

## THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

### TIME

February 11, 2024

### Mass Intentions

**February 11, Sunday, The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00AM+Jane Davidson (Tom & Beth Moore)

10:00AM+Betty Dobbins/Judy Weise (Don Johnston Family)

5:00PM Pro Popolo/For the People

**Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church 11:30 AM**

**February 12, Monday, Weekday**

12:00PM+Souls in Purgatory (Anonymous)

**February 13, Tuesday, Weekday**

12:00PM+Mark Daniel Burns,Birth. (M/M Dave Hanekamp)

**February 14, Wednesday, Ash Wednesday**

8:00AM+Joe Moyer (The Bauer Family)

12:00PM+Eleanor Toth, Birthday ( Bruce Toth)

5:30PM+Peter Rossi (Mike & Sue Kuny)

**February 15, Thursday, Thursday after Ash Wednesday**

12:00PM+Msgr. Philip Saylor (Ed & Jeanine McCloskey)

**February 16, Friday, Friday after Ash Wednesday**

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

**February 17, Saturday, Saturday after Ash Wednesday**

12:00PM+Freddie Martynuska (Uncle Greg & Ange)

**Vigil: First Sunday in Lent**

5:00PM+John F. Kilcoyne (Jim & Steph Kilcoyne)

**February 18, Sunday, First Sunday in Lent**

8:00AM+John Duffy (Kevin & Jane Byrne)

10:00AM+Rita Beck (Spencer/McConnell Families)

5:00PM Pro Popolo/For the People

**Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church 11:30 AM**



### Ash Wednesday

Ashes will be distributed during Masses at the Cathedral, Wednesday, February 14, at 8:00 A.M. 12:00 P.M. (Bishop Mark is celebrant), and 5:30 P.M. There will be a Liturgy of the Word prayer service at Our Lady of Fatima Church at 3:00 P.M. during which ashes will be distributed.

### WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES - ENGAGE PARISHIONERS IN DAILY MASS AND PRAYER

Readings for the week of February 11, 2024

**Sunday:** Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 (7)/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45

**Monday:** Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76/Mk 8:11-13

**Tuesday:** Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19/Mk 8:14-21

**Wednesday:** Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Ps 51:3-4, 5 6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

**Thursday:** Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-25

**Friday:** Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15

**Saturday:** Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32

**Next Sunday:** Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (see 10)/ 1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-1

### Church Cleaning

The cleaning crew will be meeting Wednesday, February 15th at 9:00 AM. They normally meet on the second Wednesday of the month. If there is a funeral, they will meet on Thursday.



### Men's Conference

The Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown will be having a Men's Conference, Strength in Christ (Journey to Jesus) on Sunday, March 3rd, 2024, 11:30AM-5:00PM at the Mount Aloysius College Bertschi Center, Cresson. Join us for a day of faith and fellowship, which includes lunch, dynamic speakers and Mass at 5:00 P.M. with Bishop Mark.

Featuring Keynote Speaker Cooper Ray, Inspiring and Faith-Filled talks from Fr. Brian Norris and Fr. Michael Pleva. Plus a panel discussion with local Catholic men.

No cost for attendance. Open to all high school, college and adult males. Registration is required by February 23rd. Register online at [www.dioceseaj.org](http://www.dioceseaj.org) or by mail with the form at your parish. Online registration encouraged due to limited seating.

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday, February 4, 2024 \$9,851.11

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>



### Fish Lunches

Our Parish Annual Fish Fry Lunch will begin on Ash Wednesday and continue on Fridays during Lent, except Good Friday. The drive-thru lunches will be available from 10:30 A.M. until 1:00 P.M. The cost is \$10.00 for a large fish sandwich, mac & cheese, and cole slaw. For ten or more lunch purchases, delivery is available, but you need to call ahead and pre-order at 814-944-4603. Take out and cash only.



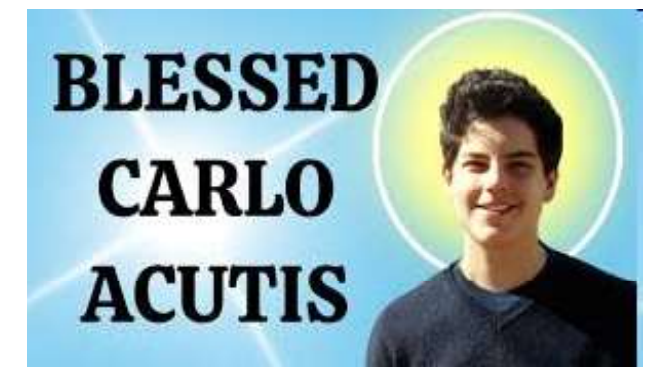
Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. All Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence. Abstinence refers to not eating meat at all on those days. Persons 14 years of age and older are to abstain. Fasting refers to one full meal, with two small meals, no eating between meals. People who have reached their 18th birthday and up to their 59th are obligated to fast. In addition to these obligations, additional forms of fast and abstinence may be observed.

