

# THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME July 2, 2023 Mass Intentions

## 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**

## July 3, Monday, Saint Thomas, Apostle

12:00PM+Elizabeth Yauneridge (Family)

## July 4, Tuesday, Independence Day

9:00AM For Our Country

## July 5, Wednesday, Saint Elizabeth of Portugal

12:00PM+Patty & Joe Wiedemer, Birthday's (Family)

## July 6, Thursday, Saint Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr

12:00PM+Carol Kepner, Anniversary (Cheryl Kepner)

## July 7, Friday, Weekday

12:00PM+Joe Jaronieski Jr. (Bob and Chris Laraia)

## July 8, Saturday, Weekday

12:00PM+Bishop Joseph Adamec (Anonymous)

### Vigil: Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00PM+John Conti (Deb and Clair Ciaverella)

## July 9, Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM Living and Deceased Members of Michael and Ida Seymore Family (Family)

10:00AM+Minnie Yahner (Al Schlecht)

5:00PM Pro Popolo/For the People

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

*thank you*

## Thank You

Gratitude is extended to our Social Committee for the refreshments they provided on our loggia following our feastday's 10:00 o'clock Mass on June 11. A special thanks to Mary Ann Bell, John Fischer, Tom & Beth Moore, Mark & Carol Sanker, Butch Winkler, and Linda Yaskow.

Refreshments will be served this weekend following our Sunday morning Masses.

## Readings for the week of July 2, 2023

**Sunday:** 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/Ps 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19 (2a)/Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/Mt 10:37-42

**Monday:** Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 20:24-29

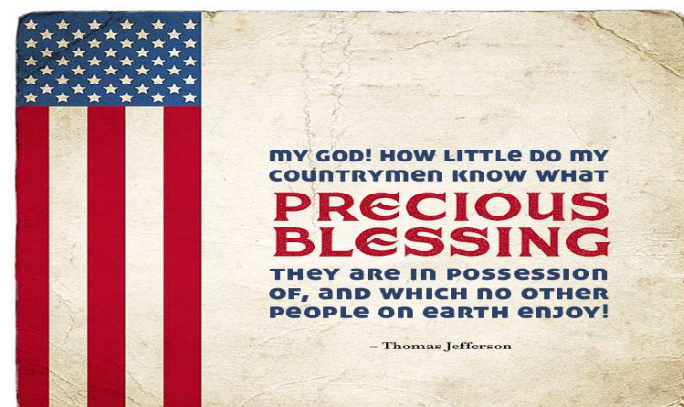
**Tuesday:** Gn 19:15-29/Ps 26:2-3, 9-10, 11-12/Mt 8:23-27 **Wednesday:** Gn 21:5, 8-20a/Ps 34:7-8, 10-11, 12-13/Mt 8:28-34

**Thursday:** Gn 22:1b-19/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Mt 9:1-8

**Friday:** Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67/Ps 106:1b-2, 3-4a, 4b-5/Mt 9:9-13

**Saturday:** Gn 27:1-5, 15-29/Ps 135:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:14-17

**Next Sunday:** Zec 9:9-10/Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14 (see 1)/Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-3



You are encouraged to begin your 4th of July celebrations by participating in our 9:00 A.M. Mass celebrated by Bishop Mark.

**BASKET BINGO**

## 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.

## Basket Bingo Meeting

We will be having a Basket Bingo meeting on Thursday, July 13th, at 6:00 PM here at the Cathedral Parish Center. Come join us. All are welcome!

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION**  
**Sunday, June 25, 2023, \$ 10,314.80**  
**Thank you for your financial and spiritual support.**

## Eucharistic Adoration

On Wednesday, July 5th, the Cathedral Parish will have Eucharistic Adoration from 12:30 P.M. until the end of Confessions. A sign-up sheet is located on the cross aisle table to mark your time for visitation before the Blessed Sacrament. It is essential that there be people in the Lord's presence during exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

## Nocturnal Adoration

The next Nocturnal Adoration will take place at Our Lady of Fatima Church, 2010- 12th Avenue, Altoona on Friday, July 7th from 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. All are welcome to spend an hour or as long as you would like.



