

**THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME  
November 12, 2023  
Mass Intentions**

**November 12, The Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00AM Special Intention Annie & Ethan Adams (Mom & Dad)  
10:00AM+Paul & Ruth Eckenrode (Mary Ann & Jack)  
5:00PM Pro Popolo/For the People  
**Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church 11:30 AM**

**November 13, Monday, Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin**

12:00PM+Maurice & Jane McNulty (Rita & Jerry Kibler)

**November 14, Tuesday, Weekday**

12:00PM+Joe Jaronieski Jr. Birth, (Mike & Sherry Byrne)

**November 15, Wednesday, Saint Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

12:00PM+Bob Russler (McNelis All Stars & Friends)

**November 16, Thursday, Saint Margaret of Scotland; Saint Gertrude, Virgin**

12:00PM+Lavelle Family (Phyllis Lavelle Sheetz)

**November 17, Friday, Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious**

12:00PM+Peggy & Bernie Joyce (Family)

**November 18, Saturday, Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin**

12:00PM+Charles Michaels, Ann. (Mary Ann & Jack)  
**Vigil: Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
5:00PM+Walt & Barbara Beech, Wed. Ann. (Family)

**November 19, The Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00AM+Sandy Cuomo (Bear & Patty McCloskey)  
10:00AM+Dorothy Martin Smith & E.T. Smith Families (George Smith)  
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 November 12, 2023**

**Sunday:** Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (2b)/1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13

**Monday:** Wis 1:1-7/Ps 139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10/Lk 17:1-6

**Tuesday:** Wis 2:23—3:9/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19/Lk 17:7-10

**Wednesday:** Wis 6:1-11/Ps 82:3-4, 6-7/Lk 17:11-19

**Thursday:** Wis 7:22b—8:1/Ps 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135, 175/Lk 17:20-25

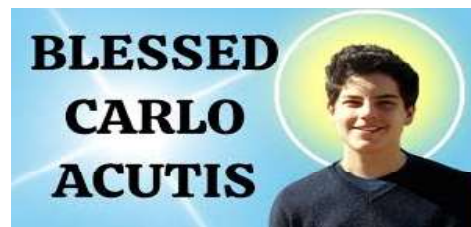
**Friday:** Wis 13:1-9/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5ab/Lk 17:26-37

**Saturday:** Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43/Lk 18:1-8

**Next Sunday:** Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 (see 1a)/1 Thes 5:1-6/ Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-2



**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 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, November 5, 2023, \$ 11,243.53**  
**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? 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.



**Pilgrimage to Fatima & Lourdes & Discovery of Barcelona**

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

Pilgrimage information is available in the brochures at our entrances, at our Facebook page, and at <https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1213040>

**Thank You**

Many hands do make light work. The Christian Mothers would like to acknowledge the parents and children who donated their time and energy to help make our Church shine on Saturday October 22nd. Along with some of our dedicated cleaning volunteers, we shared a morning of fellowship and fun. We would like to thank the following for their assistance; Jim, Jessica, Lola, Colleen and Maggie Roland; Michele Luciano, William and Oliver Griffith; Kim, Jocelyn and Alaina Ake; Scott, Amanda, Ronan and Kelan Chirdon; Paula Miller, Bill and Grace Smith, Paulette Farabaugh, Patty McCloskey, Barbara Rossi, Becky Bettwy, Mary Gene Vogel, and Mary Ann Bell. Thank you all for helping us "Make a Difference."

**Basket Bingo Report**

After having our final Basket Bingo committee meeting, we are pleased to announce that after all the bills were paid, the profit from the bingo was \$14,100.90. We had sold 173 tickets, and had 105 baskets. Job well done by all that had donated. We would like to thank our committee for a job well done: Mary Ann Bell, Maryann Joyce Bistline, Paula Clemens, Paulette Farabaugh, Sherry Luke, Mary Lumadue, Paula Miller, Peggy McLucas, Lori Eberwein, Dallas Luke, also a BIG thank you to Lorraine Beck and Roberta Burns for their long hours that they put into this. We are looking forward to our next basket bingo, so mark your calendars for Sunday, September 29th, 2024 hope to see you there!

