

**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME
July 28, 2024
Mass Intentions**



The 2024 Catholic Ministries Drive has begun. 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. **\$48,745. has been pledged. (The pledge balance is \$4,025.)** If all pledges are paid, we will have reached 106% of our target. Thank you.

Religious Ed PK-11

Registration weekend for all Religious Ed and PREP students PK4-11 will be held Saturday, Aug 10, and Sunday, Aug. 11 before and after all Masses in the Religious Ed Center. New students must bring a copy of there Baptismal Certificate.

Classes will begin on September 8th. For more information or questions please contact Chris Laraia at 814-312-7317.

Confirmation Prep

***Changes are coming to the Confirmation Prep program beginning this year!**

All 8,9,10,11th grade public school and Catholic school students and a parent must attend this mandatory Confirmation information meeting on Wed. August 7th at 6:30 PM or Thur. August 8th at 6:30 PM in the Cathedral Hall. Please contact Chris Laraia for more information at 814-312-7317.

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday, August 7, is a Eucharistic Day of Prayer from after the noon Mass until Benediction at 6:45 P.M. There is a sign-up sheet on the table at the cross aisle. It is essential that there be people in adoration while the Blessed Sacrament is exposed.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday, July 21, 2024 \$ 17,305.40

Thank you for your financial and spiritual support.



Our parishioners were very generous in supporting this year's Cereal Drive for the St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry.

Thank you.

Basilica of Saint Michael's the Archangel Parish Family in Loretto

On behalf of the Basilica of Saint Michael the Archangel Parish Family in Loretto, all the faithful of the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese are invited to outdoor Masses every Sunday evening at 7 PM at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Alleghenies concluding on Sunday, September 1. Please bring a lawn chair. In the event of inclement weather, the Mass will be celebrated in the Basilica of Saint Michael the Archangel.

Special Masses this Summer:

August 4 Mass for Young People – Return to College, Work, Military

The historic **Prince Gallitzin Chapel House**, next to the Our Lady of the Alleghenies Shrine, will be open on the following Sunday afternoons from **3:00 – 6:00 PM** for self-guided tours, pilgrimages and visits: **August 4, and 18.**



BISHOP GUILFOYLE ACADEMY: PreK through Grade 12.... Financial Aid Available

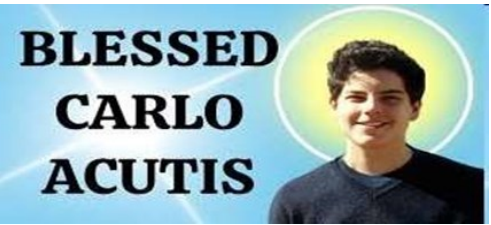
Our rolling admissions process means that anytime of the year is a good time to enroll at BG Academy! Our unified system streamlines the curriculum from PreK through Grade 12. Students enjoy Catholic faith formation and academic excellence in an environment where calm classrooms, self-discipline and respect for others are the norm.

Most of our students receive financial aid. Catholic students qualify for an automatic special scholarship. Ask for our household income chart that gives you an estimate of the tuition range for your family.

NEW Hollidaysburg campus for PreK and Kindergarten; Eldorado and Fairview campuses, PreK through grade 5; Call 942.7835. Pleasant Valley campus, Grades 6- 12; Call 944.4014. Ask for a personalized tour. Welcoming new students

St. Augustine Picnic

St. Augustine Catholic Church, 803– St. Augustine Road, Dysart, will be having their Annual Picnic on Sunday, August 4th, featuring a Bar-b-que Chicken Dinner with homemade noodles. Meals will be served take-out style, with seating available on the picnic grounds or in the Church hall. Dinners available from 11:00 AM to sold out, and the cost is \$14.00. There will also be a basket auction, bingo, concession stand food, children's games and other games of chance. Get your tickets for the grand prize choice of \$1,000 or 1/2 black angus beef (cut, wrapped and frozen). Come out and enjoy a day of fun and fellowship. All are welcome.



Our parish 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.

Currently, the display includes miracles that took place in Spain, Italy, Belgium, Egypt, France, and Martinique.

Vacation Bible School

Dive Deeper into your Faith!

