

**TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME  
September 3, 2023  
Mass Intentions**

**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**

**September 4, Monday, Weekday / Labor Day**

9:00AM+ Al Evangelisto Jr. (Sisters)

**September 5, Tuesday, Weekday**

12:00PM+Ron Sheehan, Birthday (Wife Jean)

**September 6, Wednesday, Weekday**

12:00PM+Bill Orr (Henry Martin)

**September 7, Thursday, Anniversary of Dedication of the Cathedral**

12:00PM+Pro Popolo/ For the People

**September 8, Friday, Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

12:00PM+Dan and Miriam Burns (Dave & Maureen Hanekamp)

**September 9, Saturday, Saint Peter Claver, Priest**

12:00PM+Audrey Krause (Phyllis Lavelle Sheetz)

**Vigil: Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5:00PM+Robert Beck (Butch Winkler)

**September 10, The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00AM+Mary Alice Plummer (Anthea Germano)

10:00AM+David Baronner, Ann. (Wife & Family)

5:00PM Pro Popolo/For the People

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

**High School Students Service Hours**

High school students who need service hours for 2023/2024 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 hours, that would be wonderful and much appreciated. You can get in touch with your teacher or have your parents call the office 814-944-4603 and talk to Paula she will put your name and the times that you are available. Thank you in advance.

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

Readings for the week of September 3, 2023

**Sunday:** Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 (2b)/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27

**Monday:** 1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13/ Lk 4:16-30

**Tuesday:** 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Lk 4:31-37

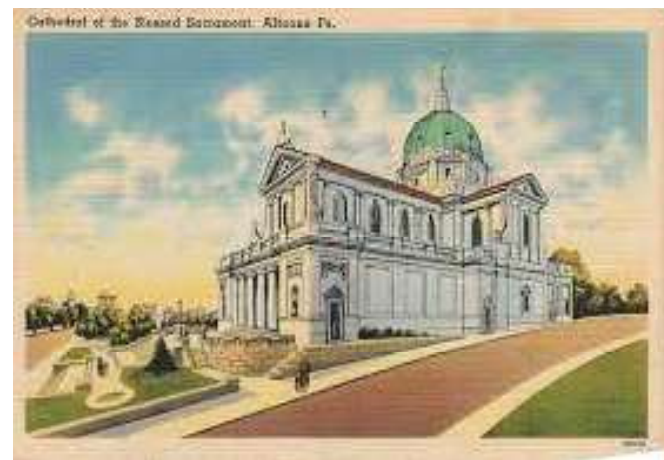
**Wednesday:** Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11/Lk 4:38-44

**Thursday:** Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Lk 5:1-11

**Friday:** Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

**Saturday:** Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8/Lk 6:1-5

**Next Sunday:** Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-2



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

This Thursday, September 7, is the 92nd anniversary of the dedication of our cathedral. Bishop Mark will be celebrating the Noon Mass. Parishioners and friends of the parish are encouraged to participate in the Eucharist on that day as we praise and thank the Lord for our beautiful dwelling place of God. We also remember with sincere gratitude the faith, generosity, and sacrifice of the people who made our cathedral possible.

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION**  
Sunday, August 27, 2023, \$ 7,229.85  
Thank you for your financial and spiritual support.

**Inquiry Sessions of Christian Initiation of Adults**

Are you interested in the Catholic Church? Do you know someone who might be interested in seeking information about our Catholic faith? Starting on Sunday, September 17th, the Cathedral Christian Initiation Team will begin weekly meetings in the Church from 11:00 AM until 12:00 Noon (after the 10:00 Mass) for all those seeking information on the Catholic Church. No commitments are made at this time. These are informal Inquiry Sessions to discuss aspects of our faith with anyone who might be thinking of joining the Catholic Church. All are welcome; bring a friend. If you are interested in joining or would like more information, please contact Carol Galioto at (814)327-4841.

