

# TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 17, 2021

## MASS INTENTIONS

### October 18, Monday: Saint Luke, Evangelist

6:45 AM + Jane Davidson (John & Alice Joyce)  
12:00 PM In Thanksgiving (Anonymous)

### October 19, Tuesday: Sts. John de Brebeuf and Issac Jogues

6:45 AM + For All Priests (Anonymous)  
12:00 PM + Bill Lumadue (Diane Luke)

### October 20, Wednesday: St. Paul of the Cross

6:45 AM + Linda Ruggery George (McNelis All Stars)  
12:00 PM + Marian Clemens, Ann. (Carole Clemens)

### October 21, Thursday: Weekday

6:45 AM + Edward Hallinan (Family)  
12:00 PM + Patricia Koeck (Mr & Mrs Martin Finklestine)

### October 22, Friday: St John Paul II, Pope

6:45 AM To End Abortion (Chris McNelis)  
12:00 PM + Orvitta Knott (Cindy & Larry Neveling)

### October 23, Saturday: St. John of Capistrano

8:00 AM + Carrie Kibler Detwiler (Mom & Dad)  
12:00 PM + Dec. Members of E.T. Smith Family  
(George and Dot Smith)

### Vigil: Thirtieth Sunday In Ordinary Time

5:00 PM + Delphina Rutolo, Birth. (Daughter & Family)

### October 24, 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM + James Luciano (Tom Byrne Family)  
10:00 AM + Fran Moses (Karen & Randy Isenberg)  
12:00 PM + Joseph Knott Jr. (Joe & Dan Angeski,  
Marcy Yurinko)  
5:00 PM Pro Popolo / For the People

***Please remember our sick in your prayers.***

### Parish Council Meeting

There will be a Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday, October 26, at 6:30 p.m. in the Cathedral Parish Center.

### Finance Council Meeting

Our parish's Finance Council will be meeting on Tuesday, October 26, at 4:00 p.m. in the Cathedral Parish Center.

### Readings for the week of October 17, 2021

**Sunday:** Is 53:10-11/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [22]/Heb 4:14-16/Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45

**Monday:** 2 Tm 4:10-17/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/Lk 10:1-9

**Tuesday:** Rom 5:12, 15, 17-19, 20-21/Ps 40:7-8, 8-9, 10, 17 [8 and 9]/Lk 12:35-38

**Wednesday:** Rom 6:12-18/Ps 124:1-3, 4-6, 7-8 [8]/Lk 12:39-48

**Thursday:** Rom 6:19-23/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5]/Lk 12:49-53

**Friday:** Rom 7:18-25/Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94 [68]/Lk 12:54-59

**Saturday:** Rom 8:1-11/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Lk 13:1-9

**Next Sunday:** Jer 31:7-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-5

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

There will be a Confirmation Prep class for 10th graders on Sunday October 17th from 2:00-4:00 PM in the Cathedral Hall.

### SHYCON-VIRTUAL

Senior High Youth Day, an annual diocesan event, will be held on Sunday, October 24th. SHYCON check in time is at 10:40 AM and it ends at 2:30 PM, virtual. All students in grades 9-11 are invited. Students in grades 9-11 must attend at least once during these years as a requirement for their Confirmation program. Please call Chris Laraia for more information 814-312-3713.

### Helpers Needed

We will meet Wednesday, October 20, at 9:00 AM, to tidy up the Cathedral. We are so blessed that so many have come forward to help. Please bring buckets and rags and join us.

### The Cathedral Adult Choir

The choir has begun to meet. Rehearsals are held on Thursday evenings 7:00-8:30 in the Cathedral Church in front of Mary's Shrine. Cathedral Square side door. All voice parts are welcomed and needed.

### Stuffed Cabbage Dinner

Tickets are on sale after weekend Masses at the Cathedral Square Door and Alley door, for the Stuffed Cabbage Dinner drive-thru from 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM on Wednesday, November 10th. Menu is: Stuffed Cabbage, Pierogies, Cabbage & Noodles and Apple Sauce, Dessert and Roll for \$10.00.

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday, October 10, 2021- \$7,684.20

### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults "Inquiry"

Anyone interested in learning more about the Catholic Church, or just seeking information, you are welcome to join us for "Inquiry" which will begin Sunday, October 17th from 11:00-12:00 in the Seton Suite. Please contact Carol Galimoto at (814) 327-4841, if you are interested in joining.

