

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
May 12, 2024
Mass Intentions

May 12, Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:00AM+Walter Beckel Jr., Birthday (Family)
 10:00AM All Living & Deceased Mothers
 5:00PM Pro Popolo/For the People

Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church 11:30AM

May 13, Monday, Easter Weekday

12:00PM+Regina Kutruuff (Family)

May 14, Tuesday, Saint Matthias, Apostle

12:00PM+Geraldine Kines, Ann. (Sharon Yanchik)

May 15, Wednesday, Easter Weekday

12:00PM+Susan Ryan Kilcoyne (Jim & Steph Kilcoyne)

May 16, Thursday Easter Weekday

12:00PM+Eleanor Toth, Anniversary George Toth)
 7:00PM Bishop Guilfoyle Baccalaureate

May 17, Friday, Easter Weekday

10:00AM All School Mass/May Crowning
 12:00PM+Leo B. Winkler, Birthday (Family)
 7:00PM Bishop Guilfoyle Graduation Mass

May 18, Saturday, Easter Weekday

12:00PM Jim & Jane (Cole) Smith, 50th Wedding Anniversary

Vigil: Pentecost Sunday

5:00PM+Lavelle Family (Phyllis Lavelle Sheetz)

May 19, Pentecost Sunday

8:00AM+Frances Pagliaro, Birthday (Family)
 10:00AM+Nancy (Warner) Nagy (Dr. & Mrs. Ed Maruca)

5:00PM Pro Popolo/For the People

Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church 11:30AM

PRIESTS, BROTHERS, NUNS.
THEY NEED US.
WE NEED THEM.

Vocations Are Everybody's Business



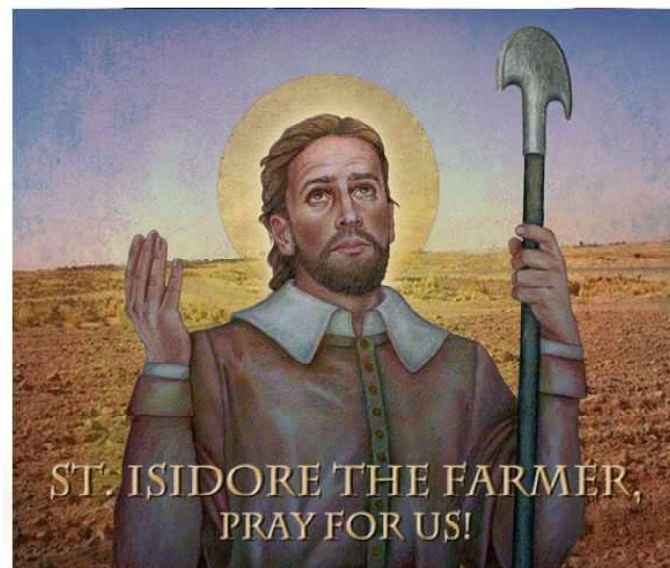
The 2024 Catholic Ministries Drive is in progress. Our sacrificial gifts of prayer and treasure will make an immediate and lasting impact on our ministries that focus on evangelization, serving those in need, and the formation of priests and deacons. This year, our campaign's theme is Encountering Christ. During this time of the Eucharistic Revival, Encountering Christ is an invitation to grow in our living relationship with Christ in the Eucharist. Our diocese's ministries needs our support. Our parish's target is \$45,930. All contributions beyond our parish goal will remain for use within our parish. As of May 7, 138 parishioners have pledged/contributed \$39,455. We've reached **86%** of our target. Thank you.

Finance Council

Cathedral parish's Finance Council will meet on Tuesday, May 21st, at 4:00 P.M.



Our parish's Parish Council will be meeting on Tuesday, May 21st, at 6:30 P.M. in the Cathedral Parish Center



OFFERTORY COLLECTION
 Sunday, May 5, 2024 \$10,474.27
 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.

Mass for Widows and Widowers

Remember your loved ones on **Sunday, May 26, 2024 with a televised Mass Celebrated by Bishop Mark Bartchak at 11:00 a.m. on WATM ABC 23 and will be rebroadcast that night at 9:00 p.m. on Breezeline channel 9.** All spouses will be acknowledged and remembered at Mass. All persons who have lost a spouse through death throughout the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese are invited to register by calling the Family Life Office 814-317-2643 or email familylife@dioceseaj.org. When registering, please give your **name, address, phone number and the name of your spouse who has passed away.** The last day to register is Wednesday, **May 22, 2024.** The event is sponsored by the Diocesan **Family Life Office** and the **Catholic Ministries Drive.**

Time for a Change Campaign

Last year was a record breaking year for us, as we have raised \$137,000.00 for the babies. This campaign runs from Mother's Day, May 12th to Father's Day, June 16th. Thank you for being a part of this great success!

Precious Life Baby Bottles are to be returned Father's Day weekend. Gratitude is extended to those who generously take part in this pro-life campaign.



