

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME July 23, 2023 Mass Intentions

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

July 24, Monday, Saint Sharbel Makhluf, Priest

12:00PM+Martin and Alexandra Kwolek (Kwolek Grandchildren)

July 25, Tuesday, Saint James, Apostle

12:00PM+Genevieve Hallinan (Family)

July 26, Wednesday, Saints Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

12:00PM+Cyril and Mary Kibler (Jerry and Rita Kibler)

July 27, Thursday, Weekday

12:00PM+Paul Rose, Anniversary (Family)

July 28, Friday, Weekday

12:00PM+Francis & Eileen Lytle (Children)

July 29, Saturday, Sts. Martha, Mary and Lazarus

12:00PM+Steve Pellegrine (Ginger Cooney)

Vigil: Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00PM+Peter Rossi (Kuny Family)

July 30, Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM+James Weaver (Tom and Becky DeHaven)

10:00AM+Peggy Mullen (Skip Cowan)

5:00PM Pro Popolo/For the People

Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church 11:30 AM

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, claria@dioceseaj.org. if unable to attend.

Religious Ed Registration Weekend

Registrations for 2023-2024 Rel. Ed PK4-11 will be held in the Parish Religious Ed Center before and after all Masses on Sat/Sun August 26/27. New students, please bring a copy of your baptismal certificate.

Readings for the week of July 23, 2023

Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16 (5a)/ Rom 8:26-27/ Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

Monday: Ex 14:5-18/Ex 15:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/ Mt 20:20-28

Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28/Mt 13:1-9

Thursday: Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Mt 13:10-17

Friday: Ex 20:1-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 13:18-23

Saturday: Ex 24:3-8/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130 (97a)/Rom 8:28-30/ Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-4



Coming up! "Basket Bingo"

Time is fast approaching, only 10 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.

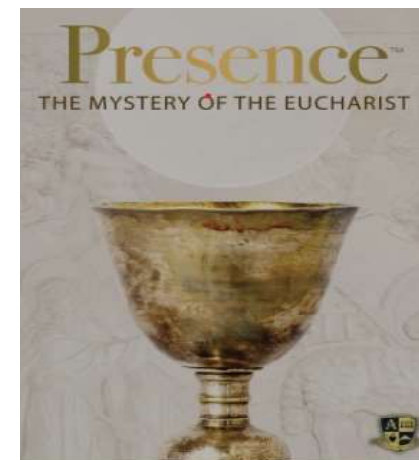
Basket Bingo Tickets

Basket Bingo tickets go on sale Saturday, July 22, at the Cathedral Square door after all masses and at the Parish Office: \$25.00 per person, with a value pack for an additional \$30. If you have any questions please call Lorraine Beck at 1-240-676-6704, or the Parish Office at 814-944-4603. Tickets will also be available at the doors on the day of the event. Dobbbers Up!!! Lets Play Bingo!!!

A Big Thank You To Our Family And Friends!

The Cathedral Christian Mothers would like to thank everyone who enjoyed dining at Hoss's on Sunday, July 9th. With your generous support we raised \$317.00 for future parish activities.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION
Sunday, July 16, 2023, \$ 6,578.00
Thank you for your financial and spiritual support.



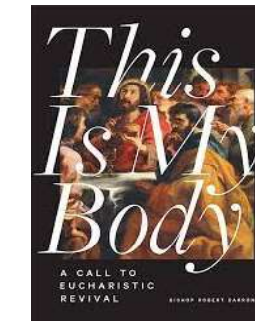
Using a video resource from FORMED, Msgr. Carson will facilitate a three-part series on the Eucharist on Sundays, July 16, 23, and 30 at 2:00 P.M. in the Seton Suite. The series will be repeated on Tuesdays, July, 18, 25, and August 1 at 6:30 P.M. Depending on interest, the series might be repeated throughout the year.

