

# EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME February 27, 2022 MASS INTENTIONS

## February 28, Monday: Weekday

6:45 AM + Richard Anthony (Jim & Elaine Weaver)  
12:00 PM + Irene Fischer (Debbie Ball)

## March 1, Tuesday: Weekday

6:45 AM + To End Abortion (Chris McNelis)  
12:00 PM + Dave Berger (Mike & Sherry Byrnes)

## March 2, Wednesday: Ash Wednesday

6:45 AM + Janet Tomlinson (Ed & Cindy Eaton)  
8:00 AM + Todd C. Talasky (Mark Talasky)  
12:00 PM + Eleanor Fischer (Joan Smithmyer)  
5:30 PM + John Gority (Tom Byrne)

## March 3, Thursday: Thursday after Ash Wednesday

6:45 AM + Vocation to Priesthood / Religious Life  
(Anonymous)  
12:00 PM + Jim Doud, Birthday (Debbie Ball)

## March 4, Friday: Friday after Ash Wednesday

6:45 AM + John Klisiewicz (Chip & Bob)  
12:00 PM + Ron Sheehan (Jim & Steph Kilcoyne)

## March 5, Saturday: Saturday after Ash Wednesday

8:00 AM + Mary Alice Plummer (Lorraine Beck)  
12:00 PM + Barbara Terza Schlosser (Vogel Sisters)  
**Vigil : First Sunday of Lent**  
5:00 PM + Michael Dross (Eileen Hmel Family)

## March 6, Sunday: First Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM + Walter Beckel Jr. (Alex & Barb Franco)  
10:00 AM + Sharon Allshouse Harshbarger (Debbie Ball)  
5:00 PM Pro Popolo/ For The People

Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Parish is at 11:30 A.M

## Junior High Youth Day

Junior High Youth Day 2022 will be held virtually on Sunday, March 20th, from 9:45-12:30. All 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students in parochial and public school must attend at least one JHYD during these three years. There is no fee for the event. Registration forms will be given to students thru their Catholic school and their Religious Ed program. For more info, please contact Chris Laraia at 814-312-7317.

## Readings for the week of February 27, 2022

**Sunday:** Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 [cf. 2a]/1  
Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45

**Monday:** 1 Pt 1:3-9/Ps 111:1-2, 5-6, 9 and 10c/Mk  
10:17-27

**Tuesday:** 1 Pt 1:10-16/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Mk  
10:28-31

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

**Thursday:** Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-  
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**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:** Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13,  
14-15 [cf. 15b]/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-1

## Religious Ed PK-11

### Lenten Group Project

We will collect money for the Catholic Relief Services' Rice Bowl project. All contributions go to local and international needs. The parish is invited to help with this project, which will begin on Ash Wednesday and end on Palm Sunday. Rice Bowl boxes will be located at all three church doors and in the Parish Office. For more information please contact Chris Laraia at 814-312-7317. Thank you for your help.

## First Communion Prep Schedule

An adult must accompany your child to the meeting. Please contact Chris Laraia if you are unable to attend a session so that make up work can be assigned.

### Parent/Student Session

Tuesday, March 8, 2022, 6:00-8:00 P.M. in the  
cathedral hall.

### First Communion

will be celebrated on  
Sunday, April 24, at 10:00 AM Mass  
Saturday, April 30, 5:00 PM Mass

If you have any questions please contact Chris Laraia,



## Confirmation Prep

The Spring Confirmation Service project this year will be to collect individually wrapped candy to be used for Easter treats for our parish and for the Food For Families Soup Kitchen. We will also be sending cards to the elderly, homebound, and sick members of our parish.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION  
Sunday, February 20, 2022 \$ 7,357.27  
Thank you for your financial and spiritual  
support.

## Ministry to the Elderly, Seriously Ill and Grieving

Thank you to the Cathedral Parish friends who have donated cards and stamps in the past weeks. Our homebound and their families really appreciate these small acts of kindness. Please continue to give names of family members and friends who would welcome a kind word or prayer through the mail, by calling the Parish Office at 814-944-4603. They do not have to be members of the parish to be added to our list.

If you would like to join this ministry please call the Parish Office at, or Jeanne Thompson at 814-317-2672. And we can always use stamps!

## Baptismal Prep Class Scheduled

There is a Baptismal Prep class scheduled for Tuesday, March 1st, at 6:30 PM in the Cathedral Parish Education Center, 14th Street entrance. You don't need to wait until the baby is born. You can pre-register by calling the Parish Office at 814-944-4603.



The Cathedral Parish Social Committee will offer drive thru Fish Lunches on Ash Wednesday and the Fridays of Lent, except Good Friday, from 11:00 AM to 1:30 PM. Take out orders only. The menu includes battered fried fish, macaroni and cheese, haluski, cole slaw, and a sandwich roll. The cost is \$10.00. Orders of 10 or more can be delivered. Please call in orders at 814-944-4603.

## 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" Sunday, any time, from 11:00-12:00 in the Seton Suite. Please contact Carol Galioto at (814) 327-4841, if you are interested in joining.



## Ash Wednesday Ashes

As the minister places ashes on our forehead, we hear either "remember that you are dust and unto dust you shall return" or "turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel." When we receive ashes, we remember our own mortality. We're reminded that we have limited time on this earth and we ought to make the best use of it that we can! People are in need of love, care, and compassion. We all need to continually rediscover the love of God. The Gospel invites every person in every stage of life to encounter and imitate Jesus here and now. The forty days of Lent are the perfect time to assess our own awareness of these realities.

