

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME November 3, 2024 Mass Intentions

November 3, Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00AM+Patricia Vargo (Tom and Karen Smith)
10:00AM+Shirley Keirn (Cathy and Joe Koehle)
5:00PM Pro Popolo/For the People
Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church 11:30AM

November 4, Monday, Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop
12:00PM+Deceased Nagy & Capp Families (Jennie Wolf)

November 5, Tuesday, Weekday
12:00PM+John Kirsch (Patty & Tom Forr)

November 6, Wednesday, Weekday
12:00PM+Bob Eger (Jane F. Doyle)

November 7, Thursday, Weekday
12:00PM+Rita Kibler (Christian Mothers)

November 8, Friday, Weekday
12:00PM+Sandy Cox (Carole and John, and Carol Gensimore)

November 9, Saturday, The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
12:00PM+Jay Strawmire (Bill and Judy Ward)
Vigil: Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00PM+Alice Winkler (Steve Stefanon)

November 10, Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00AM Special Intention Philip Petrunak, Birth. (Family)
10:00AM+Thomas Byrne Sr., Birth. (Family)
5:00PM Pro Popolo/For the People
Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church 11:30AM



We will have adoration on Wednesday, November 6, from after the noon Mass until Benediction at 6:45 P.M.

Stewardship Reflection

Today's Gospel readings brings us to the very essence of a stewardship way of life, as Jesus responds to a question posed to Him by one of the scribes: "Which is the first of all commandments?" His answer is a beautiful and concise description of a Christian steward's life: "The first commandment is this, You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

Let's consider these 'greatest commandments' as they relate to the three aspects of a Christian stewards daily life, the use of our time, our talents and our treasure. The use of time refers primarily to our relationship with the Lord, or in other words, our prayer life. The use of talents refers to the way I offer abilities, skills and interests the Lord has given me for the good of those around me. And the use of material gifts demonstrates both a love of God and neighbor. When I trustingly offer a sacrificial gift to God through the offertory collection, I am showing Him in a very tangible way that He comes before all else in my life. At the same time, my gift is showing my love for my neighbor as others are helped through my financial offering.

Sacrament Preparation

Please return November 23rd Confirmation retreat registrations as soon as possible.



Our 10:00 A.M. Mass on Sunday, November 10, will honor military veterans and those who currently serve our country. Following Mass, there will be a luncheon reception in our hall. Please call our office if you plan to attend at 814-944-4603.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Sunday, October 27, 2024 \$ 9,128.80

Thank you for your financial and spiritual support.

Youth Protection

Anyone who would like to apply for, update, or reactivate the Youth Protection clearances for the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese, the Cathedral will be hosting a required video training on Tuesday, November 5th at 1:00PM. Please call Chris Laraia at 814-312-7317 for more information and to register.

Cleaning the Church

We will be cleaning the church on Wednesday, November 13, 2024, at 9:00AM. Unless there is a funeral, then it will be on Thursday at 9:00AM.



Recruiting: Loving Hearts and Caring Hands

There are volunteer opportunities (being a Eucharistic Minister, providing companionship and visits, sharing your talents by singing or playing an instruments and other opportunities) at Garvey Manor & Our Lady of the Alleghenies Residence. Call Kathy LaVelle at 814-695-5571, ext. 4009 or klavelle@garveymanor.org



Our parish has the entire exhibit of Eucharistic miracles prepared by Blessed Carlo Acutis (1999-2006). Portions of the exhibit are displayed in the side chapels of the cathedral.

COURTESY ADS

Bishop Guilfoyle Academy

January is a good time to join the BG Academy family for PreK or students in any grade level. Visit their new website: bishopguilfoyle.org You can schedule a personal tour.

St. Therese of the Child Jesus Parish

Join the parish of St. Therese of the Child Jesus at Father Kelly Hall for an all-you-can-eat pancake lunch and raffle on Sunday, November 17, from 11:00 A.M. until 1:30 P.M. \$5.00 for children 10 and younger, \$8.00 for 11 and older. Benefits St. Vincent DePaul Conference. Ticket price includes pancakes, sausage (not all you can eat) and beverage.

Our Lady of Lourdes Holiday Boutique

Our Lady of Lourdes Holiday Boutique, at 2700- Broad Avenue. Elevator Access! November 9th, 2024, 8AM-3PM. Breakfast 8-10 AM, Lunch 11AM-2PM, Photos with Santa 11AM-1:00PM. Crafts, Baskets, raffles, Kids Carnival, Jewelry, Homemade Lollipops, Bake Shoppe



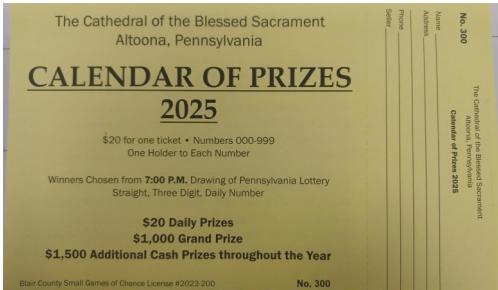
Msgr. Stan Carson and representatives from our Parish Council will be available in the Seton Suite on Saturday, November 16, at 2:00 P.M. and on Monday, November 18, at 6:30 P.M. to listen to parishioners who have suggestions on how we can improve the life of our parish. Those who bring suggestions are expected to help discern the potential for implementing the suggestions. We will also pray about the suggestions and eventually present them to our parish's advisory councils. May God's Holy Spirit help us to "see visions" and "dream dreams" (Acts 2:17).



