

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 22, 2023

MASS INTENTIONS

January 22, Sunday: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM+Joe Jaronieski Jr. (John Moran)
10:00AM+Barbara Noel, Birthday (Michelle, Sherry, and Connie)

5:00PM Pro Popolo/ For the People

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

January 23, Monday: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

12:00AM+ Bev Woodring, Birthday (Tom Byrne)

January 24, Tuesday: Saint Francis DeSales, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

12:00PM+ Harry Smith, Birthday (Mary Lysinger)

January 25, Wednesday: The Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle

12:00PM+ Mike Ratzesberger, Birthday (Family)

January 26, Thursday: Saint Timothy and Saint Titus, Bishops

12:00PM+ Patrick Duffy (Helen Tomassetti)

January 27, Friday: Saint Angela Merici, Virgin

12:00PM+ Tom Boslet, Birthday (Family)

January 28, Saturday: Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor of the Church

12:00PM+ Brian McCaulley, Anniversary (Family)

Vigil: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00PM+ Barbara Dively & Robert Burkey (Family)

January 29, Sunday: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM+Robert Beck (Mary Ann Bell)
10:00AM+Eleanor Fischer (Mary Kowalski)

5:00PM Pro Popolo/ For the People

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



Additional Christmas Flowers

Shaffer and Hollingshead

Readings for the week of January 22, 2023

Sunday: Is 8:23—9:3/Ps 27:1,4, 13-14 (1a)/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

Monday: Heb 9:15, 24-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday: Heb 10:1-10/Ps 40:2 and 4ab, 708a, 10, 11/Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Mk 16:1

Thursday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Tit 1:1-5/12/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/Mk 4:21-25

Friday: Heb 10:32-39/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40/Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/Mk 4:35-41

Next Sunday: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 (Matthew 5:3)/1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12

Religious Education PK-8

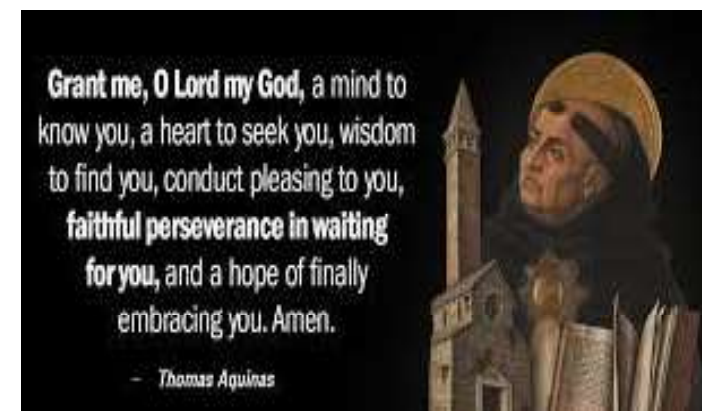


First Communion Prep Meeting

The first Parent/Student Session will be on Tuesday, February 7, 2023. Meetings and sessions will be held in the Cathedral basement from 6:30-8:00 PM. A parent must accompany your child to the meetings. Please contact Chris Laraia if unable to attend a meeting so that make up work can be assigned.

March for Life Fundraiser Thank-You

Thank you to everyone who had given to the March for Life last weekend after all the Masses. We would like to report that we had collected \$754.24.



OFFERTORY COLLECTION
Sunday, January 15, 2023 \$9,224.30
Thank you for your financial and spiritual support.



Cathedral parish's Finance Council will meet on Tuesday, January 24, at 4:00 P.M.

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.

Knights of Columbus Mid Winter Concert

Knights of Columbus Council #551 will host a Winter Concert Winter Blues Concert featuring the Mannish Boys on Saturday, February 18th at 1508- 12th Avenue, Altoona. Doors open at 6:00 P.M. with music from 7:00 to 9:00 P.M. The tickets are \$25.00 per person includes food, beverages and music. The Mannish Boys is a five-piece, blues-based rock band with locally reunited members John McKelvey, Mark Panek, Mark Ruston, and Steve and Kevin Mitchell. Advance sales only. No walk-ins. Call 814-942-6262 or 814-280-7661.

thank you

Gratitude is extended to those who participated in our winter coat drive and to Rick Lytle who will be taking the coats to the St. Vincent dePaul Society.

Stewardship Reflections

We are reminded through the Gospel of Matthew that by virtue of our Baptism, we, who were once in the darkness of original sin, have been reborn into great light that is God's grace in us. We are cherished members of God's family. What a privilege! Yet, with this privilege comes the responsibility to actually live for God and to bring His Good News to all those we meet; in other words, to live as His good stewards.

