

**TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
October 29, 2023
Mass Intentions**

October 29, The Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM+Mary Fenello (Kathleen Foster)
10:00AM+David C. Hooper, Birth. (Family)
5:00PM Pro Popolo/For the People
Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church 11:30 AM

October 30, Monday, Weekday

12:00PM+Denis Burns (Mr & Mrs Dave Hanekamp)

October 31, Tuesday, Weekday

12:00PM+Don Godish, Anniversary (Friend)
5:30PM Pro Popolo/For the People

November 1, Wednesday, All Saints

8:00AM Special Intention (Anonymous)
12:00PM+John Moloney/Joan Nedimyer, Birthday (Family)

November 2, Thursday, The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed

12:00PM+All Souls

November 3, Friday, Saint Martin DePorres, Religious

12:00PM+John Kasun Jr. (Sue Caldwell)

November 4, Saturday, Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop

12:00PM+Special Intention Michele Arpino Coukan (Michael Golden Family)

Vigil: Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00PM+John & Mildred Conti, Wed. Ann. (Family)

November 5, The Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM+Fred Allman, Birthday (Shamba Elijah)
10:00AM+Jim Weaver (Wife)
5:00PM Pro Popolo/For the People

Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church 11:30 AM



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

Readings for the week of October 29, 2023

Sunday: Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 (2)/1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40

Monday: Rom 8:12-17/Ps 68:2 and 4, 6-7ab, 20-21/Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday: Rom 8:18-25/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a

Thursday: Wis 4:7-14/Ps 25:6, and 7b, 17-18, 20-21/Rom 5:17-21/Mt 11:25-30

Friday: Rom 9:1-5/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 14:1-6

Saturday: Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 17-18/Lk 14:1, 7-11

Next Sunday: Mal 1:14b—2:2b, 8-10/Ps 131:1, 2, 3/1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13/Mt 23:1-1

A Big Thank-You

A big thank you to the Cathedral Social Committee for the socials on the portico. The soup and sandwiches that were served on Saturday, October 7th, after the 5:00 PM Mass were delicious. A special thank you to the following people: Mary Ann Bell, Tony Eckenrode, Beth Moore, Mark & Carol Sanker, Butch Winkler, and Linda Yaskow.



Eucharistic Miracles

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 miracles that took place in Buenos Aires, Argentina and on the island of La Reunion (a French colony).

OFFERTORY COLLECTION
Sunday, October 22, 2023, \$ 7,189.36
Thank you for your financial and spiritual support.



OUR 2024 CALENDAR OF CASH LOTTERY TICKETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE IN THE OFFICE DURING THE WEEK AND FOLLOWING MASSES ON WEEKENDS. THE COST IS \$20.00. BUY ONE FOR YOURSELF AND GIVE A FEW AS GIFTS!

Eucharistic Adoration

On Wednesday, November 1, Cathedral Parish will have Eucharistic Adoration from after the noon Mass 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 at least two people in the Lord's presence during exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

Nocturnal Adoration

The next Nocturnal Adoration will take place at Holy Rosary Church, 900- North 4th Street, Altoona. Friday, November 3, from 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. All are welcome to spend an hour or as long as you would like.



Religious Articles

During the weekend of November 4 and 5, religious sisters from St. Elizabeth Convent in Belarus (Diocese of Minsk Belarusian Orthodox Church) will be visiting our parish selling icons, crucifixes, crosses, and other religious items made with prayer and love in the workshops of the convent.

During the weekend of November 18 and 19, our brothers and sisters representing The Land of Peace Mission- a nonprofit organization will be with us speaking about the Christian situation in the Holy Land and selling Crucifixes, religious art work, and rosaries- all made of olive wood which is native to Israel and Bethlehem. Since tourism has greatly depleted, Christian families in the holy land, who depend on tourists, have been greatly affected. The goal of this mission is to help the poor and needy families in Bethlehem and Jerusalem. Sale of these goods will help them very much and also give you the opportunity to have "something" authentic from the holy land. Please browse and buy some articles. It is for a good cause and also a help to your personal devotion. see Website: www.landofpeace.org



Pilgrimage to Fatima & Lourdes & Discovery of Barcelona

Msgr. Carson will be leading a pilgrimage from September 15-24, 2024.

