

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 21, 2023

MASS INTENTIONS

May 21, Seventh Sunday of Easter

8:00AM+John Hallinan (Family)
10:00AM+Mike Kling (Family)
5:00PM Pro Popolo/For the People

Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church 11:30 AM

May 22, Monday, Saint Rita of Cascia, Religious

12:00PM+Tom Plunket, Birth. (Bob & Cathy Chirdon)

May 23, Tuesday, Easter Weekday

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

6:00PM Holy Trinity Catholic School Graduation

May 24, Wednesday, Easter Weekday

12:00PM+Gauge Eckenrode, Ann. (Vanessa Harvey)

May 25, Thursday, St. Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor of the Church, St. Gregory VII Pope; Saint Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi, Virgin

12:00PM+Don & Anita Hanekamp(M/M Dave Hanekamp)

May 26, Friday, Saint Philip Neri, Priest

12:00PM+Charles Yanchik, Anniversary (Family)

May 27, Saturday, Saint Augustine of Canterbury

10:00AM Priesthood Ordination
12:00PM+Mary Alice Plummer (Dr. Joseph & Rebecca Clark Family)

Vigil: Pentecost Sunday

5:00PM+Ron Sheehan, Ann. (Wife Jean)

May 28, Pentecost Sunday

8:00AM+Sandy Cuomo (Bear & Patty McCloskey)
10:00AM+Barbara Noel, Anniversary (Michelle, Sherry and Connie)

5:00PM Pro Popolo/For the People

Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church 11:30 AM



Council Meetings

Cathedral parish's Finance Council will meet on Monday, May 22, at 4:00 P.M.

Readings for the week of May 21, 2023

Seventh Sunday of Easter: Acts 1:12-14/Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8 (13)/1 Pt 4:13-16/ Jn 17:1-11a

Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab/Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21/Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab/Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab/Jn 21:15-19

Saturday: Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7/Jn 21:20-25

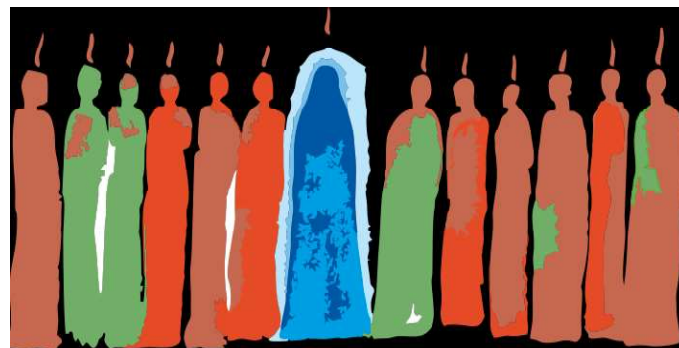
Next Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/ Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 (see 30)/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39

Extended Vigil: Gn 11:1-9/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Ez 37:1-14/Jl 3:1-5/ Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 (see 30)/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39

Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 (see 30)/ 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/ Jn 20:19-23

Coming up! "Basket Bingo"

It is getting to that time of the year to start thinking of Basket Bingo, that will be taking place on Sunday, September 24, 2023 at Father Kelly Hall. We are starting to take donations of Basket Fillers, Monetary, and gift cards (with activation receipt please). We are also looking for theme baskets, example: Movie Night, Picnic, Bath Basket, Fourth of July, etc... If you have any questions you can call Paula Clemens at the Parish Office 814-944-4603, or, Lorraine Beck 1-240-676-6704.



All members of the Church are invited to pray on May 31st, the Feast of Mary's Visitation, in support of the upcoming first session of the 16th Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops. A special Mass will be celebrated at Visitation of Mary Parish in Johnstown on Wednesday, May 31st, at 6:00 P.M. You are also encouraged to pray at home or in your local church. A partial indulgence is granted to those who participate. A sheet of prayers is available at the table in the cathedral's cross aisle.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION
Sunday, May 14, 2023, \$9,364.33
Thank you for your financial and spiritual support.

Graduations

The following parishioners graduated from Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School:

Sante Bambocci	Michael Campbell
Max Kirkpatrick	Lia Simanski

Holy Trinity Catholic School will have their graduation Mass at the cathedral on Tuesday, May 23, at 6:00 P.M.

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman
Seeking Christ in One Another

The funeral luncheon, the Irish wake, the vigil at an ailing loved one's bedside: in times of crisis, people gather. In moments of sadness, fear, and confusion, we gravitate toward one another. For some reason, the feelings are so much more bearable when we are not alone.

I'm sure that the disciples and their companions, gathered in the upper room after the Lord's Ascension, did all of the things we typically do at these functions. I'm sure they hugged and talked and shared food, processing together the remarkable events they had witnessed. But we don't hear about any of that. We hear only that they prayed — fervently, and together.

Saint John Paul II famously said that "it is Jesus that you seek when you dream of happiness; He is waiting for you when nothing else you find satisfies you." And I think that, whenever we gather, in good times or in bad, we think we are seeking companionship — but we are actually seeking God.

As I think back on the last few crisis-gatherings my family has had, I try to remember when we have stopped everything to pray together. I can think of a few times, but to be honest, they are too few. We are usually occupied with more practical tasks: planning the funeral, talking to the doctor, making the decisions, ordering the food. Just trying to survive through it. But this is the busywork of sorrow, and it is a waste of our time. We would do better to follow the example of the disciples and remember that, in these dire moments, God is waiting for us. (C) LPi

Stewardship Reflections

The Ascension of the Lord must have been an extraordinary thing to witness. The apostles were not permitted to simply bask in the moment for very long, "two men dressed in white garments stood beside them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky?" In other words, "Don't just stand there, do something!"