Using a video resource from FORMED, Msgr. Carson will facilitate a three-part series on the Eucharist on Sundays, July 16, 23, and 30 at 2:00 P.M. in the Seton Suite. The series will be repeated on Tuesdays, July 18, 25, and August 1 at 6:30 P.M. Depending on interest, the series might be repeated throughout the year. Though not necessary, it would be helpful if interested persons signed-up in advance by calling the office or by using the sign-up sheet at the cross aisle table.

## Christian Mothers' Fundraiser

The Cathedral Christian Mothers' are excited to team up with Hoss's Steak and Sea House next Sunday July 9, 2023, at the **Hoss's on Valley View Boulevard**. Proceeds from this fundraiser will help support children and adults in our parish. Please consider visiting the Altoona Hoss's location next Sunday. It's a great way to see friends and parish neighbors. Members will be at the Cathedral doors next Sunday with coupons to use or you can present this notice on July 9th, 2023 at Hoss's in **Altoona**. Hoss's will then donate 20% of your check total check (To qualify for the 20% payout, our group must have a minimum of \$300.00 in total pre-tax food and beverage sales). Thank you for supporting Christian Mothers.

## 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)



Blessed Carlo Acutis (1999-2006) was a teenager who prepared a website about international Eucharistic miracles. A portion of his exhibit, thanks to the kindness of the Altoona Catholic Daughters of the Americas, will be on display in the cathedral during the summer months.

Very much a product of his own times, Carlo enjoyed movies and playing video games on his PlayStation. He showed a great interest in computers and the internet and he created a website dedicated to cataloguing Eucharistic miracles. In this, he was inspired by the ideas of Blessed Giacomo Alberione and his commitment to using modern means of communication to evangelize.

Carlo developed M3 fulminant leukemia and he reflected, "I offer to the Lord the sufferings that will have to undergo for the Pope and for the Church." He died from the disease on October 12, 2006.

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

A Prophet's Reward

"Move back in with us until you save enough for a decent house," my mother told me over and over again as the birth of my second child neared.

My little family was quickly outgrowing our rented space, but the housing market in our area was a nightmare for first-time homebuyers. As appealing as the offer was, I kept refusing, convinced that my mother didn't understand the chaos, disruption, and loss of personal space that such a move would mean for her and my dad.

I was wrong — she did. And eventually she wore me down. When my son was three months old my family of four moved back into my old bedroom. My parents made an office space for my husband in the basement, and they converted their den into a playroom for two of the loudest children you will ever meet. They told us we could stay as long as we needed to (it ended up being two years). They greeted us with love and warmth every morning and never made us feel like we were an inconvenience.

Today's first reading always reminds me of my mom, not because I consider myself a prophet (hardly) but because of the way she received me — specifically, in whose name she received me.

I've always tried to understand exactly what makes my parents' acts of love — toward me, toward each other, toward perfect strangers — feel so genuine. I think, after more than 30 years, I've finally realized the secret: my parents love God more than they love me. They love God more than they love anyone.

Like making room in their life and their home for me and my boisterous family, these acts originate in sacrifice. They don't come cheap. They come from the cross.

"Whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." — Matthew 10:39

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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@dioceseaj.org](mailto:johnstowncathedral@dioceseaj.org) if possible. All are welcome. Reception will follow in Central Park.



**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

July 2, 2023

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

As a boy my favorite board game was "Chutes and Ladders." The players roll dice to move from the start to the finish, from the bottom of the board to the top. If you land on a chute, you slide back and down. It was a bummer. Land on a ladder, and you jump well up the board and near the goal. It was a thrill to find a ladder and draw closer to the goal. That's life, isn't it? At every moment, we're either moving closer or farther from the goal of our lives.

How do we win? Jesus tells us the secret of life's chutes and ladders hinges on getting our loves rightly ordered. What we love in life is meant to be a ladder, drawing us up into God's love — including our family, friends, work, play, food, and drink. Even to give your water to someone out of love for Christ leads to a sure reward.

But those ladders of our loves can become chutes. If we love even our family members more than Christ, we slide down and back. If we love the persons and things in our life for the sake of Christ, He says we "surely will not lose our reward." The key difference between a chute and ladder, between our spiritual regression and advancement, is our willingness to renounce everything — even our own life — for the love of Jesus. To allow everything and everyone we love to draw us to love him more — that's the difference between chutes and ladders.

— Father John Muir

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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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### 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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