

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

November 20, 2022
MASS INTENTIONS

November 21, Monday: The Preservation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6:45AM+ Bernadine Farrell, Birthday (Family)
12:00AM+ Ann Rhodes (Cindy Lytle)

November 22, Tuesday: Saint Cecelia, Virgin and Martyr

6:45AM+Bev Woodring (Tom Byrne)
12:00PM+Dave Lysinger, Anniversary (Wife Mary)

November 23, Wednesday: Saint Clement, Saint Columban

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

November 24, Thanksgiving Day

9:00AM In Thanksgiving

November 25, Friday: Saint Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr

6:45AM+ Tim McCloskey (Albert Schlecht)
12:00PM+ Danyll Rougeux (Mom & Dad)

November 26, Saturday: Weekday

8:00AM+Dan & Marian Burns (M/M Dave Hanekamp)
12:00PM+Ted Will (Stan & Susan Galant)

Vigil : First Sunday of Advent

5:00PM+Mildred Brady, Birth. (M/M Joe Shellenberger)

November 27, First Sunday of Advent

8:00AM+Walter Beckel Jr. (Mike & Laurie Beckel)
10:00AM Special Intention Robert Thibault, Birthday,
(Dave & Jeanne Thompson)

5:00PM Pro Popolo/ For the People

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



You are encouraged to begin your Thanksgiving Day by attending our 9:00 A.M. Mass. If you are able, you are asked to be bring food items or a monetary gift and be a part of the offertory procession on that day.

Readings for the week of November 20, 2022

Sunday: 2 Sm 5:1-3/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5/Col 1:12-20/
Lk 23:35-43

Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 7-8, 9/Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 21:20-28

Friday: Rv 20:1-4, 11—21:2/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a/
Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Rv 22:1-7/Ps 95:1-2, 3-5, 6-7ab/Lk 21:34-36

Next Sunday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/
Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-4

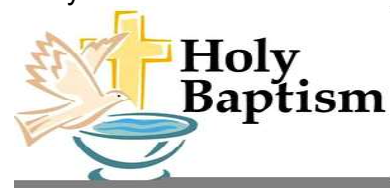


Daily Mass Schedule

Effective next week, the first week of Advent, the noon Mass will normally be our only daily Mass

from Monday through Saturday. There will not be a 6:45 A.M. or a 8:00 A.M. Mass. In addition to the Noon Mass on Saturday, there will still be a 5:00 P.M. Vigil Mass. Our Masses on Sunday will be at 8:00 AM, 10:00AM and 5:00PM

Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church will be at 11:30 A.M. on Sunday.



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.

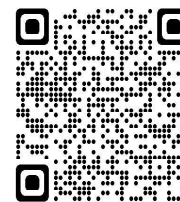
Godparents/sponsors are required to have completed the 16th year, be a Catholic who has been Confirmed and has already received the sacrament of the Most Holy Eucharist. They also need to be living a life in harmony with the faith and the role to be undertaken; for example, not being a practicing/participating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

OFFERTORY COLLECTION
Sunday, November 13, 2022 \$ 8,133.75
Thank you for your financial and spiritual support.



#IGIVECATHOLIC

Our parish, along with the rest of our diocese, will be participating in this year's #IGIVECATHOLIC campaign on Tuesday, November 29. Our goal is \$15,000 and we hope to replace the chairs and tables of our social hall. We are able to make our contributions online or by using an envelope that has been made available. We can even participate early beginning on Monday, November 14. To give online, go to: <https://aj.igivecatholic.org/organizations/cathedral-of-the-blessed-sacrament> or scan the code found below. Envelopes are available at our entrances.



Knights of Columbus Membership Drive Event

The Knights of Columbus Council 551, Altoona, welcomes new and current members to our membership drive event on Sunday, December 4, at 1:00PM. Food and a cash bar will be available as we watch the Pittsburgh Steelers play the Atlanta Falcons. The Knights of Columbus hall is located at 1508- 12th Avenue, Altoona. To register for this event, please email kofc551@gmail.com.



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.

Stewardship Reflections

"The grandeur of his kingdom is not power as defined in this world, but the love of God, a love capable of encountering and healing all things." (Popes Francis, Homily, November 20, 2016) Jesus comes to us without early glory but on a cross, crowned by thorns. It is in this moment of seeming weakness and humiliation, when all appears helpless and lost, that the full breadth of His greatness as king is displayed.

What does this mean for us as His followers and stewards of His kingdom? Precisely that our lives are not about us. Though all things were created through and for Him- Christ chooses to live entirely for others, for us! And, will advance His kingdom to the extent that we embrace this mindset: my life is not about me; it is about serving Christ and others. How can you honor God through stewardship? (Stewardship Reflections by Catholic Stewardship Consultants, 11/2019)



As of October 31, Cathedral Parish has reached 109.71% of this year's target of \$42,898 for the Catholic Ministries Drive. Pledges/gifts amounting to \$48,545 have been received from 146 contributors. Thank you very much for participating.

