

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME June 25, 2023 Mass Intentions

June 25, Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM+Sandy Cuomo (Family)
10:00AM+Tristin L Irwin (Tim & Anne Marie Longwill)
5:00PM Pro Popolo/For the People
Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church 11:30 AM

June 26, Monday, Weekday

12:00PM+Betty Capoullez, Anniversary (Family)

June 27, Tuesday, Saint Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

12:00PM+Robert Simanski (Mary Lysinger)

June 28, Wednesday, Saint Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr

12:00PM+Gary Doyle (Janet and Bob Cuomo)

June 29, Thursday, Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

12:00PM+Daniel Gioiosa, Ann. (Tim and JoAnn Bettwy)

June 30, Friday, The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church

12:00PM+Audrey Krause (Phyllis Lavelle Sheetz)

July 1, Saturday, Saint Junipero Serra, Priest

12:00PM+Mary Alice Plummer (Kim and Mike Sieg)
Vigil: Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00PM+Mary Adams McKenna (Lisa Adams & Sr. Rita Adams)

July 2, Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM+Patrick Duffy, Wedding Ann. (Wife)
10:00AM+Catherine Beech Frederick Ann. (Family)
5:00PM Pro Popolo/For the People
Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church 11:30 AM

DO NOT BE
AFRAID

©LPi

Readings for the week of June 25, 2023

Sunday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35 (14c)/Rom 5:12-15/Mt 10:26-33

Monday: Gn 12:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20 and 22/Mt 7:1-5

Tuesday: Gn 13:2, 5-18/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5/Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday: Gn 15:1-12, 17-18/105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 7:15-20

Thursday: Vigil: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Gal 1:11-20/Jn 21:15-19 Day: Acts 12:1-11/ Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19

Friday: Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Mt 8:1-4

Saturday: Gn 18:1-15/Lk 1:46-47, 48-49, 50 and 53, 54-55/Mt 8:5-17

Next Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/Ps 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19 (2a)/Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/Mt 10:37-4

Congratulation to the Award Winners

On Sunday, June 18th, the Catholic Daughters of the America, Altoona Court Prince Gallitzin, presented their annual Education Contest awards to the following young students during the 10:00AM Mass. These students competed with many others from the Altoona parishes. Please join us in congratulating Skylar Irwin, Felicity Rogers, Grace Camberg, Mikayla Geishauer and Abigail Chverchko on their awards.

Distribution and Reception of Holy Communion

The Second Vatican Council gave renewed consideration to Communion under both kinds. Aware of the doctrinal principles on the complete efficacy of Eucharistic Communion under the species of bread alone, the Council gave permission for Communion under both kinds. This is a clearer form of the Sacrament, offering a particular opportunity of deepening the understanding of the mystery in which the faithful take part. On the night before He died, the Lord took bread and said, "Eat," then he took the chalice and said, "Drink." The faithful are encouraged to partake of the Body and Blood of Christ under both species of bread and wine. C. f. **General Instruction of the Roman Missal, 2011, Number 14.**



\$11,300 was raised during this year's Lenten Fish Lunches. With the approval of our Parish Council and Finance Council, \$2,000 was donated to our sister parish (St. Margaret Mary, Lioneltown, Jamaica) and \$2,000 was donated to Catholic Relief Services to help the people in Ukraine. Gratitude is extended to those who worked at and supported our Lenten Lunches.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION
Sunday, June 18, 2023, \$ 8,501.38
Thank you for your financial and spiritual support.



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. While admission to the park is always free, for those attending Faith Day, Ride-and-Slide passes are reduced to \$20! The day will culminate with Mass with Bishop Mark at the large pavilion at 4:30 P.M. Following Mass, we will share a meal. Please note that if you would prefer to purchase through the park vendors or restaurants, or bring your own dinner, you are welcome to do so. We are looking forward to celebrating with you again!
Coupons for \$20.00 All-Day Fun passes are available on the table at the cathedral's 13th avenue entrance.



Johnstown Eucharistic Procession

St. John Gualbert Cathedral in Johnstown will host a city-wide Mass and Eucharistic Procession on Sunday, July 9th. Service will begin with 5PM Mass and conclude with the Eucharistic Procession to Central Park with Benediction in the Gazebo. First Communicants from all parishes are asked to RSVP to johnstowncathedral@dioceseaj.org if possible. All are welcome. Reception will follow in Central Park.

Stewardship Reflections

Stewards must deal with and comfort fear with trust. Like Jeremiah, we may have heard, "the whispering of many." This "whisper" for us may come from the culture that insists we must think of ourselves before serving God and sharing with others. Jeremiah remembered the truth, "The Lord is with me, like a mighty champion."

