

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 30, 2022

MASS INTENTIONS

October 31, Monday: Weekday

6:45AM+ Michael Allman, Birthday (Shamba Elijah)
12:00AM+ Jim Weaver (Mary Ann Donnelly)
Vigil: Solemnity of All Saints
5:30PM Pro Popolo/ For the People

November 1, Tuesday: Solemnity of All Saints

8:00AM+ Donald Godish (Friend)
12:00PM+ John Moloney /Joan Nedimyer,Birth. (Family)

November 2, Wednesday: The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed

6:45AM+ Souls in Purgatory (Anonymous)
12:00PM+ Deceased Dunio Family (Marie and Sharon
Yanchik)

November 3, Thursday

6:45AM+Dec. Members Schlect/ McCloskey Families
(Albert Schlect)
12:00PM+Miriam Jacobs (Marlene Sheets)

November 4, Friday: St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop

6:45AM+ Mary Snowberger (Rita Miedl)
12:00PM+ Souls in Purgatory (Anonymous)

November 5, Saturday: Weekday

8:00AM+Steve Cordova (Mike & Sherry Byrne)
12:00PM+Sandy Cuzzolina (Family)

Vigil : Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00PM+ Fred Drexler (Michael & Suzy Kuny)

November 6, Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM+ Christina Gibbons (Marshall / Gibbons Fam.)
10:00AM+ Orvita Knott (Regina Kutruff)
5:00PM Pro Popolo/ For the People

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



On Wednesday, November 2, which is All Souls Day, we are encouraged to express our love for the souls in purgatory by praying for them. We can do so by attending Mass, visiting a cemetery, while taking a walk, and in the privacy of our homes.

Readings for the week of October 30, 2022

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

Monday: Phil 2:1-4/Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3/Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a

Wednesday: Wis 4:7-14/Ps 25:6, and 7b, 17-18, 20-21/Rom 5:17-21/Mt 11:25-30

Thursday: Phil 3:3-8a/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 15:1-10

Friday: Phil 3:17—4:1/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 16:1-8

Saturday: Phil 4:10-19/Ps 112:1b-2, 5-6, 8a and 9/Lk 16:9-15

Next Sunday: 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14/Ps 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15 [15b]/2 Thes 2:16—3:5/ Lk 20:27-38 or 20:27, 34-3

Religious Education PK-11

No Class Sunday, October 30th.

First Reconciliation

Final meeting with parents and students Tuesday, November 8, 6:30 PM in the Cathedral Parish Hall. 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 23, 2022 \$ 6,216.99
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 Galio at (814)327-4841.



Since Tuesday, November 1, is the **Solemnity of All Saints** and a holy day of obligation, Mass will be celebrated on Monday, October 31, at 5:30 P.M. and on Tuesday, November 1, at 8:00 A.M. and Noon. There will also be a 6:00 P.M. Mass on Tuesday at Our Lady of Fatima Church.

The Church gathers to praise and thank God for all the saints, especially our own relatives and friends who are enjoying heavenly glory.

Stewardship Reflections

Stewardship calls us to a different outlook towards other. The virtue of hospitality is the outward expression of this way of seeing people as God sees them; with an open heart; not through a lens of suspicion, but the lens of hospitality. Our Lord's opening and welcoming attitude (His hospitality) transformed Zacchaeus instantly. "Behold half of my possessions, Lord, I shall give to the poor."

Let us Christian stewards resolve to practice radical hospitality towards everyone that we encounter this week. Let us pray that God will open our minds and soften our hearts to those around us so that we are ready to set aside our own plans for their sake, find the goodness within them, and call it forth as Jesus does for each one of us. (Stewardship Reflections by Catholic Stewardship Consultants, 10/2019)

Eucharistic Adoration

On Wednesday, November 2, Cathedral Parish will have Eucharistic Adoration from 12:30 P.M. until the end of Confessions. A sign-up sheet is located on the cross aisle table to mark your time for visitation before the Blessed Sacrament. It is essential that there be people in the Lord's presence during exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

Nocturnal Adoration

The next Nocturnal Adoration will take place at Holy Rosary, 900- North 4th Street, on Friday, November 4th, from 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. All are welcome to spend an hour or as long as you would like.



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: Peachy Medley, Linda Yaskow, Beth & Tom Moore, Paul Luke, Janet Hammond, Chris & Dave McCullough, Roberta Burns, Phyllis Baker, George Gluscic, Jean Koury, Donnie Rabine, Mike Kuny, Alivia Grove, Brandon Solnosky, Delaney Barr, Lucie Jones, Alec Jones, Butch Winkler, and Mary Ann Bell.

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Barry had a life sentence in prison for doing unthinkable crimes. He would often remark to the chaplain that he was an atheist and could not bring himself to believe in any "god." When the chaplain asked why, Barry quickly retorted that the book of Genesis speaks of God creating everything and feeling very good about it. God's creation of people and things is beautiful. Barry continued, "If there is a God who creates something and likes what He makes and that God is good, then how could He have created someone as evil as me?" The chaplain fell silent as tears welled up in his eyes. "God loves you too, Barry. The stuff that you did is another matter. God puts His image and likeness in each one of us, in our souls. How can God not love himself?" God cannot despise or hate anything or anyone. He made you. Life hurt you. He is always about unconditional love and mercy. Barry found a glimmer of hope that day and was touched by love.

Zacchaeus met love incarnate in Jesus. He knew there was something special about him, and he had to see Jesus for himself. Realizing and knowing God's unconditional, penetrating love is a game-changer. Sinners don't repulse Jesus, he wants to eat with them! We can often find ourselves conflicted about how God sees us. We want to believe that He loves us, but other tapes playing in our heads convince us that this cannot be true. We carry our sins around like heavy sacks weighing on our shoulders. We are crippled.

God's divine blessing lives in each of our souls. It is our essential goodness, a free gift given to us by God. The beginnings of salvation's blessings are discovered when we begin to understand who God is, who we are, and how we are to act relative to our brothers and sisters. We become more focused and courageous, eager to gather up all of the fragments of our lives and become whole. Zacchaeus, after meeting Jesus, finally knew who he was. He saw his sins and his potential for goodness as a blest child of God. When we allow God to meet us and touch us in such a profound way, we find what our selfishness has lost. We are on the road to salvation. ©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

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 poster board in the chapel of Our Mother of Sorrows displays the names of parishioners who have died since last November 2.

The chapel also contains a Book of Remembrance where you can write the names of your deceased loved ones.



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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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

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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

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