

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME July 30, 2023 Mass Intentions

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

July 31, Monday, Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest
12:00PM+Souls in Purgatory (Anonymous)

**August 1, Tuesday, Saint Alphonsus Liguori,
Bishop and Doctor of the Church**
12:00PM+Elizabeth Shea Allen (Mom)

**August 2, Wednesday, St. Eusebius of Vercelli,
Bishop; and St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest**
12:00PM+Stephen Hightower (Jim & Steph Kilcoyne)

August 3, Thursday, Weekday
12:00PM+Lavelle Family (Phyllis Lavelle Sheetz)

August 4, Friday, Saint John Vianney, Priest
12:00PM+Harry Costlow (Eileen Edwards)

**August 5, Saturday, The Dedication of the
Basilica of Saint Mary Major**
12:00PM Blessed Mother's Intention (Bob & Cathy Chiridon)

Vigil: The Transfiguration of the Lord
5:00PM+Danyll Rougeux, Birthday (Mom & Dad)

August 6, The Transfiguration of the Lord
8:00AM+Eddie Flanagan (Catholic War Vets Mem.)
10:00AM+Fred Drexler (Mary Lysinger)
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 8, 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 30, 2023

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 13:44-46

Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/ Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13/Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9/Mt 13:44-46

Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11/Mt 13:47-53

Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab/Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8/Mt 14:1-12
Next Sunday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-



Coming up! "Basket Bingo"

Time is fast approaching, only 9 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.

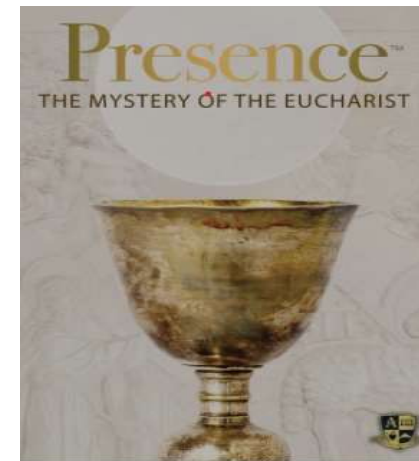
Basket Bingo Tickets

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!!!

Altar Serving Training

Interested in being an altar server? An altar server training will be held on Saturday, August 5th after the Noon Mass. Please meet Gabrielle at the cross aisle after mass. If you are able to attend this training session, please call Gabrielle at (814-932-6340) to arrange a traing session.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION
Sunday, July 23, 2023, \$ 7,969.10
Thank you for your financial and spiritual support.



Using a video resource from FORMED, Msgr. Carson will facilitate the third and last part of the adult formation series on the Eucharist on Sunday, July 30 at 2:00 P.M. in the Seton Suite. The series will be repeated on Tuesday, August 1 at 6:30 P.M. Depending on interest, the series might be repeated throughout the year. The third episode, *Bread for the Journey*, focuses on the necessity of the Eucharist for our spiritual nourishment and explores the different parts of the Liturgy of the Mass. The Eucharist is our spiritual food; it truly nourishes and sustains our souls, just as physical food does for our body.



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

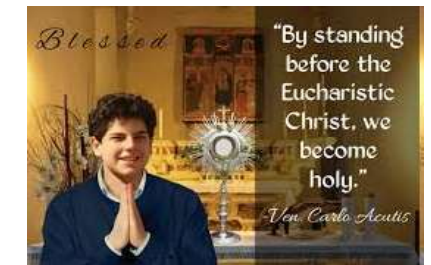
All young people entering or returning to college, as well as those entering the military, along with their families, are invited to a special Mass with Bishop Mark at 7:00PM at the Shrine of our Lady of the Alleghenies in Loretto on Sunday, August 6th. Bishop Mark will offer a special blessing and gift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

Eucharistic Adoration

On Wednesday, August 2, 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 St. Therese of the Child Jesus Church, 2301- 5th Street, Altoona. Friday, August 4th, from 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. All are welcome to spend an hour or as long as you would like.



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 Lanciano, Italy and Legnica, Poland.



Our parish, along with other Altoona parishes will be collecting breakfast cereal the weekend of August 12 and 13 to benefit hungry children in the Altoona area. Please place your donations in the boxes that will be available at our entrances. While children may be eligible for free lunches at school, a large number of them arrive in the morning without breakfast.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

July 30, 2023

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our culture seems more polarized and divided than ever. Into this wounded situation, our Catholic faith has a healing remedy to offer: the gift of wisdom. When the Lord offers to give King Solomon anything the monarch desires, he requests "an understanding heart" (1 Kings 3:9). In his polarized situation, the King doesn't ask for power to defeat his enemies. He asks for a wise and understanding heart to judge right from wrong. This wisdom is elevated and fulfilled in Jesus who teaches us to bring forth "both the new and the old" (Matthew 13:52).

In our fractured society, we Christians should stop pining for political power to crush our perceived enemies. That often just makes things worse. Rather, it's much more useful to beg for the grace of true wisdom which transcends both sides of the aisle. This places us in a fresh position from which we can help our culture see what is true and good all across the ideological spectrum. Sometimes we'll look like liberals (e.g., in our love for the poor and marginalized) and other times like conservatives (e.g., in our sexual ethics and views on religious freedom). Because this wisdom is free from ideological narrowness, it will help to heal these painful fractures. Lord Jesus, this week, pour into us your healing wisdom.— Father John Muir ©LPi

MISSION CO-OP APPEAL

This year's Mission Co-op Appeal will be the weekend of August 12 and 13 by Father Tulio Ramirez, a Yarumal Missionary.

The goal of the Yarumal Mission Society is to witness the Gospel of Jesus Christ among people and cultures where the Gospel is not yet fully preached. They are present in Angola, Bolivia, Cambodia, Columbia, Ecuador, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Panama and Thailand. In order to carry out their pastoral programs and social projects their missionaries depend very much on the generosity of the Christians from parishes they visit.



\$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.



Our parish has 34 tickets remaining to the Curve Game on Sunday, August 13, at 6:00 P.M. against the Erie SeaWolves. With fireworks. Call the office to reserve your free ticket/s.



**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

**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

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