

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME July 16, 2023 Mass Intentions

July 16, Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM Special Intention, Fred Petrunak Sr., Birth. (Family)

10:00AM+Mary Moffa Jenaway (Estate)

5:00PM Pro Popolo/For the People

Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church 11:30 AM

July 17, Monday, Weekday

12:00PM+Charles V. Brady, Birth. (Joe & Dee Shellenberger)

July 18, Tuesday, Saint Camillus de Lellis, Priest

12:00PM+Shirley Keirn, Birthday (husband, Joe)

July 19, Wednesday, Weekday

12:00PM+Father Robert Brett (McNelis All Stars and Friends)

July 20, Thursday, Saint Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr

12:00PM+Barbara Shoemaker (Mike & Sherry Byrne)

July 21, Friday, Saint Lawrence of Brindisi, Priests and Doctor of the Church

12:00PM+Derek Behe (Mom & Dad)

July 22, Saturday, Saint Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church, Blessed Francis Jordan, Priest and Religious Founder

12:00PM+Nancy Foster (Karen & Joe Hallinan)

Vigil: Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00PM+Mary Himes, Birthday (Brian & Sherry Himes Family)

July 23, Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM+Anna Marie Jacobs, Birthday (Family)

10:00AM+Linda Graziosa, Birth. (Aunt Mae & Family)

5:00PM Pro Popolo/For the People

Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church 11:30 AM

Coming up! "Basket Bingo"

Time is fast approaching, only 11 more weeks until 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.

Readings for the week of July 16, 2023

Sunday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 65:1, 11, 12-13, 14 (Luke 8:8)/ Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

Monday: Ex 1:8-14, 22/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8/Mt 10:34—11:1

Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a/Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34/Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7/Mt 11:25-27

Thursday: Ex 3:13-20/Ps 105:1 and 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27/Mt 11:28-30

Friday: Ex 11:10—12:14/Ps 116:12-13, 15 and 16bc, 17-18/Mt 12:1-8

Saturday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Next Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16 (5a)/Rom 8:26-27/ Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-3

Confirmation Prep

A Registration and Information meeting will be held Tuesday, August 8th at 6:30PM in the Cathedral Hall. All parents and students in public, parochial schools, and homeschooled programs in 9,10, and 11th grades **MUST** attend.

Please call or text Chris Laraia, DRE at: 814-312-7317, clara@dioceseaj.org. if unable to attend.

Special Mass for Young People Entering or Returning to College or Entering the Military

All young people entering or returning to college, as well as those entering the military, along with their families, are invited to a special Mass with Bishop Mark at 7:00PM at the Shrine of our Lady of the Alleghenies in Loretto on Sunday, August 6th. Bishop Mark will offer a special blessing and gift for each of these students.

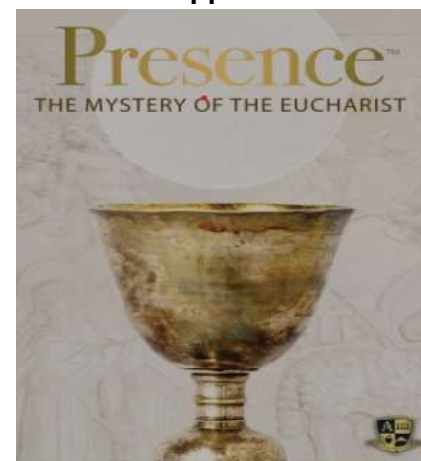


Special Mass Honoring Married Couples

Bishop Mark will be celebrating a Mass honoring married couples today, Sunday, July 16, at 7:00 P.M. at the Our Lady of the Alleghenies Shrine in Loretto.

Be sure to bring your own lawn chair.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION
Sunday, July 9, 2023, \$ 9,902.56
Thank you for your financial and spiritual support.



Using a video resource from FORMED, Msgr. Carson will facilitate a three-part series on the Eucharist on Sundays, July 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.

The first episode, *God is With Us*, examines God's saving presence with his people throughout salvation history, culminating in the Incarnation and his abiding real presence in the Eucharist. The question to ask is not only "What is the Eucharist?" but "Who is the Eucharist?"