**Christian Mothers Meeting**

There will be a Christian Mothers Meeting on Wednesday, November 15. All women are invited to attend. Rosary will be at 6:00pm and meeting at 6:30pm in the Education Center.



**LAND OF PEACE MISSION**

Next weekend, 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](http://www.landofpeace.org)



## GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

November 12, 2023

Lately I've been enjoying the deep meaning of Eastern icons. I love how they express a tapestry of meaning in a way that can surpass the written or spoken word. Today's parable of the ten virgins from Jesus is a good example. Try googling "wise and foolish virgins icon" and you'll see an image of how our Christ meets our heart's deepest needs if we attend to him with the proper attitude.

I'm serious. Take a moment to google and look at it. See how it depicts the risen Jesus behind a closed door with the five wise virgins with lighted lamps. He gazes with them toward the five foolish and lamp-less virgins, symbolizing the outward looking of divine love for the lost. Moreover, the wedding feast is no ordinary one. It takes place in a walled city and garden, indicating it's a new Jerusalem and a return to Eden. The table isn't typical, either. It's a Eucharistic feast. Now we see that the door in Jesus' parable is the way into the church, where Christ is the new light burning amidst the dark midnight of this world.

The richness continues. We notice, too, that the foolish virgins look exactly the same as the wise ones in their clothes, hair, and expressions. The only difference is they departed to buy oil and now they are sadly excluded. We often act like consumers in the marketplace to fulfill our need for love and mercy. We'll always end up disappointed if we shop around. Jesus sums up the moral of the story this way: "Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour." Watch, remain, don't spiritually shop. It is always better to quietly remain close to the Eucharistic community of the Church, even if we feel like our oil has run out. This week let's consider placing the icon of the wise and foolish virgins on our phone lock screen or computer desktop to help us remember to stay close to him, especially when life feels dark. Father John Muir

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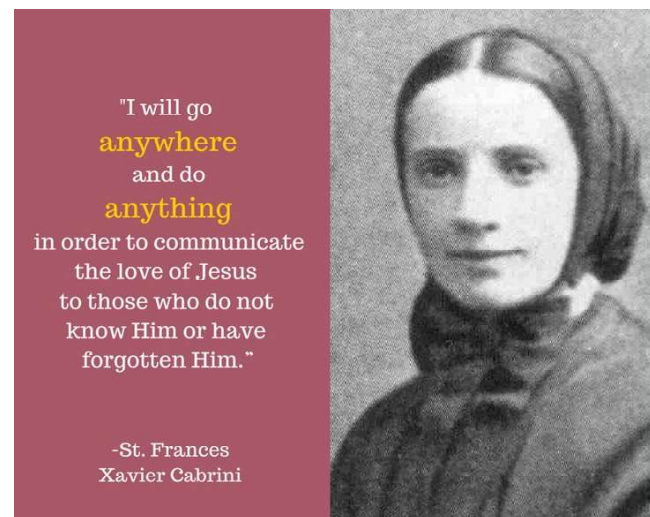
**Our parish's next Pastoral Council meeting will be on Tuesday, November 21, at 6:30 P.M. in the Administrative Center.**



### 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 prepresenting the parish. If you're interested in being a part of a committee, please contact Dave Kimmel at 814-207-1802 or [cdauidkimmel@gmail.com](mailto:cdauidkimmel@gmail.com). You may also call the parish office at 814-944-4603.



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

ONE CATHEDRAL SQUARE, ALTOONA, PENNSYLVANIA 16601-3315  
CHURCH OFFICE: 814-944-4603

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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**

#### DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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

Religious Education Office: Sundays - 814-943-7424

E-mail: [claraia@dioceseaj.org](mailto:claraia@dioceseaj.org)

#### 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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