

## NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

### TIME

August 13, 2023

### Mass Intentions

#### August 13, The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM+Ann Noel (Carol Werkmeister)  
10:00AM+Lois Riley, Birthday (Family)  
5:00PM Pro Popolo/For the People

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

#### August 14, Monday, Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr

12:00PM+John Kasun Jr. (The Bauer Family)  
5:30PM+Alice Winkler (Patricia and Francis Pleva)

#### August 15, Tuesday, The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00AM+Sister Mary Denise (Mary Lysinger)  
12:00PM+Edward Matosziuk III, Birthday (Family)

#### August 16, Wednesday, Saint Stephen of Hungary

12:00PM+Joe Croft (McNelis All Stars and Friends)

#### August 17, Thursday, Weekday

12:00PM+Walter Beckel Jr., Anniversary (Family)

#### August 18, Friday, Weekday

12:00PM+Sandy Cuzzolina, Birthday (Family)

#### August 19, Saturday, Saint John Eudes, Priest

12:00PM+Jim Davidson (Family)

#### Vigil: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00PM+Edgar Johnston, Birthday (Wife)

#### August 20, The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM+David Seidel (Rae & Joseph Kapfhammer)  
10:00AM+Carrie Kibler Detwiler (Mom and Dad)  
5:00PM Pro Popolo/For the People

#### 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 August 13, 2023

**Sunday:** 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33

**Monday:** Dt 10:12-22/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Mt 17:22-27

**Tuesday:** Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14/1 Cor 15:54b-57/ Lk 11:27-28 Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16/ 1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

**Wednesday:** Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17/Mt 18:15-20

**Thursday:** Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/ Mt 18:21—19:1

**Friday:** Jos 24:1-13/Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22 and 24/ Mt 19:3-12

**Saturday:** Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2a, and 5, 7-8, 11/Mt 19:13-15

**Next Sunday:** Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (4)/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-2



#### Coming up! "Basket Bingo"

Time is fast approaching, only 7 more weeks until Basket Bingo, that will be taking place on Sunday, September 24, 2023 at Father Kelly Hall. We are still taking 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, 8:30AM to 4:00PM, or Lorraine Beck 1-240-676-6704.

#### Basket Bingo Tickets

Basket Bingo tickets are on sale, at the Cathedral Square door after all masses and at the Parish Office: \$25.00 per person, with a value pack for an additional \$30.00. 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. Dobbers Up!!! Lets Play Bingo!!!



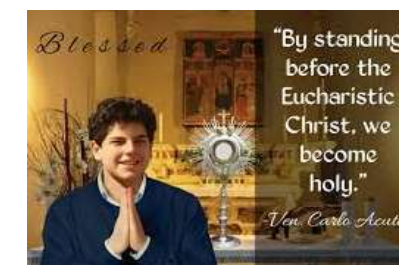
There will be a meeting for our ushers on Sunday, August 27, at 1:00 P.M.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION  
Sunday, August 6, 2023, \$ 9,455.00  
Thank you for your financial and spiritual support.



#### COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND

When taking Holy Communion to homebound parishioners, please be sure to carry the consecrated host in a pyx and, if available, a burse (a carrying case that is hung from the neck). Otherwise, the pyx should be placed in a shirt, blouse, or jacket pocket close to one's heart.



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, is collecting breakfast cereal this weekend to benefit hungry children in the Altoona area. Please place your donations in the boxes that are 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.

#### Stewardship Reflections

Amazing things can happen when we fully permit God to take charge of our lives. When we take our eyes off God, we fail to see that all is gift from Him. What a grand adventure Peter could have had out there walking on the sea with Jesus! When we embrace the stewardship way of life, letting go of a tight hold of our money, time, and talents, our lives become a grand adventure, rooted firmly and gratefully in the God. Who always cares for us. (CatholicSteward.com 7/10/2023)

#### Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass

Bishop Mark Bartchak and the Family Life Office cordially invite all couples celebrating **1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60+** years of marriage in 2023 (and their families) to attend the **Annual Wedding Anniversary Liturgy**. Couples may attend Sunday, **September 10** in **ALTOONA** at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, or Sunday, **September 17** in **JOHNSTOWN** at St. John Gualbert Cathedral. Both locations are handicap accessible. Liturgies in each location begin at **2:00 p.m.** Most Bishop Mark will be the celebrant and homilist at each celebration. Refreshments/snacks will be provided after the mass for anniversary couples and their families.

Family members of the couple, children, grandchildren, siblings, nieces and nephews etc. are encouraged to participate in the liturgy as ushers and altar servers, if they currently serve (or have served) in their home parish.

**Reservations must be made through your parish for either celebration by Tuesday, August 29th.**

#### Strength in Christ---Be Not Afraid

The Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown is hosting its 2nd Annual Women's Conference on Saturday, September 16, from 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. at Mount Aloysius College in Cresson. The day begins with Mass celebrated by Bishop Mark and includes internationally known speakers, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and lunch. The cost is \$20.00 for adults and \$10.00 for college and high school students. Registration forms are at the cathedral's entrances.

**GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE**

August 13, 2023

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A man at my parish was struggling to overcome a habitual sin. He said to me, "Father, I know the chance that I will commit sin again is really high. Why should I keep confessing my sins? Isn't that dishonest?" Anyone who has felt the tyrannical power of sin — and who hasn't? — has pondered this kind of question.

I responded to him, "What was the probability Peter would walk on the stormy water?" After some silence, he said, "Zero. But when Jesus called, he did it." I could tell my penitent friend was re-framing the question from his own weakness to the greatness of the Lord's love for him. The question for us should not be one of human probabilities about our sin, but rather whether or not we will trust the Lord's grace in our lives.

This week the Lord is calling you and me to do the impossible: overcome sin with love. The only way to do that is to trust he is calling, and then to walk with the eyes of faith locked on him. And if we sink, he will raise us up again and again. Of that, we can be 100% sure.  
Father John Muir ©LPi



**This year's Mission Co-op Appeal is this weekend, 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. Our support for Father Tulio reminds us of our baptism vocation: We are all missionaries of Christ.



\$48,626 has been contributed or pledged towards our \$42,000 target. Gifts over target will be used within our parish. Thank you for participating. We have reached 104.38% of our goal!



Our parish has 5 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.



**Tuesday, August 15, is the Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary into Heaven. Since it is a holy day of obligation, a Vigil Mass will be celebrated at the cathedral on Monday, August 14, at 5:30 P.M. and Masses on Tuesday will be a 8:00 A.M. and Noon. Bishop Mark will be the celebrant of the 8 o'clock Mass. There will be a 5:30 P.M. Mass on Tuesday at Our Lady of Fatima Church.**

**The Church thanks God because Mary, our mother and our sister, at the end of her earthly life was taken up to heaven where she fully rejoices in her Lord!**

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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**

**DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Chris Laraia - Pre-K thru 12 - 814-312-7317

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**CHRISTIAN INITIATION TEAM - 814-944-4603**

**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](http://www.holytrinitycatholic.school)

Elderado Campus (Pre-K thru Grade 5) - (814)942-7835

Fairview Campus (Pre-K thru Grade 5) - (814)381-7011

**BISHOP GUILFOYLE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL**

Web: [www.bishopguilfoyle.org](http://www.bishopguilfoyle.org) - 814-944-4014

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