### Sung Evening Prayer and Benediction

You are encouraged to pray sung evening prayer before the Blessed Sacrament beginning on the Second Sunday of Lent at 6:30 P.M. Vespers will be concluded with Benediction.

### Stations of the Cross will be prayed during Lent on Fridays at 5:30 P.M.

### Collection on Ash Wednesday will be sent to Our Mandeville Parish



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**

February 11, 2024  
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Recently I had a skin rash, and it was awful. (Please don't tell anyone.) I am embarrassed to admit that I didn't handle it well. Complaining, whining, begging for sympathy, and crying were my responses to the merciless itching and burning. In the aftermath, a silver lining emerged. I feel a new heartfelt sympathy for all those vexed with chronic skin problems. If you've ever had a seemingly unending skin problem, you know how that sympathy flows up from deep inside.

This gut-level compassion is something like what the Gospel describes in Jesus when the sore-covered leper says, "If you will it, you can make me clean." At this, just before the healing, Jesus was "moved with compassion." The Greek word used here is strong and earthy, closer to "his bowels and guts trembled with the deepest emotions of sadness, pity, and love." In Jesus, God heals our infirmities not from a divine distance but by learning what it feels like to be us. He acquires first-hand experience of what it costs us to be afflicted and still be faithful to God. He sympathizes with the burning, itching, and blistering of human existence in the deepest, first-hand way. To discover that is to touch Jesus' heart.

What in your life, right now, is breaking out like diseased skin? What is getting worse the more you try to soothe it? Perhaps only you feel it. Or maybe it's exposed to all. A bad habit, broken relationship, loneliness, fear of failure, self-hatred? Name it, and then find a way to bring it confidently to Jesus who will feel what we are feeling, and thereby heal us.



**Life in the Spirit Seminar**

Holy Spirit Ministry will be holding a Life in the Spirit Seminar on Saturday, March 16th, from 8:00 A.M. to 6:30 P.M. at St Mary Church, Hollidaysburg. This one day retreat includes dynamic spiritual teachings and testimonies from Fr. Brad Baldwin TOR, Msgr. Stan Carson, Mandy Conrad, Fr. David Dodd, Fr. Mike Pleva, Deacon Mike Anna, Doug Putchko and Dominic Tornatore. Spirit-filled praise and worship, small group faith sharing and much more. Donation is \$20.00 if registered by 2/26/24, \$25.00 afterwards. Students are free. Lunch and dinner provided. To register contact 814-931-0192 or e-mail holyspiritministry20@gmail.com. Deadline to register is 3/6/24. All are welcome!

**Contribution Reports**

Contribution reports for income tax purposes may be obtained by calling Paula at the Parish Office, 814-944-4603.



**Altoona Symphony**

Members of the Altoona Symphony will present an afternoon of String Quartet Music at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament entitled Timeless Romance, Sunday, February 11, 2024 at 2:00PM. Admission is free for all parishioners of the Cathedral.

**Everyday Stewardship**

The Unfailing Goodness of God

I have always wondered why Jesus told the cleansed leper not to publicize how he had been healed by the Son of God. It's not that I can't understand why Jesus would want to keep the matter quiet — after all, he knew that as soon as people heard, he would be mobbed with requests for healings, and his movements restricted.

What gets me is the fact that Jesus simply must have realized the leper would not listen to him. Why give someone a command you know they will ignore? It's a complicated question, and when I reflect on it, I can't help but connect it to another equally complicated question: why does God, all-good and all-knowing, allow bad things to happen?

Yes, God is all-good and all-knowing. So when He gives us free will, He knows what we will do with it. However, He is also all-powerful. He can and will bring good from any situation, any tragedy, or even any instance where someone ignores Him.

Was it a sin for this leper to do other than what Jesus had said? That's a heavy question for a Sunday morning! But it's plain to see that, even though this man ignored Jesus' command, God still used his actions. How many were brought to Christ because of the news spread by this leper! As someone trying to live out a stewardship way of life, what is God requesting of you right now?



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**SIXTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME-FEBRUARY 11, 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.

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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