**Coming up! "Basket Bingo "**

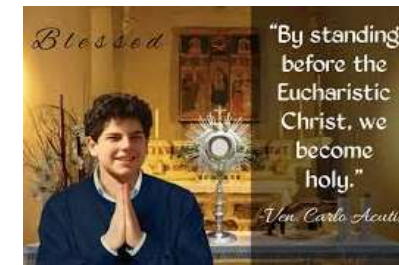
Time is fast approaching, only 4 more weeks until Basket Bingo, that will be taking place on Sunday, September 24, 2023 at Father Kelly Hall. We are still taking Basket Fillers, Monetary, and gift cards (with activation receipt please). Also donations of bottled water, and cans of soda, that can be dropped 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, or email Paula at [pclemens@dioceseaj.org](mailto:pclemens@dioceseaj.org). Tickets will also be available at the doors on the day of the event. Dobbers Up!!! Lets Play Bingo!!!

**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.



On Wednesday, September 6, we will have adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from after the noon Mass until the end of 7:00 P.M. Confessions. You are encouraged to spend some time in prayer before the sacramental presence of Jesus Christ. He yearns for us to deepen our relationship with Him. It is essential that people be in the cathedral while the Blessed Sacrament is on the altar. There is a sign-up sheet on the table at the cross-aisle.



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

September 3, 2023

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isn't it easy to relate to Peter? One moment Jesus announces Peter's deep communion with God the Father. The very next, when he rejects the logic of Jesus' suffering and death, Jesus calls Peter Satan. We Christians shouldn't be too shocked when we experience both spiritual highs and lows, when we perceive breathtaking contradictions in our hearts.

Like the great apostle, you and I are recipients of unfathomable graces. God dwells in us, calls his beloved children, and takes care of our every need. And we also continually fail to embrace our sufferings with trust in Jesus. We know the truth of the creed, but we easily scorn the weight of the cross.

The good news is that, like Peter, we are never abandoned by the Lord even at our worst moments. Peter will eventually learn the beauty of the cross when he is willingly crucified. But it took time for him to get there. And it takes time for us, too. This week let's not be too shocked at these divisions in our hearts but accept them and patiently seek to be more obedient to Jesus' cross-shaped plan for us. Father John Muir ©LPI

**Cathedral Christian Mothers**

The next meeting for the Cathedral Christian Mothers will be on Wednesday, September 13th in the **Cathedral Parish Center, 14th Street Entrance**. Rosary at 6:00PM and meeting at 6:30PM. All women of the parish are welcomed!

**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

Choosing the Cross

I've been called a lot of things in my life, but I've never been called "Satan," at least not to my face.

It seems to me the worst name you could call a person, and today we hear it straight from the lips of Jesus. It's just one of the many small reminders strewn throughout Scripture that Jesus preaches meekness, but he is not mild — not when mildness serves no purpose, anyway.

And here, when Peter is trying to deter Jesus from making the right choice, mildness serves no purpose at all.

Can we blame Peter? I certainly can't. I'm sure I would have said the same thing to my own dear friend. He is, in today's Gospel, wholly unwilling to embrace the cross — he's afraid of it, even — but aren't we all, in the end, afraid of our cross? I am. It's no sin, it's only human. Fear is natural. Self-preservation is a reflex.

What Christ speaks of today is a choice, one we are all faced with, again and again, just as Peter is. We will not always respond perfectly; Peter does not respond well today. He does not respond well on Holy Thursday.

But on his last day, on the day of the ultimate choice? On that day, he chooses the cross.

We marvel at first responders who put themselves in harm's way for the sake of others, because to do so is not human, it is divine. I have to believe that if even a firefighter's loved one threw themselves in his way, he would still charge toward the flames, crying, "Get behind me."

Christ runs into the burning building for us, shaking off not only his own fear (and he had it, I promise you — he was human, too) but the fear of everyone who loved him.

"Offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God..." — Romans 12:1 ©LPI



**Join us for the 9:00 A.M. Mass on Labor Day! Bishop Mark will be the celebrant and homilist.**

**THE CHURCH OF ALTOONA-JOHNSTOWN  
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**ONE CATHEDRAL SQUARE, ALTOONA, PENNSYLVANIA 16601-3315  
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**TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME-SEPTEMBER 3, 2023**

**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

Religious Education Office: Sundays - 814-943-7424

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**DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRY**

Leslie C. Thayer, MM, CAGO

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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)

Eldorado 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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