

## SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

March 5, 2023

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### March 5, Second Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM +Robert Beck and Frances Pagliaro (Family)  
10:00AM+Michael McElheny (Brian and Sherry Himes)  
5:00PM Pro Popolo/For the People

**Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church is at 11:30 AM.**

#### March 6, Monday Lenten Weekday

12:00PM Special Intention, Joan and Bob, 60th Anniversary (Ann and Family)

#### March 7, Tuesday Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs

12:00PM +Peter Rossi (Anne Musser)

#### March 8, Wednesday Saint John of God, Religious

12:00PM +Mary Ann Behe Eger (Sister Peg)

#### March 9, Thursday Saint Francis of Rome, Religious

12:00PM+Judy Roccasano (Dave & Maureen Hanekamp)

#### March 10, Friday Lenten Weekday

12:00 PM +Alfred Rutolo, Anniversary (Family)

#### March 11, Saturday Lenten Weekday

12:00 PM +Joseph Anthony Moffa, Anniversary (Estate)

#### Vigil: Third Sunday of Lent

5:00 PM+Jim Weaver (Family)

#### March 12, Third Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM +Charlie Moore (Carmie Maniglia & Rose Nasralla)  
10:00 AM +Gail Sloan, Birthday (Friends)  
5:00 PM Pro Popolo/For the People

**Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church is at 11:30 AM.**



#### Contribution Reports

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

#### Readings for the week of March 5, 2023

**Sunday:** Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 (22)/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9

**Monday:** Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Lk 6:36-38

**Tuesday:** Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 23:1-12

**Wednesday:** Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16/Mt 20:17-28

**Thursday:** Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31

**Friday:** Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

**Saturday:** Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

**Next Sunday:** Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-4

#### First Communion Parent/Student Meeting

There will be a Parent and Student session held on Tuesday, March 7th, 2023 from 6:30-8:00 PM, in the Cathedral basement. A parent must accompany your child.

#### Basket Bingo Meeting

We will be having a Basket Bingo meeting on Thursday, March 9th at 6:00 PM here at the Cathedral Parish Center. All are welcome! We are holding our Basket Bingo on Sunday, September, 24th, 2023 at Father Kelly Hall, 5th Street and 25th Avenue.

#### Annual Novena

The 58th Annual Novena in HONOR OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS will be held from Monday, March 20 to Tuesday, March 28, 2023, at Sacred Heart Church (6th Avenue and 20th Street, Altoona, PA). Solemn Opening Mass will be celebrated on Monday, March 20, at 7:00 PM, by Bishop Mark L. Bartchak as the Celebrant and Homilist. A complete schedule will be available on the first night of the novena in the church.



Our parish's Annual Lenten Fish Fry Lunch is 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 26, 2023 \$ 6,748.06  
Thank you for your financial and spiritual support.

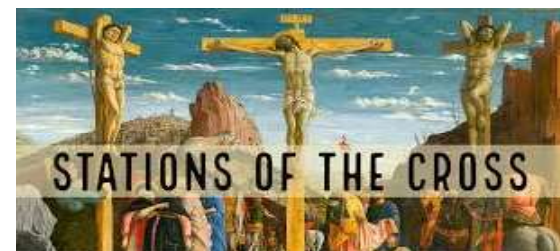
#### Stewardship Reflections

Christian stewards are offered the motivation to continue their 40-day journey toward deeper holiness on the Second Sunday of Lent. Abraham recognizes that all he has is a gift from God, puts his trust in God, and obeys. And God rewards him saying "I will make your name great, so that you will be a blessing." To "be a blessing is the true aim of a stewardship way of life. In the Transfiguration of Jesus, the apostles who witnessed the true glory of God were awestruck as God spoke, "Listen to Him." The Lord reassured them saying, "Rise and do not be afraid."

Let us take these two verses, "Listen to him," and "Rise, and do not be afraid" to heart. Let us rely on God's strength to aid us in our spiritual disciplines and extra acts of service as we move through Lent. We will arrive at Easter with deeper holiness, as a blessing to God and others.



Good Friday is a day of fast and abstinence. All Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence. Abstinence refers to not eating meat at all on those days. Persons 14 years of age and older are to abstain. Fasting refers to one full meal, with two small meals, no eating between meals. People who have reached their 18th birthday and up to their 59th are obligated to fast. In addition to these obligations, additional forms of fast and abstinence may be observed.