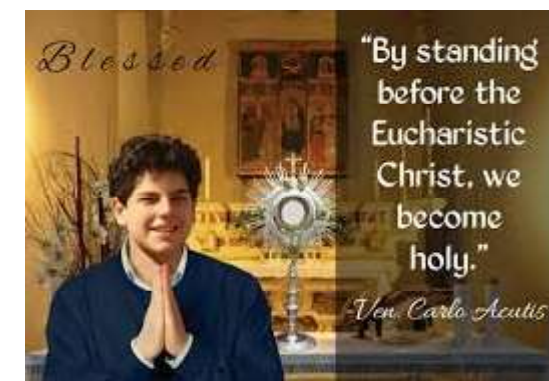


Enrichment Days at St. Bernadine Monastery

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:

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. Current posterboards describe Eucharistic miracles that took place at Avignon, France and Santarem, Portugal.

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.

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

Soil Conditions

I am a hopeless gardener. I never met a plant I couldn't swiftly kill with good intentions and poor understanding of soil conditions.

Because really, it's all about the soil conditions — at least, that's what Google tells me when I helplessly search phrases like "Why aren't any of my seeds sprouting? Please, I tried so hard." I can never seem to match the right type of soil offering the right type of drainage and texture with the right plant. I can't understand why it's not enough to bury the seed in whatever ground is available, sprinkle some water and ask it, very nicely, to grow.

This is also a quality that makes me a poor evangelist to people who do not share my beliefs. How many times have I encountered a friend or loved one who left the faith, and I tried to coax them back by hurling Catechism passages in their direction, offering advice they never asked for and are ill-equipped to understand? I sow these seeds of witness and bang my fists in frustration that they rot where I plant them, never realizing that it's all about the soil.

It is Christ, and Christ alone, who works within the heart. It is Christ who is the sower of the seed, not me. When I leave him out of the equation, when I fail to offer the Person and instead only offer the teaching, I can anticipate that any witness I have to offer will rot where it is planted just as sure as a tulip bulb in a bed of clay.

"...my word shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it." — Isaiah 55:11

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Stewardship Reflections

Stewardship living requires a deep reliance on the Word of God and the sacraments which in turn nourish and fertilize the soil of our lives, making us receptive to God's plans for us and ultimately producing abundant fruit through the way we live each day.

When we give the best of our time, talent, and treasure to serve God and others, we create lives filled with rare "good soil" needed for Kingdom of God to thrive. Christian stewards must fill themselves with this nourishment every day. Let us deepen our commitment to this way of life. (www.CatholicSteward.com, 6/11/2020)



\$46,166 has been contributed or pledged towards our \$42,000 target. Gifts over target will be used within our parish. Thank you for participating.

Why do we use incense at Mass?

Answer:

The use of incense in religious ceremonies and worship is a practice that predates Christianity, and which is also found in many other religious traditions today.

Incense, which is made from resin infused with aromatic spices and oils, is one of those fundamentally human symbols that incorporates more than one of our senses, helping us to reflect on realities that transcend the everyday details of our lives.

The use of incense in the Church's liturgy — in the Mass, as well as in devotions to the Eucharist and the Liturgy of the Hours — is inspired by the use of incense in the Jewish tradition. In the writings of the Old Testament, we hear about incense being used in the worship of the temple, and Psalm 141 asks, "Let my prayer be incense before you; my uplifted hands an evening offering" (vs. 2). The image here is that, as the incense gently rises to heaven, our prayers also rise to God as something sweet and pleasant.

Another ancient use of incense that has also become part of our Catholic tradition is the idea that when we incense something, it's because it is something special or sacred. This is why the Book of the Gospel is incensed during the Liturgy of the Word and the bread, wine, priest celebrant, and congregation are incensed at the presentation of the gifts. To this, we can also add the incensing of the Blessed Sacrament during eucharistic adoration and benediction, and the body of the deceased at the end of the Mass of the Resurrection (the Funeral Mass) ©LP

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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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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

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