### Stewardship Reflections

Our culture constantly encourages us to do what we can to get ahead in this world, to do what feels good, no matter the effects; that power, authority, and wealth should be our goal. Our faith offers us something different and fulfilling. As Christian stewards, we are called to give our lives in humble service of God and neighbor, just as Jesus did. Our life is not supposed to be only about us. It is about fulfilling God's glorious plan. So, we must ask ourselves, are we living to reach His goal for me, personally? Is my life centered on Christ and others or is it "all about me?"

It can be difficult to know God's plan for our entire life. He sees the whole picture, we can only see the now. All we can do is seek Him daily. If each day is centered on Him, then our entire lives will become the work of Jesus. So let us make it our daily mission to do the will of God in Spirit and action. It will look different for each one of us. (Stewardship Reflection, Catholic Stewardship Consultants, Inc. 2021/9/7)

### Greeters

Greeters and ushers are the first members of the faith community who are in a position to welcome those who gather for worship. Since it is important for a parish to be hospitable, greeters and ushers are asked to greet those who enter the cathedral and provide them with a worship aid. In addition to our ushers, we will begin to invite individuals and families to assist in the role of greeting people. If you are interested in helping, please call or email our office. Thank you.

### Trunk or Treat

On Sunday, October 31st, from 2-3:30 pm we are hosting a Trunk or Treat in the lower parish parking lot. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Parishioners who would like to hand out candy from their trunks should arrive before 1:30 pm to set up. Please let us know if you are decorating a trunk so we can assign you a spot. Register your decorated vehicle by 10/24 online at <http://tinyurl.com/cathedraltrunkortreat> or by calling the Parish office at 814-944-4603.

### PARISH PROPERTY

Earlier this year, pointing work was done on the retaining wall on the parking lots side of 13th avenue. This summer, the roofing between the cathedral and rectory was replaced and patch work was done on parts of the cathedral's rubber roof. The ceiling in the cathedral's ladies' restroom was repaired. There will also be some repair work done on some of the steps and landings in front of the cathedral. Eventually, major work will need to be done in that area.

### HOUSEKEEPER POSITION

The rectory is in need of a housekeeper to do laundry and cleaning. Applicants are asked to go to the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown's website's CAREERS link for more information and to apply. Gratitude is extended to Kathleen Winter who has done such a fine job fulfilling the position in recent years.

### What's in it for me?

I think we've all been guilty of looking at a situation and wondering what's in it for us. It doesn't matter if it's a particular work assignment, someone at the parish asking for help with the mission trip bake sale, or your spouse asking if you'll take over the grocery shopping this week. Often, our first reaction to one of these requests is a heavy sigh and the thought: "If I do this, what will I get?"

Sometimes it surprises us to realize that the Apostles were no different. We tend to idolize these contemporaries of Christ as giants who walked with the Savior. But in reality, these individuals were merely human beings struggling to commit to the task of everyday stewardship.

In the Gospels, we see glimpses of them longing for praise and affirmation. We see them jockeying for positions of power within the group of twelve. We see them expect earthly rewards like honor and admiration. We see them acting a lot like us.

But in the end, we see them transformed by the grace of God. Like all the saints, their holiness stems from their commitment to their call. They stumble through, and as they stumble, they keep trusting God. They keep turning to Him. They keep asking for help. They don't give up just because they keep failing at it.

We are defined by what we give when we have no hope of being reimbursed, rewarded, or recognized. The Apostles understood this, eventually, and they gave accordingly. Most of them gave their very lives.

Remember, they're just like us. If they can do it, we can too.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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“What do you wish me to do for you?” Whether we realize it, this is a question God is always asking. It’s an important question because the answer we provide will reveal a great deal about where our hearts lie. Our requests of God can often appear very noble and altruistic. They consist of requests for healing for someone in need of prayers, successful resolution of a personal conflict, assistance in overcoming a disease and myriad other desires for both ourselves and others. We are especially concerned about those we love and can easily find ourselves bringing their struggles to God for a hearing in our prayer.

