

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

January 8, 2023

MASS INTENTIONS

January 8, The Epiphany of the Lord

8:00AM+ Bernie Joyce (Family)
10:00AM+ Carrie Kibler Detwiler (Mom & Dad)
5:00 PM Pro Popolo/ For the People

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

January 9, Monday: The Baptism of the Lord

12:00AM+ Patty Wiedemer, Anniversary (Family)

January 10, Tuesday: Weekday in Ordinary Time

12:00PM Special Intention Pete & Sally Colledge (Family)

January 11, Wednesday: Weekday

12:00PM+ Joe Jaroneski Jr. (Eileen Edwards)
5:30PM+ Repose of the Soul of Pope Benedict

January 12, Thursday: Weekday

12:00PM+ Donna Musto Saloney (Joan Lozinak)

January 13, Friday: Saint Hillary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

12:00PM+ Alice Winkler (Family)

January 14, Saturday: Weekday

12:00PM+ Sandy Cuzzolina (Family)

Vigil: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00PM+ Patrick Duffy (Ginger Cooney)

January 15, Sunday: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM+ Geraldine Petrunak, Birthday (Family)
10:00AM+ Michael and John Drass (Eileen Hmel)
5:00PM Pro Popolo/ For the People



Church Cleaning

The cleaning crew will be meeting Wednesday, January 11th at 9:00 AM. They normally meet on the second Wednesday of the month. If there is a funeral, they will meet on Thursday.

Readings for the week of January 8, 2023

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Monday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 (11b)/Mt 3:13-17

Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 1:21-28 or Heb 1:1-6 and 2:5-12/ Mk 1:14-20 and 1:21-28

Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9// Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11/Mk 1:40-45

Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8/Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-3

Religious Education PK-8

We will be admitting and dismissing all students from the lower alley door. Drop offs can still be done in our upper lot on 14th Street if the lot is clear and not icy, but **ALL** students will exit thru the alley door.

We have been asked not to block the alley during pick up time.

Snow cancellations will be sent to you thru emails from the teachers on Flocknotes.com. before 8:00AM.

Additional Christmas Flowers

Charles and Catherine Nelson, Bearer and Kirkpatrick Families, Peter and Barbara Rossi, The Martino Family and The Gioiosa Family

March for Life Fundraiser at Masses

CCHL of Blair County is holding a fundraiser with Precious Feet or Pro-Life Ribbons on Sunday, January 15th, to help with expenses for the March for Life on January 20th. We avoided fund raising for the past two years due to Covid even though we continued our activities including going to the March although on a smaller scale. This year we are planning on taking two buses and keeping our charges to the \$10.00 for students and \$15.00 for adults. Thank You. Tom Forr



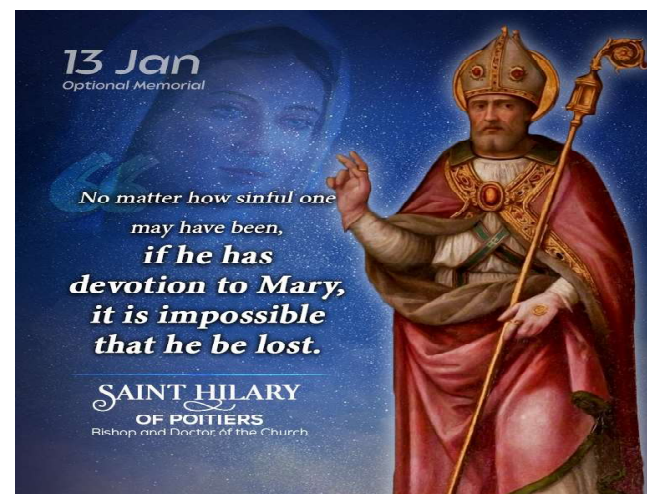
OFFERTORY COLLECTION
Sunday, January 1, 2023 \$7,745.53
Thank you for your financial and spiritual support.



Help will be needed to take down our Christmas decorations following the noon Mass on Monday, January 9. Poinsettias will be available to take home at that time and on Tuesday, January 10. The cathedral will be open until 4:00 P.M.



Bishop Mark L. Bartchak will celebrate a Mass for the Repose of the Soul of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI on Wednesday, January 11, at 5:30 P.M. You are invited to join him as the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown remembers the gentle stewardship of Pope Benedict and prays that he will enter the joy of our heavenly Father's house.



Stewardship Reflections

Today we observe the great feast of The Epiphany of the Lord. The Greek word "epiphany" means manifestation or appearance. The awareness of God's manifestation in the lives of the magi filled them with gratitude and the desire to both worship God and share their gifts with others. The magi were so full of awe when they encountered the newborn Jesus, they prostrated themselves before him and "opened their treasures and offered him gifts." Like the magi who traveled afar, our overriding priority should be to honor the long-awaited King.

A stewardship journey will involve twists and turns. But, God will protect and guide us, and with cooperation with His plan, He can accomplish great things through us. Christian stewards live in grateful response to God's countless appearances in their lives. They generously share their material gifts as a loving act of worship to an extravagantly loving God. Let us rejoice in God's presence in our lives and be watchful for the new ways He is calling us to share ourselves and our gifts of gratitude to our King. Let us make God our first priority. (Stewardship Reflection, Catholic Stewardship Consultants, Inc. 2022/12/6))



ECHOES OF A POLISH CHRISTMAS

All Saints Parish in Boswell is hosting their annual singing on Polish Christmas Carols known as Kolendy) this Sunday, January 8, at 2:00 P.M. in Boswell (325 Quemahoning Street). Following the singing of the hymns by the parish's Polish choir, there will be Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament as well as refreshments.

