave Hanekamp)
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 23, 2022

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

Monday: Eph 4:32—5:8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday: Eph 5:21-33/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday: Eph 6:1-9/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14/Lk 13:22-30

Thursday: Eph 6:10-20/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Lk 13:31-35

Friday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 6:12-16

Saturday: Phil 1:18b-26/Ps 42:2, 3, 5cdef/Lk 14:1, 7-11

Next Sunday: Wis 11:22—12:2/Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13, 14/2 Thes 1:11—2:2/Lk 19:1-10

First Reconciliation



First Reconciliation Prep

There will be a First Reconciliation meeting on Tuesday, November 8, 2022, in the Cathedral basement from 6:30-8 PM. A parent must accompany your child to the meeting. If you have not already done so please bring a copy of your child's Baptismal Certificate with you. Please contact Chris Laria if you are unable to attend meeting so that make up work can be assigned.



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 16, 2022 \$ 12,118.04

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.



A NOTE OF GRATITUDE

Gratitude is extended to the Catholic War Veterans Post 1691 for donating \$500 to cover the costs of our Feeding the Hungry meal that was served on Sunday, October 9. Their generous service to our country and Church is deeply appreciated.

Gratitude is also extended to those who prepared and served the meal, especially our teenagers. A list will appear in next week's bulletin.

Stewardship Reflections

One of the wonderful aspects of stewardship spiritually is its balance approach to all areas of life. As stewards, aware of our total dependence on God for everything, we come to Him in awe and gratitude and with an awareness of the great dignity He has given us. The tax collector approached God recognizing who he truly was (a sinner) and asked simply for mercy, leaving all the rest up to God. This is how a good steward prays- with trust, with complete openness to God's will, with a listening mind and heart, and ready to serve as God leads.

Trustworthy stewards practice humility, giving glory to God for all the things great and small. The good steward knows that he needs God, and that God has chosen to need him in advancing the Kingdom. (Stewardship Reflections by Catholic Stewardship Consultants, 10/2019)



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*

Bereavement Gathering

Are you grieving the loss of a spouse, child, parent, sibling, grandparent...? No matter the loss our faith teaches us we will see them again, but for some they feel loss alone or are dealing with unanswered questions or doubt. Sometimes we need to know we are not one in our grief. Our group is comprised of parishioners from throughout the diocese who are also feeling some of the same feelings you may be dealing with.

Come be a part of the Bereavement gathering Oct. 25 at 6:30 in the convent building of St Michael the Archangel Parish in Hollidaysburg (House between the school and the church, next to Holy Trinity School.) All are welcome. Any questions call (912)713-5412

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There is a thing called "false piety." It is when we wear a religious disguise of devotion, attend to our obligations, and outwardly abide by rules while being inwardly unkind, uncharitable, and exclusive. Wearing the right clothes, saying the proper prayers, being in sacred places, and reading devotional books, those exhibiting false piety craftily try to control others using the pretense of love. The Pharisees, consistently criticized by Jesus, are prime examples. Thinking they are superior to others, they foolishly believe they are better positioned with God and more worthy of God's attention. Forming an exclusive "club," they divide things between "mine" and "yours" and "us" and "them." They quickly criticize and point out flaws and errors in rituals and thinking. Conformity becomes the first commandment and control is the game's name.

The requirements for "club membership" are clear: do what we do, think what we think, and believe what we believe. Attempting to control others using the lure of "status" or "salvation," they seduce others into thinking that conformity is the only way to holiness. Clinging to "my beliefs," "my parish," "my way of thinking," they fail to see the more significant relationship with God that is veiled in all of these superficial rules and practices. Shallow, hollow, and empty vessels, they gloss over the more important virtues of justice, mercy, faithfulness, and forgiveness. Sparkling clean on the outside, but dirty on the inside. Spiritual arrogance is a grave sin. It alienates and hurts the little ones, those considered "least" in the kingdom.

God knows no favorites. Everyone belongs regardless of whether you are an official, bona fide member. Sometimes membership may be a detriment to actually living the Gospel if you're joining the team for the wrong reasons. The genuinely humble ones may not appear to be overly "pious." They may not know all of the proper prayers or abide by all of the correct rituals, but they know that they are broken and need mercy. There is no shame in being broken. In fact, many things need to be broken in order to be what they truly are! There is a reason Jesus told us to pray in private. It's only between you and God. It is nobody else's business. ©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 complete a sign-up card that is available 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.



A Call for Volunteers With Christmas Spirit!

Our parish will be participating in the Sixteenth Annual Spirit of Christmas Parade scheduled for Thursday, December 1, in Downtown Altoona and we're looking for volunteers interested in being part of a spirited group that will be designing and constructing a float. The theme of this year's parade is "Christmas on the Silver Screen." We're fortunate in having the vehicle for the float and an indoor space in which to construct the float design. We need individuals with any general construction and artistic abilities, and those interested in coming together in Christian fellowship while representing our parish. It will be fun. If you're interested in being a part of the committee, please contact Dave Kimmel at: 814-207-1802 or at: cdavidkimmel@gmail.com. You may also call the parish office at 814-944-4603.

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

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. Bartchak, J.C.D., Bishop

Reverend Monsignor Stanley Carson, Administrator

Paula Clemens, Parish Secretary

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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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