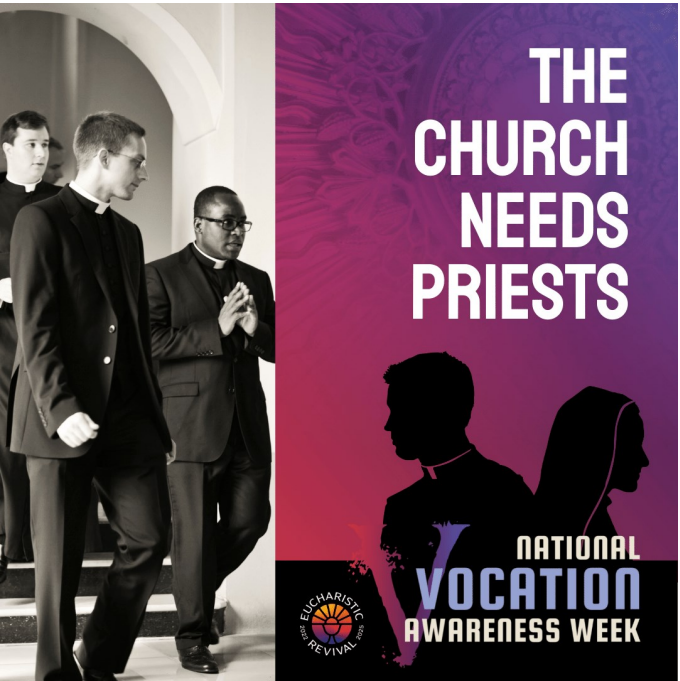
SEVENTH GRADE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CHRISTIAN SERVICE

The 7th Grade Religious Education Class and their parents are assisting two families from Our Lady of Fatima Parish with two children with extraordinary medical needs: Gwendolyn Gabriel and Sophia Riggleman. Gwen, born with half a heart and 8 years old, is waiting for her second heart transplant and has been in Children’s Hospital in Pittsburgh since February 2024. Sophia was born with the most severe form of Spina Bifida. She has had numerous surgeries, and her family also makes many trips to Children’s Hospital. Both girls and families have continuously kept the faith and live lives with joyful hope.

The students are asking for our help to raise some funds especially for gas gift cards and grocery gift cards to help defray their costs of family living at home and at the Ronald McDonald house and transportation. The students will be selling Dum –Dum Lollipops for a small donation during the first few weeks of November after Masses. They will have donation boxes for household items that are also needed (Purina ONE sensitive skin & stomach cat food, Fresh Step cat litter, Clorox or Lysol wipes, Myers clean day multipurpose cleaner, Everspring (Target brand) toilet paper, Swifter Power Mop refills, Swifter duster refills, Tide hygienic clean laundry pods, Cascade complete dishwasher pods, Size 4 diapers, Beechnut baby foods, Huggies baby wipes, Paper towels). The 7th grade students will appreciate our help and generosity. Gift cards and any voluntary monetary donations should be placed in envelopes in the collection basket or dropped off at the parish office marked: 7th Grade Religious Education Service Project c/o Mrs. Jeanne Thompson



Our Calendar of Prizes is currently on sale. The cost is \$20.00 per ticket for a year’s worth of opportunities to win cash prizes. Please be supportive. The tickets are available after weekend Masses and in the parish office.



November 3-9 is Vocation Awareness Week

Please pray that young people in today’s culture will hear and respond to God’s call. It is crucial that when God moves the heart of a young man to explore the priesthood, parents should be supportive.

We all need to do our part to encourage young people to consider the priesthood or consecrated life.

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THE THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - NOVEMBER 3, 2024

- 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.

PRO-LIFE ROSARY
Sponsored by the Christian Mothers on Thursdays after the noon Mass.
- Most Reverend Mark L. Bartchak, J.C.D., Bishop**

Reverend Monsignor Stanley Carson, Administrator

Paula Clemens, Parish Secretary

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CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME - 814-944-4603

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM:
September through April: Pre-Kindergarten thru 12.
Sunday morning 8:30 AM - 9:45 AM Pre-Kindergarten thru 8. Grades 9-11 Sunday Evening at 6:15.

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www.altoonacathedral.org

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Mass Times

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