This is a call to each Christian steward. We have been given every grace and blessing through the Mass and all the sacraments, through the Word of God, the rich teachings of our faith, and even our talents and our material possessions. We are not meant to just stand here but to do something with these gifts, in love and gratitude to the One Who gave them to us. We are called, just as much as the first apostles. What are you doing? (www.CatholicSteward.com, 4/14/2023)

Outdoor Sunday Evening Mass

All the faithful of the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese are invited to our outdoor Masses every Sunday evening at 7:00 PM at the beautiful Shrine of our Lady of the Alleghenies. The first Mass of the season will be celebrated May 28th! Outdoor Masses will continue through Labor Day weekend- September 3, 2023. Please bring a lawn chair. In the event of inclement weather, the Mass will be celebrated in the Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel.

The Chapel House of Father Demetrius Gallitzin is not open for personal tours. However, we will be open for visiting hours this summer. The hours that one may visit the Chapel House are: June 11, June 25, July 9, July 23, August 6, and August 20 from 3:00PM to 6:00PM.

Upcoming Christian Mother's Meeting

Thank you to all the women who joined us for our "Spring Tea" last Sunday. It was a beautiful day of friendship and sharing. If you are interested in what we are planning next or want to know more about the organization, please join us at our next meeting. All women of the parish are welcomed to attend. The next Christian Mothers' meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 24th at 6:00pm in the Cathedral Seton Suite. Rosary will be recited at 5:30pm. For more information, contact Mary Boslet (814-944-8988) or Carol Galieto (814-946-3769).



An Automated External Defibrillator is located in the hallway/ambulatory near the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. A First Aid Box is also available at that location.

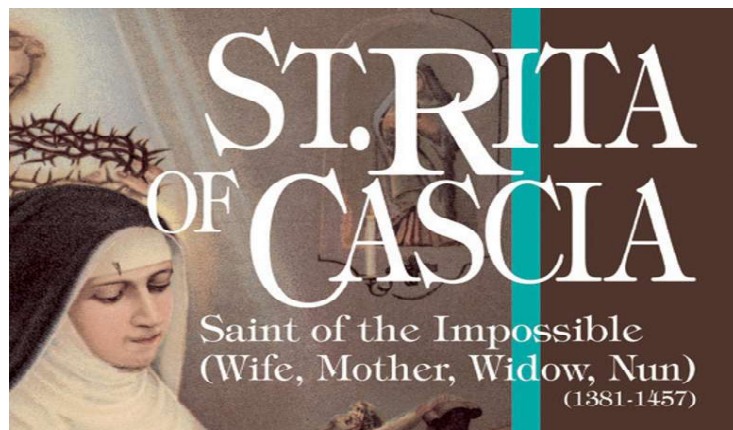
Why Are There Liturgical Cycles?

Question: Why Does the Church Have Different Liturgical Cycles?

Answer:

While most Catholics know that the Church Year is divided into various seasons (e.g. Advent, Christmas, Ordinary Time, etc.), many are unaware that the one Church Year is not like the one that follows. While the main seasons and feasts are the same from year to year, the 3-year cycle for Sundays and the 2-year cycle for weekdays means that, as a general rule, the readings in the Lectionary that we hear at Mass will change from year to year, helping us to have a richer encounter with Sacred Scripture. Each new cycle begins with the beginning of the liturgical year, the First Sunday of Advent.

The reasoning behind this innovation is outlined in Sacrosanctum Concilium, the "Dogmatic Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy" of the Second Vatican Council: "The treasures of the bible are to be opened up more lavishly, so that richer fare may be provided for the faithful at the table of God's word. In this way a more representative portion of the holy scriptures will be read to the people in the course of a prescribed number of years" (no. 51). This was fully achieved in 1969 when the new cycles of readings were approved by Pope Saint Paul VI. To learn more about the Liturgy of the Word within the Mass, visit: www.usccb.org (c)Lpi



At her canonization ceremony, she was bestowed the title of Patroness for impossible causes, whereas in many Catholic countries, Rita came to be known to be the Patroness of heartbroken women, specifically for sterility, abuse victims, loneliness, marriage difficulties, parenthood, widows, and bodily ills.



According to the last diocesan report issued on April 30, 107 donors have contributed or pledged \$34,065 towards our \$42,000 target. If you haven't already done so, please participate. We need \$8,000 to reach our target. The diocese is very generous in subsidizing cathedral parish, it is important for us to support the diocese. Thank you.



Our parish has 3 tickets left to the Faith Night Curve Game on Sunday, May 28, at 6:00 P.M. against the Hartford Yard Goats. Call the office to reserve your free ticket/s.



The Family Life Office of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown invites you to join them for the return of Faith Day at DelGrosso's Park on Sunday, June 25th. The high point of the day will be Mass with Bishop Mark at 4:30 P.M. followed by a community dinner. Admission to the park is free, but there will be reduced Ride-and-Slide passes available as well as dinner tickets that can be purchased. More information will be made available later.

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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. Barchak, J.C.D., Bishop

Reverend Monsignor Stanley Carson, Administrator

Paula Clemens, Parish Secretary

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CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME - 814-944-4603

MAIL MINISTRY TO ELDERLY, HOMEBOUND,
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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

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