The second episode is entitled *The Story of the Eucharist*. The whole story of salvation history is a single narrative, culminating in the climatic gift of the Eucharist. The Eucharist was prefigured in the Old Testament and was fully revealed to us in Jesus' life, miracles, teaching, and sacrifice.

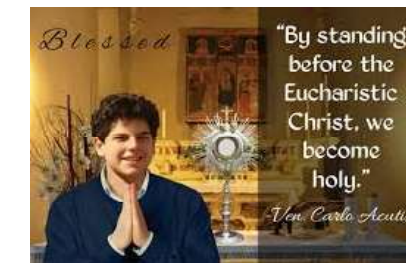


Special Mass for Young People Entering or Returning to College or Entering the Military

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.



Bishop Robert Barron's short book (110 pages) entitled *This Is My Body* will be available at our entrances next weekend. You're invited to take a copy home to accompany your personal spiritual Eucharistic revival. It is important for Catholics to understand the sacrament of Jesus' Body and Blood more thoroughly so that we will fall in love with the Lord more completely.



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.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

July 23, 2023
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Patience is rooted in Hope (an image of a bush filled with birds would be great)

Life, like the church, is often burdened with evil, smallness, and impurities. The Lord's parables give us a hope-filled perspective on all three.

Evil: in Jesus' parable about the good farmer whose enemy plants weeds at night, Jesus tells us that God is not the cause of evil but permits evil to exist with good out of his patient love. He *will* finally deal with it, but his love lets things stay messy for a time.

Smallness: It's funny that Jesus says his kingdom looks like ... wait for it ... a bush. What a letdown! Yet this little shrub still somehow has room for all the birds of the sky. The smallness of the Church, and even our own little lives, still provides plenty of room for all whom God sends.

Impurities: divisions and hypocrisies in the Church and our own hearts exasperate us. Recall that Jesus compares his kingdom to a lump of dough with impure leaven eating away at it and therefore making it expand. It's the secret of the Cross. Not how we'd prefer it. But finally, great news.

The field, the bush, the loaf: all three parables invite us to embrace a patience rooted in hope: one day the field will be weeded, the bush filled with birds, and the risen loaf leaven-free. — *Father John Muir* ©LPi

FIRE Rally

A Summer Catholic Revival will be held on the first 3 Tuesdays in August at St. Michael Church in Hollidaysburg beginning at 7 P.M. each evening. Speakers include Bob & Marci Sutton (8/1), Fr. Mark Begly (8/8), and Fr. Alan Thomas (8/15 & includes the Holy Day Mass). Music will be led by Holy Spirit Ministry. A ministry fair representing more than 15 local diocesan groups with evangelistic outreaches will be held at 6 P.M. prior to the rally each evening. Refreshments and fellowship will be provided. All are welcome.



\$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.

Stewardship Reflections

The day will come when we have to give an account for what we have done with the gifts of time, talent and treasure that He entrusted to us. We will be judged by God for the part we played, or did not play, in the building of His kingdom.

We must turn to the Holy Spirit continuously to guide us in our daily lives as Christian stewards. God sees and treasures and "grows" our offering of time, talent and treasure in ways we cannot imagine. Faithful stewards of the gifts entrusted to us, "will shine like the sun in the kingdom of [the] Father." (www.CatholicSteward.com, 6/11/2020)



Vocation Discernment for Young Men: St. Andrew's Evening

Just as St. Andrew invited his brother Peter to come see the Messiah, allow him to bring you to the Lord as well. God might be calling you to serve Him as a priest. An event for men in high school and older is being held at Our Lady of Victory Church in State College on Monday, August 7, from 4-6 P.M. The event will include prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, an opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, dinner, and a vocations story by Father Brian Norris. For more information or to RSVP, contact Fr. Peter Crowe at vocations@dioceseaj.org or by calling 814-317-2681.

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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. Bartchak, J.C.D., Bishop

Reverend Monsignor Stanley Carson, Administrator

Paula Clemens, Parish Secretary

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CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME - 814-944-4603

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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

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