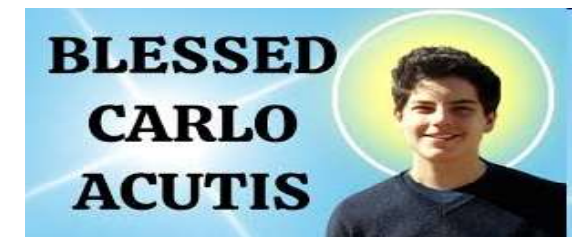
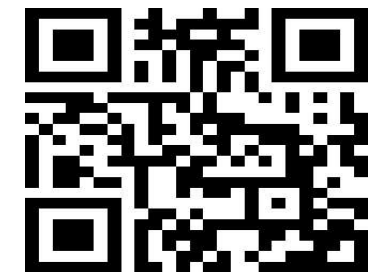
Our parish will be publishing a Pictorial Directory.

Pictures will be taken the week of May 20-23.

The directory will be a great opportunity to improve parish unity and fellowship. A pictorial directory is a powerful tool in our parish to help each of us know each other better.

We want everyone to get a new picture made so that our new directory will be complete.

IT WON'T BE COMPLETE WITHOUT YOU! You can make your appointment online by going to our webpage, facebook page, or the code below. Be sure to do that today. Roberta Burns will also be available at the 13th avenue entrance to sign you up following weekend Masses. So far, over 140 households have signed up. But, we'd love to have all of our households in our directory. It's free.



Our parish now has the entire exhibit of Eucharistic miracles prepared by Blessed Carlo Acutis (1999-2006). Portions of the exhibit will be displayed in the side chapels of the cathedral. You are encouraged to deepen your appreciation of the Eucharist by reading about the extraordinary ways the Lord has revealed Himself in the gift of the Blessed Sacrament.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

May 12, 2024

7th Sunday of Easter

A few months ago, I had the singular privilege of a private meeting with Pope Francis. We were a small group of pastors, composed largely of non-Catholics. The Holy Father wished to discuss our work for Christian unity. The phrase I remember him saying with greatest frequency was: Tutti dentro. It means, "Everyone in." He clearly wanted us to emphasize that the Church is made for the whole human race, not a select few. At the center of his concern was unity. We are all brothers and sisters, he said multiple times. The Church's primary longing is for everyone to join Her.

This longing is at the heart of this Ascension feast day. We hear the longest recorded prayer of the one whom Pope Francis represents. Jesus' concern is unity, praying to the Father, "that they may be one, even as we are one" (John 17:11). The deep unity of all people in Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit is what Jesus most desires. It is what he ascends to accomplish.

Do we have this same burning desire in our hearts, too? Or do we see Christian unity as an unrealizable dream? Or worse, as something that threatens our own narrow tribal interests? This feast is a wonderful time to consider our attitude toward Christian unity, and to commit to do whatever we can to foster it. It is the Pope's desire because it is that of Jesus — and it should be ours, too.

Father John Muir ©LPi

Stewardship Reflections

As we celebrate Christ's ascension into heaven, we recall that He is not of this world and we were not made for this world. We were made for eternal life. Our readings today remind us that are called to be set apart as disciples of Christ.

In our Gospel, Jesus makes it clear that as Christian disciples, we do not belong to the world. He prays to God the Father, "I gave them my word, and the world hated them, because they do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world." We must stop and ask ourselves, "Who do we belong to?" The answer is we belong to our Loving and Gracious God. But do we act like we belong to God? How we spend our time, what we do with our talents and how we spend our treasures are a good reflection of who or what we belong to.

Jesus' ascension is a good reminder for us that we, too, are called to heaven. Let us strive to live our lives as a reflection of this goal in mind. And let us pray for the grace of God's Perfect Love for us and for the grace to express our love in return.

Basket Bingo Coming Soon

It's that time of the year again, to start thinking about having fun. Our Basket Bingo will take place on Sunday, September 29, 2024 at the Father Kelly Hall, 5th Street and 25th Avenue. We are now taking donation, new items, gift cards, and monetary gifts.

Basket Bingo Donations

We are starting to take donations for Basket Bingo already. Looking for Basket Themes such as; Picnic Basket, Baking Basket, Women's Basket, Bedroom Basket accessories just to name a few. Or if you have a theme in mind that would be wonderful also.

Basket Bingo Meeting

We will be having a Basket Bingo meeting on Thursday, May 23rd at 6:00PM at the Cathedral Parish Center. All are welcomed!



CLEANING SUPPLIES DRIVE

During the month of May, Cathedral parish will be participating in Catholic Charities' **Cleaning Supply Drive**. Specially marked collection boxes will be available at all entrances. Please be supportive.

Suggested Items:

Paper Products: Tissues (travel size), Toilet Paper (single rolls or small packs); Napkins, Paper Towels, Lysol Wipes, Etc.
Soap Products: Bar, Liquid Body Wash, Shampoo, Conditioner, (adults/children)
Larger Items: Backpacks, Tents, Flashlights (with batteries), Brooms, Bucket/Mop, Dishwashing Liquid, etc.
Laundry: Laundry Detergent Pods, Bleach, Fabric Softener, Dryer Sheets,
Misc. Items: Travel Toothpaste, Mouthwash, Deodorant, Individual Aspirin Packs, Band-Aids, Basic Hygiene & First Aid Items, Umbrellas, Socks, Bottled Water, Hand Sanitizer

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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.

By appointment, by texting or calling 814-937-8240

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 - Normally, the First Wednesday - 12:30 PM - 6:45 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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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

BISHOP GUILFOYLE ACADEMY

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

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