Thank You from the Christian Mothers

The Cathedral Christian Mothers would like to thank our parishioners and friends for their generosity. Their annual collection, which took place on November 5 and 6, assists those families in our parish and community during the upcoming holidays. A parishioner recently made a gift of \$1,000 which increased the total to over \$2,508.00 to help the less fortunate among us. Thank you so much for your support.

Pro-Life Christmas Cards

Citizens Concerned for Human Life, Blair County Chapter, is offering Christmas cards sale. Two beautiful designs are being offered, one entitled "Holy Family with the Infant Jesus". The other card is entitled "Peace on Earth," and illustrates the Nativity scene in silhouette against a nighttime Bethlehem backdrop. Packages of 11 cards are available for \$8.00. Your purchase helps support the pro-life work of CCHL in Blair County. To order, call Pat at 814-946-0681.

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It's not unreasonable to think that if God wanted to make a statement he could do so in a very dramatic way. After all, he spoke through a burning bush that didn't actually burn, parted the Red Sea, sent manna to the Israelites from the sky, cured lepers, healed the sick and cast out demons. All of that is pretty dramatic stuff, and they made statements! Now, Jesus hangs dying on a cross. He has been referred to as a king. Considering all of the miracles Jesus did in his short time on earth, isn't one more in order? If Jesus came down off of the cross, defied death, and parted the waters of suffering and death, onlookers, believers and unbelievers alike, would take notice. It would prove who God is and show us what God wants us to do. Or would it?

Great spiritual masters remind us not to focus on miracles or consolations received from God. They can distract us. Doing anything other than what Jesus did would distract humanity as well, misplacing our focus. It's not about a miracle, at least not the dramatic kind people are eager to see. It's about something more profound. It all goes back to where it began for the earthly Jesus. God becomes one with humanity in Jesus Christ. All that goes into being human is holy and blessed, and that becomes a place where God is born, again and again. God, through Jesus, tells us to hold firm to all of the experiences of being human, the joys and the wonders, the disappointments and the failures.

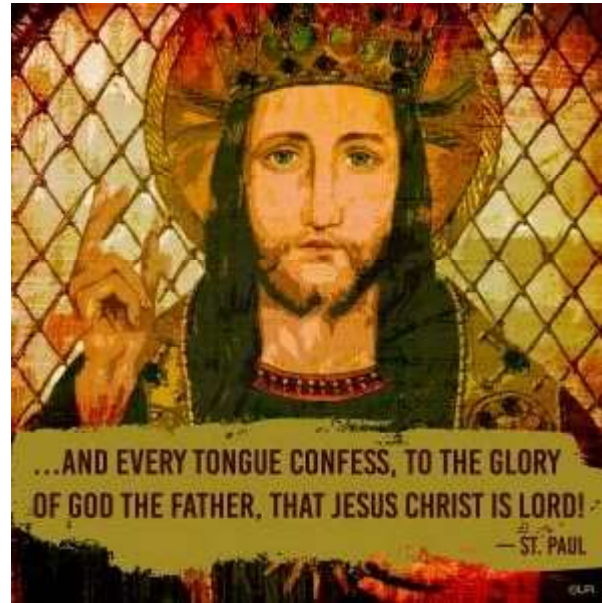
God's lesson is found in Jesus' vulnerability. It is only when we are vulnerable that we learn how to love. When Jesus breathed his last, God's unconditional and tender love was realized. Jesus always had a soft spot for the weak, lost, vulnerable, and broken. God wants us to come to Him freely, not because we have witnessed some fantastic display of prowess. God desires that we find Him through who we are, as our hearts and souls direct. This will mean that our love is authentic as it will be born of the heartache, pain, and turmoil that are a part of life. The fragments of our lives need to be made whole. Our fragmented king, Jesus Christ, is the only one who can help put the pieces together. ©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.**

An Advent Recollection

The Sister of Saint Ann announce Saturday, December 3, 2022 at St. Ann Retreat Center, 1120-North Center Street, Ebensburg. Time is 9:00AM till 4:00PM, Spiritual Director, Rev. Mark Pattock, OFM cap. Donation \$40.00 (including lunch. For more information and Reservations call: Sisters of St. Ann: 814-472-9354. All are welcome!



**CHRISTMAS
Parade**

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. So far, over 15 parishioners have volunteered to help, if you're interested in joining them and sharing your talents and time with 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. It will be fun.

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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.

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

DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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

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Leslie C. Thayer, MM, CAGO

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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

Web: www.bishopguilfoyle.org - 814-944-4014

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