PITTSBURGH PIRATES GREAT NEIL WALKER

Pittsburgh Pirates great Neil Walker will be visiting Holy Name Parish in Ebensburg on Saturday, February 4, 2023, from Noon until 2:00 P.M. He will be giving a talk about his Catholic Faith and will be available to meet and greet. There is no registration or tickets to be purchased. No cost to attend, though donations will be accepted to support Holy Name School. All are welcome to attend.

January 8, 2023

A friend of mine is a young priest who teaches high school physics at a Catholic boys' prep school. Like many today, the boys often think science and religion are enemies. So, he delights in their raised eyebrows when he reminds them his first full-time job as a priest was to be an astrophysicist. He cataloged the size, shape, and matter of distant stars. He tells them, "Science gave me more love for God, not less."

The Magi were something like scientist-astronomers. Like today's scientists, they employed disciplined methods of discovering dependable patterns in the world. Their rigorous commitment to the truth led them to the joy of discovering Jesus. Their love for knowledge leads them to worship the Source of all knowledge. Luke says of them, "They were overjoyed at seeing the star."

We may see the universe as cold and empty and feel sad. But why should we do that? The Magi, like my priest-friend, show us there is another way to experience the world. We use our intelligence to discover the beautiful patterns in the world — in mathematics, physics, astronomy, biology, neuroscience, and so on — and allow this to lead us to greater love for God. So, my fellow Magi: the world needs us to be overjoyed at finding God in science and, finally and fully, in Jesus.

— Father John Muir

©LPi



Msgr. Carson has a list of homebound parishioners he normally visits during the first week of the month with Holy Communion. If you would like to be added to the list, please call rectory. The parishioner is called in advance of the visit to arrange an appropriate time, generally on the first Thursday or Friday of the month.

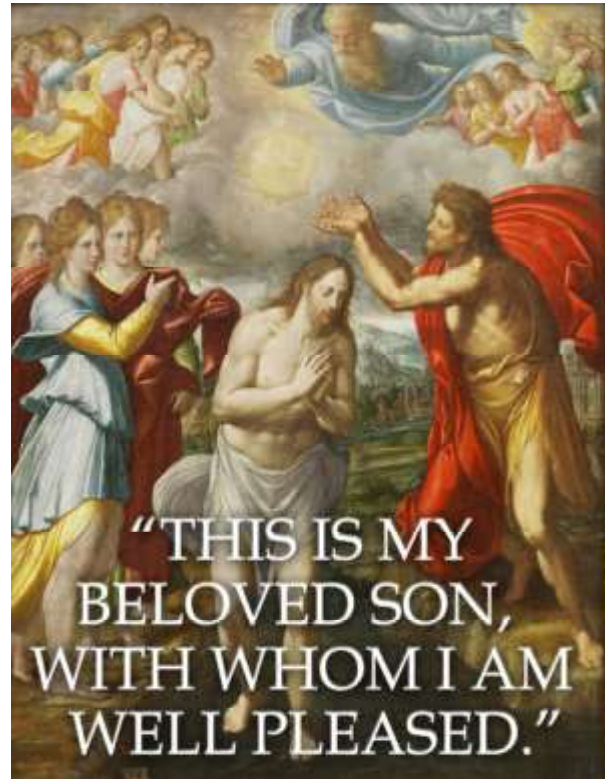


**OUR 2023 CALENDAR OF CASH
LOTTERY TICKETS ARE NOW
AVAILABLE IN THE OFFICE DURING
THE WEEK AND FOLLOWING
MASSES ON WEEKENDS. THE COST
IS \$20.00.**

**LIVE FROM THE
CATHEDRAL OF THE
BLESSED SACRAMENT
10:00 AM SUNDAY MASS
on radio WFBG 1290 AM
2023**

Please support the following sponsors of the weekly broadcast of our Sunday Mass. We are extremely grateful for their generous assistance.

***The Altoona Curve Baseball Club
Allegheny Glass & Mirror
An Anonymous Sponsor
Bettwy Electric, Inc.
Garvey Manor &
Our Lady of the Alleghenies Residence
Irwin Financial/Raymond James
Jones Funeral Home
Stanley J. Krish Funeral Home
McCloskey Builders
Quality Services
Riley Plumbing & Heating
Warner's Florist, Gifts, Greenhouses
Young, Oakes, Brown & Company***



After the Feast of Our Lord's Baptism on Monday, January 9, week 1 of Ordinary Time begins on Tuesday.

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.

WEB: WWW.ALTOONACATHEDRAL.ORG

FAX: 814-942-4337

E-MAIL: ALTCATHEDRAL@DIOCESEAJ.ORG

<https://www.facebook.com/cathedralofaltoona>

Sunday: 5:00 PM (Vigil)
8:00 AM
10:00 AM
5:00 PM

Weekday: 12:00 Noon
Saturday: 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

Religious Education Office: Sundays - 814-943-7424

E-mail: claraia@dioceseaj.org

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRY

Leslie C. Thayer, MM, CAGO

Music Ministry Office - 814-944-2044

E-mail: lthayer@dioceseaj.org

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

SERVING THE PEOPLE OF GOD IN THE CITY OF ALTOONA SINCE 1851