TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
June 25, 2023
Mass Intentions

June 25, Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 AM – Sandy Cuomo (Family)
10:00 AM – Tristin L. Irwin (Tim & Anne Marie Longwill)
5:00 PM – Pro Popolo/For the People

Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church 11:30 AM
June 26, Monday, Weekday
12:00 PM – Betty Capoullez, Anniversary (Family)

June 27, Tuesday, Saint Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
12:00 PM – Robert Simanski (Mary Lysinger)

June 28, Wednesday, Saint Ireneaeus, Bishop and Martyr
12:00 PM – Gary Doyle (Janet and Bob Cuomo)

June 29, Thursday, Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles
12:00 PM – Daniel Gioiosa, Ann. (Tim and JoAnn Bettry)

June 30, Friday, The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church
12:00 PM – Audrey Krause (Phyllis Lavelle Sheetz)

July 1, Saturday, Saint Junipero Serra, Priest
12:00 PM – Mary Alice Plummer (Kim and Mike Sieg)
Vigil: Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00 PM – Mary Adams McKenna (Lisa Adams & Sr. Rita Adams)

July 2, Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 AM – Patrick Duffy, Wedding Ann. (Wife)
10:00 AM – Catherine Beech Frederick Ann. (Family)
5:00 PM – Pro Popolo/For the People
Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church 11:30 AM

DO NOT BE AFRAID

Fish Fry

$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, Lioniellown, 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, $5,013.8
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 PM. 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.

Next Sunday:
 Vigil: Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00 PM – Vinny Wilt, Anniversary (Family)
12:00 PM – Tristin L. Irwin (Tim & Anne Marie Longwill)
5:00 PM – Pro Popolo/For the People

Next Saturday:
12:00 PM – Sandy Cuomo (Family)

Next Friday:
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Next Wednesday:
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5:00 PM – Pro Popolo/For the People

Next Monday:
12:00 PM – June 25, Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00 PM – Pro Popolo/For the People

Next Sunday, July 9th. Service will begin with 5PM Mass and Eucharistic Procession to Central Park, concluding with a city-wide Mass and Eucharistic Procession on Johnstown Eucharistic Procession. The Franciscan Friars, TOR at St. Bernardine 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.

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 to us to bring Him glory. (www.CatholicSteward.com, 6/4/2020)

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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@dioceasaej.org if possible. All are welcome. Reception will follow in Central Park.

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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. 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.

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.

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When I wear this necklace, I think about my grandmother and her children, and their children after them — me. She turned him down because of me.

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 body and soul in Gehenna.” Fear, in this sense, refers to where we find this man she possibly loved a hundred years ago. I think of good and bad — that reverberate down through the generations in ways we cannot, at the time, imagine. 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 body and soul 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

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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.

ANOTHER 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:


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FAX: 814-942-4337
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Web: www.holytrinitycatholic.school
Altoona Campus (Pre-K thru Grade 4) - 381-7011
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