Is that really all that prayer is about? The woman in today’s Gospel, having been put in her place by Jesus, was only looking out for the wellbeing of her sons. She was doing what mothers do, protecting and securing the livelihood of her children. But she was sadly mistaken, her request was not granted. We all make this same misguided mistake from time to time. The goal of prayer is not to convince God of the worthiness of our agenda or to gain a hearing. Sometimes we believe that the more we multiply our prayers or discover the right combination of supplications that we will receive more of God’s attention. That’s not how it works. Even though God desires to hear, know, and be an intimate part of what is on our minds, it goes much deeper.

What we need from God is a relationship. It’s a relationship that guides and immerses us in the very stuff of life and in the direction of the Gospel. This relationship sees God’s kingdom and agenda, not our own, as what is most important. It builds the strength of character necessary to bring God’s Gospel into a world that may not receive it with open arms. It may cause us discomfort and suffering. We are asked to heroically journey with God through suffering, hardship, ridicule, and even death! Ultimately, our desire from God must become our desire for God. It is only when this happens that the powerful words “thy will be done” will be found with sincerity and humility on our lips. Whatever God wishes becomes what we wish as we see this glorious union of wills. Our humble lives will then become powerful witnesses, and what happens to us in God’s eternal kingdom the result of his mercy. We become true servants and find ourselves discovering God’s definition of success. That definition has nothing at all to do with status, income, or privilege. ©LPI

*Thank you, Lord,  
for the many blessings  
you have given and continue to give to the  
Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament Family.*

### The Year of Saint Joseph

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Ordinary Time. **Patris corde, 5. A Creatively Courageous Father.**

In the Gospel accounts that the Son of the Almighty came into our world in a state of great vulnerability. He needed to be defended, protected, cared for and raised by Joseph. God trusted Joseph, as did Mary, who found in him someone who would not only save her life, but would always provide for her and her child. In this sense, Saint Joseph is the guardian of the Church. And the Church is the continuation of the Body of Christ in history. Jesus and Mary his mother are the most precious treasures of our faith.

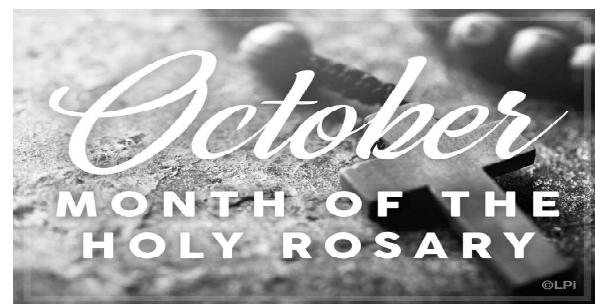
The Church shows a special love for the least of our brothers and sisters as Jesus did, having been taught by St. Joseph. We too, continue to protect the child and his mother, by our love for the Church. Every poor, needy, suffering, or dying person, every prisoner and every infirmed person is “the child.” For this reason, Saint Joseph is invoked as protector of the unfortunate, the needy, the exiles, the afflicted, the poor, and the dying. We must learn that same care and responsibility. **St. Joseph, A Creatively Courageous Father, Protector of Children and Mothers, pray for us.**

(Pope Francis Apostolic Letter Patris corde, 2020, 5. Dec. 8, 2020; 2021), 2021, **Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown Liturgy Committee, Liturgy Office, Mary, Mother of the Church Pastoral Center, 2713- West Chestnut Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601.**



### Families and the Gospel

“Advice” books abound on marriage and parenting. Jesus tells us in today’s gospel the real secret: satisfying relationships depends on how well we sacrifice our needs to serve others. It is not about “getting” it is about “giving” ourselves. If you feel like you are a servant to your children and spouse, then you are doing it right.



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

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

#### 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.

#### ANOIDING OF THE SICK:

Upon Request and Communal celebration

#### MARRIAGE:

Arrange nine months in advance. Couples expected to participate in pre-marriage preparation program.

#### DEVOTIONS:

Charismatic Prayer - Normally 3rd Monday of the Month  
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 12:00 Noon 5:00 PM	Holyday:	5:30 PM (Vigil) 8:00 AM 12:00 Noon 5:30 PM	Weekday:	6:45 AM 12:00 Noon	Saturday:	8:00 AM 12:00 Noon
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