Location: Bishop Guilfoyle Academy, 2400– Pleasant Valley Blvd. Altoona Pa 16602

Cost: \$25.00 per child, Kindergarten- 4th grade.

When: August 5th-9th, 9:00AM– 12:00PM

POSTERS ARE LOCATED AT ALL THE DOORS. SCAN THE QR CODE TO SIGN UP!

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

July 28, 2024

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The world is filled with people whose basic needs aren't met, whether for clean water, nutrition, safety, education, meaningful work, stable family life, basic medical resources, religious freedom, and the right to life. So how can we possibly believe what Psalm 145 says to us this week, "The hand of the Lord feeds us, he answers all our needs"? Does he? What about the countless poor? Can't we identify at least a few unmet needs in our own lives right now? Is the Bible promoting wishful thinking and laziness in helping others?

No. The psalm flows from Israel's experience of God's relentless fidelity again and again especially in the Passover from Egypt. This divine providence is recalled when Jesus feeds the needy multitudes in the Gospel of John. Passover arrives once again, and the people are hungry like the ancient Israelites on the wilderness journey. What is new is that in Jesus God not only provides for their needs, but He learns what it's like to have those human needs. He shares them too. He feeds them bread and fish; and even more, He hungers to provide them, and us, much more than just that kind of perishable food.

Our deepest need is for God. Like the multiplied bread, all earthly provisions ultimately fail, for we all finally die. Of course, our obligation to meet the needs of the poor is basic. But Christ promises to feed us with the one bread that never fails: God Himself. He is humanity's eternal food. If we eat this bread, we taste the faithfulness of God who answers all our needs, even when every earthly thing fails. Father John Muir. ©LPi



Christian Mothers Announcements

Pro- Life Rosary- Thursdays

As Catholics, we proclaim that human life is a precious gift from God; that each person who receives this gift has responsibilities towards God, self and others; and that society, through its laws and social institutions, must protect and nurture human life at every stage of its existence. The USCCB Committee on Pro-Life is inviting Catholics to join a focused effort of prayer for the end of abortion and for the protection of women and pre-born children.

Every Thursday after the Noon Mass, members of the Christian Mothers invite you to join them to recite the Pro-Life Rosary. We will meet in front of the Blessed Mother Chapel. Come join your prayers with ours as we pray for the protection of all of God's children.

Basket Bingo

Our Basket Bingo is being held on Sunday, September 29, 2024 at the Father Kelly Hall, 5th Street and 25th Avenue. We are taking donations of gift cards, monetary gifts, or if you have a theme basket that you would like to do or donate for, we can always add to it. We are also taking donations of water, and soda, that can be dropped off at the Parish Office, between 9:00 AM-4:00 PM. If you have any questions please feel free to call Paula at 814-944-4603 the Parish office, or Lorraine Beck 1-240-676-6704 or Paula's cell 814-215-5949.

Basket Bingo Tickets

Basket Bingo tickets are now on sale at the 13th Avenue door after all masses and at the Parish Office: \$25.00 per person, a value pack may be bought for an additional \$30.00. If you have any question call the Parish Office at 814-944-4603, Paula Clemens 814-215-5949 or Lorraine Beck 1-240-676-6704. Tickets will also be available at the door on the day of the event.

**JESUS NEEDS YOU,
DON'T SAY NO!**
*Vocations Are
Everybody's Business*

The Church of Altoona-Johnstown
**THE CATHEDRAL
OF THE
BLESSED SACRAMENT**

ONE CATHEDRAL SQUARE, Altoona, Pennsylvania 16601-3315

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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.

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
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Leslie C. Thayer, MM, CAGO
Music Ministry Office - 814-944-2044
E-mail: lthayer@dioceseaj.org

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

Web: www.bishopguilfoyle.org - 814-944-4014
Eldorado Campus (Pre-K thru Grade 5) - 814-942-7835
Fairview Campus (Pre-K thru Grade 5) - 814-381-7011

Church Office: 814-944-4603

E-MAIL: altcathedral@dioceseaj.org

Fax: 814-942-4337

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Mass Times

Sunday:	Weekday:
5:00 PM (Vigil)	12:00 Noon
8:00 AM	
10:00 AM	Saturday:
5:00 PM	12:00 Noon

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