St. Paul reminds us to put all our trust in the Lord. This is an ongoing challenge. Let's not waste any time with fear and put all our energy, time, talents and treasure into trusting this great God, and using all that He has given us to bring Him glory. (www.CatholicSteward.com, 6/4/2020)

Enrichment Days at St. Bernadine Monastery

The Franciscan Friars, TOR at St. Bernadine Monastery welcome you to join us for our Wednesday Enrichment Days. Each workshop includes a class on the given topic, Mass, and lunch with Friars. The cost is \$20.00 per workshop and you must pre-register with payment. Space is limited, so please register early by sending payment to 788- Monastery Road, Hollidaysburg Pa 16648. The workshop themes are as follows:

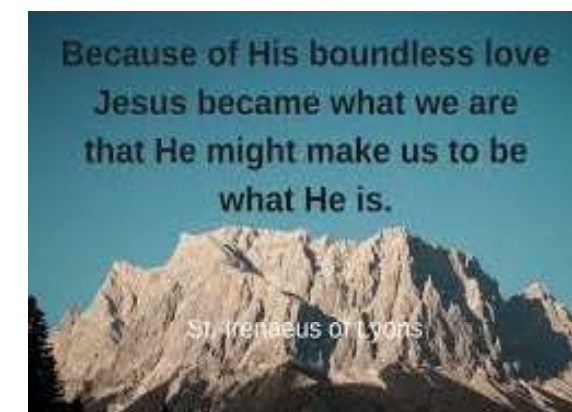
July 12th- Vatican II (register by July 5th)

August 16- The Church and LGBTQ Community (register by August 9th)

September 13th- The Mass (register by Sept. 6th)

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). Also donations of bottled water, and cans of soda, that can be dropped off at the office. If you have any questions you can call Paula Clemens at the Parish Office 814-944-4603, or Lorraine Beck 1-240-676-6704.



(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

The Necklace

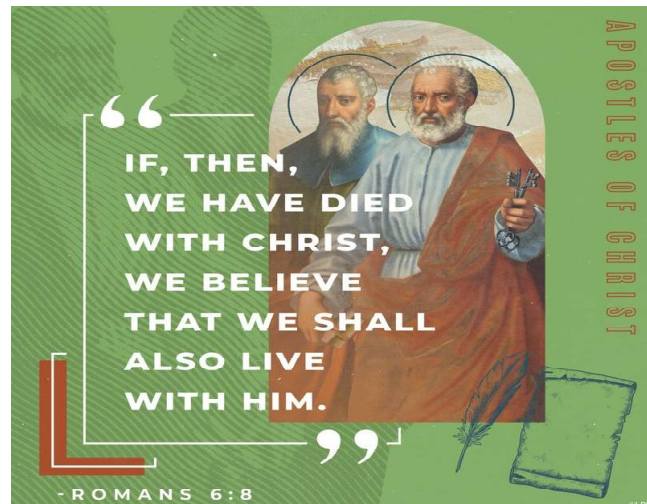
I have a necklace that originally belonged to my great-grandmother. I don't really know much about the man who gave it to her, most of those details have been lost to time. But I know that he wanted to marry her, and that she refused, and it had something to do with religion — ultimately, he did not share her faith. And while I've certainly seen many interfaith couples have loving and successful marriages, in this particular case, my great-grandmother discerned that this would not be one of those marriages.

Like I said, I don't have many details about this man, but I know that she felt she couldn't marry him because it might jeopardize the souls of her children, and therefore the souls of their children, and their children after them — me. She turned him down because of me.

My great-grandmother never sold that necklace, not even when the Great Depression further reduced her financial circumstances. She kept it, and she gave it to her daughter, who gave it to her daughter, who gave it to me. The necklace is always given with a warning: there is something worse than being poor, worse than being scared, worse even than being desperate. Worse than all of these things is separation from God.

When I wear this necklace, I think about my grandmother and this man she possibly loved a hundred years ago. I think of the many decisions we make every day — large and small, good and bad — that reverberate down through the generations in ways we cannot, at the time, imagine. I think of the God who knows every hair on my head.

“And do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body in Gehenna.” — Matthew 10:28 ©LPi



According to the last diocesan report issued on May 31, 121 donors have contributed or pledged \$37,345 towards our \$42,000 target.

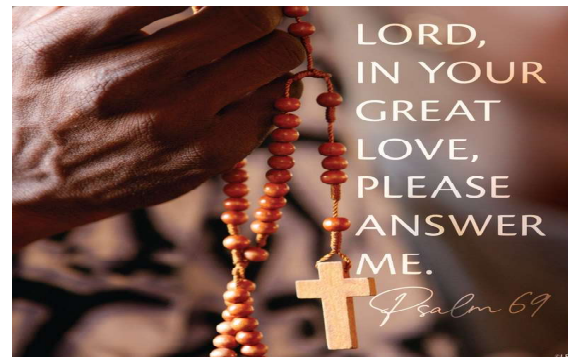
GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

June 25, 2023

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

When I was in middle school, there were times I didn't want my fellow students to see my parents drop me off or pick me up in the school parking lot. I was embarrassed of my parents. Why? I have no idea. Maybe it was our station wagon. Or I didn't want to look like a little kid. But in retrospect that was a silly thing to do. I was a kid. And I had two parents who loved me and had built a wonderful family. I was afraid of the other kids' judgment. How silly! I should have been afraid of forgetting or downplaying my family, which is where my identity had its deep roots.

This is a way to understand Jesus' words to his disciples this Sunday, when he says, "Don't be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body in Gehenna." Fear, in this sense, refers to where we find our deepest identity and our highest love. That's why Jesus says next that when we acknowledge him before others, he will acknowledge us before the Father. It doesn't mean we're brash or boastful. But rather we unhesitatingly and humbly embrace our identity as followers of Jesus and children of God the Father. After all, if we love who we are and where we come from, who cares what the other kids think about us? — Father John Muir ©LPi



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