

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 12, 2023

MASS INTENTIONS

February 12, Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM+ John Kasun Jr (The Vogel Family)
10:00AM+ John & Lillian Drass (Jo Ann Poplin)
5:00PM Pro Popolo/ For the People

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

February 13, Monday: Weekday

12:00AM+ Joe Jaronieski Jr. (Bob & Donna Pike)

February 14, Tuesday: Saints Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop

12:00PM+ Vera Hauck (Children)

February 15, Wednesday: Weekday

12:00PM+ Lavelle Family (Phyllis Lavelle Sheetz)

February 16, Thursday: Weekday

12:00PM+ Teresa Cooper McCaulley (McNelis All Stars)

February 17, Friday: The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

12:00PM+ Patty Dugan (Cathy Rougeux)

February 18, Saturday: Weekday

12:00PM+ Charlie Moore (Tom & Beth Moore)

Vigil: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00PM+ Barbara Noel (John Vincent and Family)

February 19, Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM+Peggy Joyce (Family)
10:00AM+Rita Beck (Tim & Ann Marie Longwill)
5:00PM Pro Popolo/ For the People

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Contribution Reports

Contribution reports for income tax purposes may be obtained by calling Paula at the Parish Office: 944-4603.

Ash Wednesday

Masses at the Cathedral on Ash Wednesday, February 22, will be at 8:00 A.M. 12:00 P.M. (Bishop), and 5:30 P.M. There will be a prayer service at Our Lady of Fatima Church at 3:00 P.M.

Readings for the week of February 12, 2023

Sunday: Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34 (1b)/1 Cor 2:6-10/ Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21/Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a and 2, 3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10/Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mk 8:22-26

Thursday: Gn 9:1-13/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23/Mk 8:27-33

Friday: Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15/Mk 8:34—9:1

Saturday: Heb 11:1-7/Ps 145: 2-3, 4-5, 10-11/Mk 9:2-13

Next Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 (8a)/1 Cor 3:16-23/Mt 5:38-4



Our parish's Parish Council will be meeting next Tuesday, February 21, at 6:30 P.M.



Our parish's Annual Lenten Fish Fry Lunch will begin on Ash Wednesday and continue on the Fridays of Lent, except Good Friday. The drive-thru lunches will be available from 11:00 A.M. until 1:30 P.M. The cost is \$10.00 for a large fish sandwich, mac & cheese, and cole slaw. For ten or more lunch purchases, delivery is available but you need to call ahead at 814-944-4603.

Take out and cash only.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION
Sunday, February 5, 2023 \$ 8,956.36
Thank you for your financial and spiritual support.

Church Budget Envelope and Mailing Company

Some of you may be aware of delays in the offering envelope mailings over the past couple months. Due to supply chain and the inability to add employees at the rate necessary has created a slow draw on production and shipping. Recently, both of those issues have been solved. However, the "catchup" would jeopardize long term delivery.

In order to get back to expected levels of timely deliveries, we are forced to suspend the production of your February envelopes. The offering envelopes will resume first Sunday in March.

If you do not have an envelope for Sunday's, put in a regular envelope and please write your name on the envelope.



Bus Trip to Padre Pio Shrine

The Mount Carmel Church Altar & Rosary Society is sponsoring a Bus Trip to Padre Pio Shrine in Barto, PA, on Saturday, May 20, 2023. The bus will depart from Mount Carmel Parking lot at 7:00AM. We will have lunch, on your own, in Allentown and Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Carl at the Shrine. You will have time to visit the Shrine. We will depart from the Shrine at 4:30PM. There will be a dinner stop, on your own, on the way home. The cost of the trip is \$55.00. To make reservations, please call the Parish Office (814)942-8501

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.

Stewardship Reflections

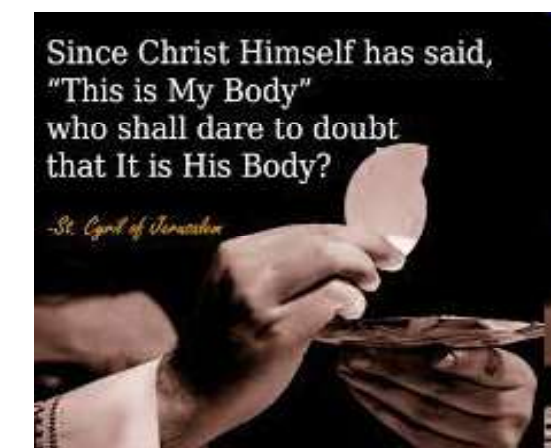
Stewardship is our response to God with our time, talent, and money; because of our relationship with him that already exists through his Son, Jesus Christ. Christian stewards strive to be people of our integrity. They practice their God-given gift of free will to choose right over wrong, good or evil. Great joy will be ours if we do choose to commit to God by the way we live our lives. The concept of stewardship helps us to live our fundamental choice to put God first.

Stewardship is not meant to be a mere external exercise. It means seeing everything as a gift from Him. In the week ahead let us examine the state of our hearts to ask ourselves if we have chosen to allow stewardship to become a way of life for us. Only then we will experience its true depth and heart-changing possibilities. The choice is ours. (Stewardship Reflection, Catholic Stewardship Consultants, Inc. 2020/1/14)



Pysanky Egg Decorating

Queen of Angels Parish in Central City will be offering a class on pysanky egg decorating on Monday, February 27th in the parish activity center in Central City (738- Sunshine Avenue) beginning at 6:30 PM. Using, the traditional process of wax-resist dyeing, participants will each make an egg of their own. The class is free but is limited to twenty-five adults student. A great way to create something beautiful and traditional for Easter, please call the Central City parish office (814-754-5224) by February 14th.



February 12, 2023

It's often said that the Catholic Church lays heavy rules on her members, rules that can almost seem impossible. Mass every Sunday? No lying ever? Sexual purity all the time? I recently said to some non-Catholic friends that more than fifty adults were baptized at my parish at the Easter Vigil. One responded spontaneously with shock, "Why would anyone do that?" In other words, why would someone willingly place themselves in a system with such demanding and rigorous rules?

Of course, no one in the history of religions is more demanding and rigorous than Jesus himself. In the Sermon on the Mount, he says you have to be holier than pharisees or you're out. He says if you call someone a fool, you go to fiery Gehenna. He says you can't even look at a woman with lust or you're guilty of adultery (which was punishable by death). To top it all off, he says you can't even get divorced and re-married. Doesn't he know these are basically impossible demands? What world is he living in?

The new one, actually. He is the new world. Jesus' words aren't meant to condemn. They are meant to signal something new, a restored humanity. Jesus doesn't just give external laws; he gives us his Holy Spirit to internalize the law through love. He wants to fill us with his love. That's what the Church exists to do. Love demands extraordinary things. The "demands" of the Church only make sense because she is filled with Jesus' love. That wildly demanding love is why we are Catholic. ©LPi

Father John Muir

2022
FORWARD
IN FAITH

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.

Faith. Academics. Service.
Catholic Schools

For the 2022-2023 academic year, Cathedral parish will contribute \$85,693 towards the Catholic education of children attending Holy Trinity Catholic School.

LIVE FROM THE
**CATHEDRAL OF THE
BLESSED SACRAMENT**
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

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

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