There is a certain urgency that comes with this call. The very first disciples give us examples of a good steward's prompt "yes" when the Lord called to them. Our Lord invites them to "Come after me and I will make you fishers of men." They did not hesitate but "at once they left their nets and followed him." This is the essence of a stewardship way of life. We must always be ready for the ways that our Lord is calling us to bring His light to others. Its more than something we do, it's who we are. (Stewardship Reflection, Catholic Stewardship Consultants, Inc. 2022/12/21)

Class on Southern Italian Folk Customs

All Saints Parish in Boswell (Somerset County) will offer a one session class on Southern Italian folk customs on Monday, February 6th at 7:00 PM in their parish hall at 325- Quemahoning Street, Boswell, Pa. The presenter will be Melissa Marinaro, curator of the Italian American Program at the Heinz History Center in Pittsburgh. The presentation will cover topics such as crafts, food, and Agricultural practices and will showcase many objects from the history center that speak to the customs and traditions of southern Italians in Western Pennsylvania. The class is free but those interested are asked to please register by calling the parish office at 814-629-5551. All are welcome.

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

On January 22, 1973, the Supreme Court legalized abortion throughout the United States. Since that time, millions of children have lost their lives, and millions of women and families have been wounded by abortion.

On June 24, 2022, the Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade. However, right now state and federal laws, in many instances, are still hostile to pre-born children. So, great prayer and advocacy are still needed.

In the United States, all dioceses are to observe a day of prayer and penance on January 22 (or January 23, when January 22 falls on a Sunday). This year, Monday, January 23, is the annual Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children.

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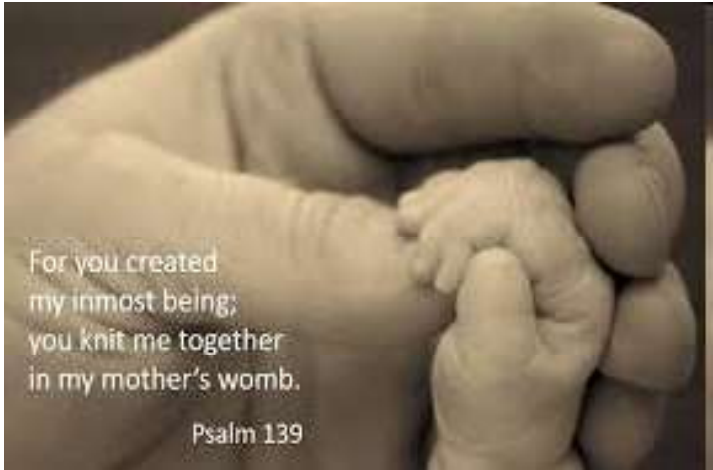
When I was a young seminarian, I asked a wise old priest how to pray better. He said simply, “Don’t lie when you pray.” He helped me to see how much energy I waste in trying to appear acceptable to God when I pray. For me, prayer was showing off for God and hiding what was ugly.

It’s stunning that the Gospel of Matthew tells us of Jesus, “He left Nazareth and went to live in Capernaum by the sea, in the region of Zebulon and Naphtali...” This isn’t just the Lord’s relocation up north. It’s his moving into places of shame and defeat. This region was where the enemy invasion of Israel began centuries before. Jesus left the comfortable confines of Nazareth and sought out a place of darkness, not to bring shame, but to announce the dawning of his light.

When we pray, we usually prefer Jesus to stay put in our little Nazareths — where we feel comfortable, successful, and in control. But he moves. He re-locates into the Zebulons and Naphtalis of our shame, embarrassment, fear, and sense of being defeated. The question for us is: will we allow him to take up residence in those places in our prayer time? Will we talk to him honestly about our places of darkness? If we do, we’re no longer lying when we pray. ©LPi



According to the final report of the 2022 Catholic Ministries Drive, cathedral parish received \$50,551 in gifts, which was \$7,483 over our \$42,898 goal. Thank you very much to all who supported the drive with their financial support and prayer.



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10:00 AM SUNDAY MASS
on radio WFBG 1290 AM
2023

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The Blair County Garden Club is hosting a bus trip to the Philadelphia Flower Show on Wednesday, March 8. The bus leaves Lowe’s at 8:30 A.M. (park along the highway side of the lot.) You will leave from the Flower Show at 6:00 P.M. with an approximate return time of 10:30 P.M. There will be no dinner stops either way. If bringing food, no chocolate or orange cracker snacks. Drinks must have a sealed lid. The cost of \$100 includes the bus trip, show ticket, and tip for driver. Make checks payable to: Blair Garden Club. Contact Emma Kowalski at 814-932-0375 or 814-942-0202 or at Emma Kowalski, 1722 32nd Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601

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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

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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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

Weekday: 12:00 Noon

Saturday: 12:00 Noon

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