

**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
August 27, 2023
Mass Intentions**

August 27, The Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM+Joseph Pagliaro, Birthday (Family)
10:00AM+Dorothy Smith & E.T. Smith Family (George Smith)
5:00PM Pro Popolo/For the People
Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church 11:30 AM

August 28, Monday, Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of Church

12:00PM Souls in Purgatory (Anonymous)

August 29, Tuesday, The Passion of Saint John the Baptist

12:00PM+Marjorie Boore (Nancy Miller)

August 30, Wednesday, Weekday

12:00PM+Eva Ruggery, Ann. (Aunt Mae and Family)

August 31, Thursday, Weekday

12:00PM+Bradley Johnson (Anonymous)

September 1, Friday, Weekday

12:00PM+John Adams Sr. (Family)

September 2, Saturday, Weekday

12:00PM+Pat Hallinan (Family)

Vigil: Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00PM+Barbara Noel (Larry Rossman Family)

September 3, The Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM+Kathleen Duffy, Birthday (Husband Jack)
10:00AM+Jim Weaver, Anniversary (Family)
5:00PM Pro Popolo/For the People

Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church 11:30 AM

Cathedral Christian Mothers

The next meeting for the Cathedral Christian Mothers will be on Wednesday, September 13th in the Seton Suite. Rosary at 6:00PM and meeting at 6:30PM. All women of the parish are welcomed!

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.

**WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES -
ENGAGE PARISHIONERS IN DAILY MASS AND
PRAYER**

Readings for the week of August 27, 2023

Sunday: Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8 (8bc)/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20

Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8/Ps 139:1-3, 4-6/Mk 6:17-29

Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab/Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17/Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12/Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Mt 25:14-30

Next Sunday: Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 (2b)/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-2

Coming up! "Basket Bingo"

Time is fast approaching, only 5 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!!!

High School Students Service Hours

High School Students, if you are looking to help get your service hours for the 2023/2024 for Religious Education. You may want to help us out during the basket bingo, emptying bags, getting cans of soda or getting bottles of water for our bingo players. If you could help us for 1 hour or all 4, that would be wonderful and much appreciated. You can get in touch with your teacher or have your parents call the office and talk to Paula she will put your name and the times that you are available. Thank you in advance.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION
Sunday, August 20, 2023, \$ 10,385.47
Thank you for your financial and spiritual support.

Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass

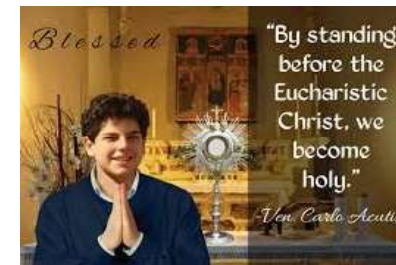
Bishop Mark Bartchak and the Family Life Office cordially invite all couples celebrating **1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60+** years of marriage in 2023 (and their families) to attend the **Annual Wedding Anniversary Liturgy**. Couples may attend Sunday, **September 10** in **ALTOONA** 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.



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 Farverny-France, Betania-Venezuela, and Onil-Spain.

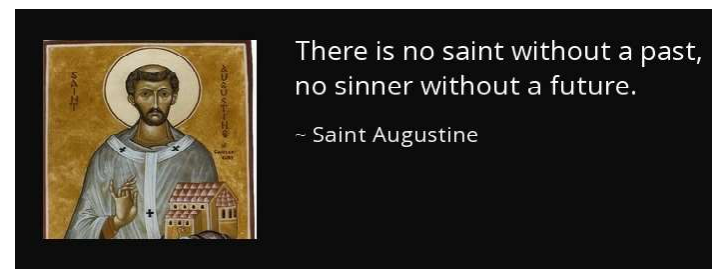


**THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNIVERSARY OF
THE DEDICATION OF THE CATHEDRAL OF
THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Since Thursday, September 7, is the 92nd anniversary of the dedication of our cathedral, Bishop Mark will be celebrating the Noon Mass. Parishioners are encouraged to participate in the Eucharist on that day as we praise and thank the Lord for our beautiful dwelling place of God.



There will be a meeting for our ushers in the cathedral today Sunday, August 27, at 1:00 P.M.



GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

August 27, 2023

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isn't it a bit weird that Catholics call the Pope "papa," father? This Sunday provides us with essential Scriptural background on the papacy, the petrine office. Jesus gives Peter the "keys to the kingdom of heaven," after witnessing to the special grace Peter has to know Jesus' true identity. Many have pointed out that the "keys" refer back to the figure of Eliakim, King David's prime minister. True enough. But notice this is not mere authority or power. It's a family relationship. The Lord says to Eliakim, "He shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem" (Isaiah 22:21). David's prime minister was a spiritual father to the family of Israel. Peter, and his successors, will be spiritual fathers in the family of the Church.

This means we have a serious obligation to not only recognize the Pope's authority, but also to love him with the affection of children for their papa. We should never speak about him with disrespect or rancor. We should listen to him with trusting hearts, and ignore the slander thrown at him in various media. When we show the world we are loving and obedient to our Holy Papa, perhaps they'll see more clearly that the Church is indeed God's beloved family. Father John Muir [@LPi](#)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Father John D. Byrnes and the Basilica of St. Michael parish family invite all of Altoona-Johnstown Diocese to Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament before the final outdoor Mass of the summer, in Loretto. Adoration will be on September 3rd in the Basilica of St. Michael from 3:00-6:30PM prior to the outdoor Mass.

Birth of Mary Celebration 42nd Anniversary, Friday, September 8th at Saint Catherine of Siena Church, Duncansville

Masses 7:45 a.m.-12:05p.m. celebrant and homilist Msgr. Bob Saly. 5:30 p.m. Mass and Rosary Procession at the Shrine (please bring a lawn chair) celebrant and homilist Rev. Brian Norris. Continuous Rosary between Masses, food and exhibits in the church hall. Kitchen open 11:30 a.m. till 4:00 p.m. Conclude the day with cake and beverages in the hall. Petitions to Birth of Mary Celebration, P.O. Box 88, Duncansville Pa 16635.

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Who Do You Say That I Am?

I once knew a very devout woman whose adult godchild had fallen away from the practice of the faith. This godchild still believed in God, and even felt a sense of belonging in the Church. He was a good and kind person. But poor catechesis and a society that confuses pleasure with joy had left him lax in practice, without an appreciation of the sacraments. He was making choices that threatened his soul.

His godmother wanted more for him. She planned to speak with him about his life, hoping to encourage him to return to the practice of the faith. She knew that, when she brought this up, he would reply that it wasn't important to attend Mass or to receive the Eucharist, that was all just "extra."

She told me that she was going to begin their conversation by asking him the question Jesus poses to Peter in Matthew 16:15 — the critical question in all our lives, the question whose answer will define what we become in this world and the next.

Her godson knew the answer. She was confident, unshakably, that he did. He may have forgotten it or ignored it. He may have tried to convince himself he wasn't entirely sure. He may have refused to give an answer. But he knew it. He knew the answer.

There is a reason that, after Peter's response, Jesus gives him the keys to the kingdom of heaven.

"Who do you say that I am?"
Let our whole lives be our answer.
"You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." — Matthew 16:16 [@LPi](#)



Nocturnal Adoration will take place at the Cathedral on Friday, September 1, from 8:00 P.M. until 11:00 P.M.

You are invited to spend some time in peaceful prayer in the presence of our Lord.

THE CHURCH OF ALTOONA-JOHNSTOWN THE CATHEDRAL OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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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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HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Web: www.holytrinitycatholic.school

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

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