**Stations of the Cross will be prayed during Lent on Fridays at 5:30 P.M.**



You are encouraged to pray sung evening prayer before the Blessed Sacrament on the Sundays of Lent at 6:30 P.M. Vespers will be concluded with Benediction.



Thanks to the generosity of a benefactor, an Automated External Defibrillator has been donated to the cathedral. Persons interested in being trained to use the AED and in CPR are asked to call the rectory office. The parish will pay for the training.

#### Christian Mothers Meeting

All women of the Cathedral parish are invited to the next Christian Mothers meeting on Wednesday, March 15, 2023 in the Seton Suite at 6:30pm. Please come join us as we re-organize and set activities for the coming year. All suggestions and ideas are welcome. If you have any questions call Carol Galioto at 814-946-3769.

#### Life in the Spirit

Holy Spirit Ministry will be hosting a diocesan-wide Life in the Spirit Seminar on Saturday, March 25, at St. Mary's Church, Hollidaysburg. The retreat, which focuses on the power and presence of the Holy Spirit, will include dynamic teachings and testimonies by Fr. Natan Malavolti TOR, Fr. Alan Thomas, Andre McCarville, Fr. Brad Baldwin TOR, and others. It will also include praise and worship, small group faith sharing and more. Lunch and dinner provided. To register call 814-931-0192. Registration deadline is March 15. Suggested donation \$25.00.



**March 5, 2023**

As a kid I remember looking at my sister and thinking, "No man is ever going to marry her. She is way too...my sister!" I couldn't see her as anything except my goofy, emotional, cooties-laden sister. Years later, on her wedding day, I remember seeing how her husband looked at her, he was totally in love with her, his watery eyes full of overwhelmed joy, drinking in her beauty and grace. He was the one who actually saw her. Blinded by familiarity, I had not been able to see her until now. She was glorious. I finally saw how beautiful my sister really was.

Jesus is transfigured before Peter, James, and John. His face shone like the sun and his clothes dazzle with heavenly light. If it's a miracle, it is so related to the apostles' perception of the glory of Jesus. The physical spectacle reveals how the Father perceives the Son, so to speak: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well-pleased; listen to him." The Son is always bathed in the Father's love. It's only just now that they finally perceive it.

Who could possibly give his or her heart totally to Jesus? If we perceive him to be just another teacher, symbol, or moral example, we can't. But if the Holy Spirit gives us eyes to see that he is the Beloved Son of God, who makes our humanity not just pleasing to God but filled with glory, then who can resist him? Perhaps only the lovers are the ones who properly see.

Father John Muir

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### **Men's Turkey Dinner**

The Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel in Loretto will be holding their Annual Men's Turkey Dinner, on Sunday, March 12th as a drive-thru and take out dinner. From 11:00 AM till sold out. Turkey dinner with all the trimmings cost is \$14.00. Hope you enjoy and thanks for the support!



**From Monday to Friday from 7:45 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. you are asked not to park in the spaces reserved for Catholic Charities. Those spaces are needed for staff and clients.**



The 2023 Catholic Ministries Drive target for the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament is \$42,000. The target is calculated as 10% of our regular offertory averaged over the previous three years (2020-2022). Dollars raised over our goal will be returned to the parish.

The 2023 Catholic Ministries Drive campaign---TOGETHER WE SERVE---supports 14 ministries which people in our Diocese are accompanied on their faith journey. There are so many gifted and generous laypersons who share their time and talent to support our Catholic ministries. Without their help and our help, we could not fulfill our mission. This year, more so than others, our world, our nation, our communities, our parishes, and our families need tangible expressions of hope.

Please reflect on Bishop Mark's invitation to participate and return your pledge card either through the mail or in next weekend's offertory.



**200 new chairs have been purchased for our hall.**

If any parishioners want to clean and paint some old metal chairs for use at home, garage, or camp, they will be available in the hall on Saturday, March 18, from 8:00 A.M. to Noon. Go to the alley entrance. You're invited to donate a dollar for each old chair.

# **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.

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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**

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### **HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

Web: [www.holytrinitycatholic.school](http://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

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