A slide show and more information will be presented on Thursday, November 9, from 6:00-7:30 P.M. in the cathedral's hall.

Pilgrimage information is also available at <https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1213040>

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

October 29, 2023

In our secularized culture, we all struggle with belief in God, at least to some degree. An atheist man named Robert Bridges once wrote to his friend, the Jesuit poet Gerard Manley Hopkins, asking how he could possibly learn to believe in God. Hopkins pithily responded: "Give alms." Would that help someone tempted by atheism today, like you and me?

I think so, and here's why. This week Jesus speaks of love for God and neighbor. These dual commands were nothing new when Jesus used them to sum up the Jewish law. What is new is the way he links them together in mutual dependency. In Jesus, God and man have become one. Human-love and God-love are now inseparably married forever.

The newness of the God-man means that there is now a permanently counter-intuitive way into the knowledge and love of God: love of our neighbor. To experience charity is to know God. That's what Hopkins was getting at for his friend. How we treat our fellow human beings is inseparable from faith in God. Do you want to have a stronger sense of God's loving presence and goodness? Commit to serving someone today and this week. Love him or her. Don't wait for love for God to appear in your heart before loving others. Jesus has united divine and human love. If you want to believe more in God, give alms.

Father John Muir ©LPi

A CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS WITH CHRISTMAS SPIRIT!

Our parish will be participating in the 17th Annual Altoona Spirit of Christmas Parade scheduled for Saturday, December 2, in downtown Altoona. We are looking for volunteers interested in being part of a spirited group that will be designing and constructing a float. Last year, our float took First Place and we would like to repeat that achievement again this year!

We're fortunate in having a vehicle for the float and an indoor space in which to construct the float design. We need individuals with any general construction and artistic abilities who are interested in coming together in Christian fellowship while representing the parish. If you're interested in being a part of a committee, please contact Dave Kimmel at 814-207-1802 or c davidkimmel@gmail.com. You may also call the parish office at 814-944-4603.

Cash Bash!!

St. Patrick School will be holding a Cash Bash November 18th, 2023. 731 Patrick Lane, Newry. Doors open at 5:30pm. A chance to win up to \$2000! \$100 ticket includes admission for two adults with dinner and drinks, plus chances to win CASH! For more information or to purchase tickets please call the school office at 814-695-3819. Must be at least 21 to attend.

Fall and Advent Programs at CCW Incarnation Center

Harvest of Gratitude: Day of Prayer and Reflection: November 10, 2023, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at CCW Incarnation Center. Spend time reflecting on the gifts of God that are present in each day. In this season of gratitude, focusing on the ordinary blessings in our lives takes us deeper into the mystery of God's bountiful love. Program and lunch provided for a Free Will Offering. Pre-Registration is required by Nov. 6.

When You Pray: This 4-week series will be offered on Mondays, Nov. 20, 27, Dec. 4, & 11, 2023, from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. at CCW Incarnation Center. It will also be offered on the same dates from 6 – 8 p.m. at the Basilica of St. Michael in Loretto. (Phone: 814-472-8551) Using a new series by Edward Sri, this program will explore our need and desire to develop a deeper and more meaningful relationship with God through a life of prayer. Cost: Free Will Offering, Text book - \$16 available for purchase at first class. Pre-registration required by Nov. 13, 2023.

To register: Contact 814-886-4098 or email CommunityofficeCCW@gmail.com or srmarylwnw@CCWCommunity.org. Please provide name, address and email. You may also mail your registration information to: Incarnation Center Retreats, 394 Bem Road, Gallitzin Pa. 16641.



Since Wednesday, November 1, is All Saints Day and a holy day of obligation, Masses at the cathedral will be on Tuesday, October 31, at 5:30 P.M. and on Wednesday at 8:00 A.M. and Noon. There will be a Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church on Wednesday at 5:30 P.M.

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THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME-OCTOBER 29, 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

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MAIL MINISTRY TO ELDERLY, HOMEBOUND,
SERIOUSLY SICK, AND GRIEVING - 814-944-4603

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Web: 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 - 814-944-4014

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