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## THE DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES

Ashes will be distributed during Masses at the Cathedral on Ash Wednesday. Ashes will be distributed during a Liturgy of the Word at Our Lady of Fatima Church at 3:00 P.M.



## FAST AND ABSTINENCE

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, and 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, other forms of fast and abstinence may be observed.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS WILL  
BE PRAYED DURING LENT ON  
FRIDAYS AT 5:30 P.M.



## February 27, 2022

What we say and how we say it reveals the true intentions of our hearts. The content and manner of our speech is a window into the recesses of our souls. Our consciences, attitudes, sentiments, weaknesses, and motives are displayed. As much as we think we can hide the truth of our lives from others, we cannot. Who we really are is not only expressed on our lips but is written on our faces. Jesus says precisely this, "For every tree is known by its own fruit." What does the fruit of our lives say about us?

Because we like to play the game of hide and seek with ourselves, in pretending that we are hiding we deflect attention others may give to us by becoming more critical of others. After all, the more time one can spend analyzing others' behavior the less time one has to look at his or herself. Often, the behaviors we abhor most in others are the very ones we are guilty of ourselves. We just don't know it yet. The more we put ourselves in the role of a judge, the more satisfaction and control we seem to achieve. Yet, what about ourselves? In focusing our attention on the beams in others' eyes, the aridity and barrenness of our lives goes unchecked. St. Ambrose reminds us that "no one heals himself by wounding another." Bringing our brothers and sisters down by being overly critical, serves no positive purpose.

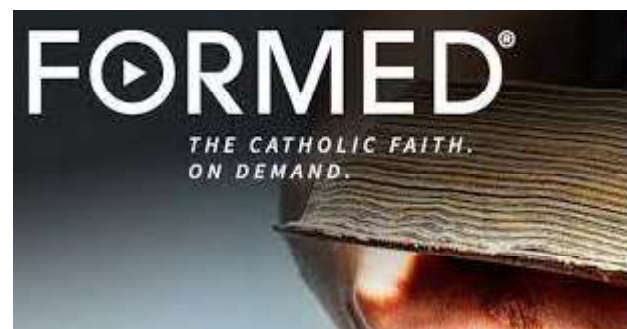
But the one who knows how easy it is to fall into sin and weakness and how quickly errors in judgment can be made, knows the depth of true compassion, mercy, and kindness. Having recognized our own poor choices, misguided opinions, negative emotions, and ability to do horrendous things, we can be more sympathetic and understanding of where others may be. We are designed to be mentors and guides to one another. In walking the journey together, we can help each other become the best we can be. Humility is the order of the day and the primary virtue that prevents us from being hypocrites. ©LPi



Did you know that text messages have a 99% open rate? It's true! In addition to emails, text messaging is the most effective way to reach parishioners— more effective than an app, a paper bulletin, or a Facebook page. With Flocknote, a parish can text all members, just a specific group or ministry, or an individual, and capture replies and respond. Flocknote's church texting makes it simple.

## CELL PHONE SUNDAY & SIGN-UP WEEKEND

Volunteers will be available at our entrances this weekend, February 26 and 27, to register people for flocknote and Formed to help us be better informed as parishioners and Catholics. Your cooperation will be appreciated.

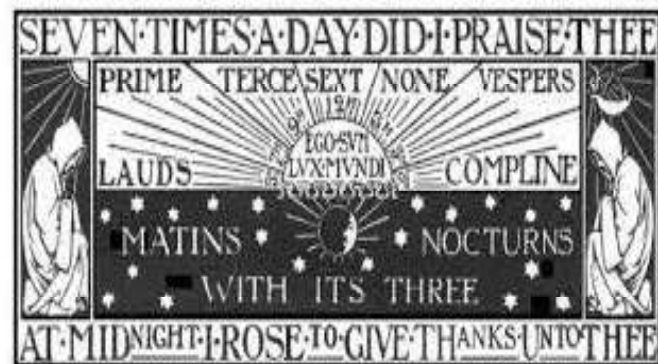


## EMERGENCY LIGHTING

You are encouraged to participate in our efforts to raise funds to install emergency lighting in the cathedral by placing your contribution in a specially marked envelope. So far, \$11,894.00 has been received. The emergency lighting project is estimated to cost \$37,000.00. Some of the major components are being installed.

## Eucharistic Adoration

On Wednesday, March 2, Cathedral Parish will have Eucharistic Adoration from 12:30 P.M. until the end of Confessions. A sign-up sheet is located on the cross aisle table to mark your time for visitation before the Blessed Sacrament. The Church asks that at least two people be present at all times when there is Exposition of the Sacrament.



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

# 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.

WEB: [WWW.ALTOONACATHEDRAL.ORG](http://WWW.ALTOONACATHEDRAL.ORG)

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Sunday: 5:00 PM (Vigil)  
8:00 AM  
10:00 AM  
5:00 PM

Weekday: 6:45 AM  
12:00 Noon  
Saturday: 8:00 AM  
12:00 Noon

Most Reverend Mark L. Bartchak, J.C.D., Bishop

Reverend Monsignor Stanley Carson, Administrator

Reverend Father Dennis M. Kurdziel, Parochial Vicar

CHRISTIAN INITIATION TEAM - 944-4603

CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME - 944-4603

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

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL  
Web: [www.holytrinitycatholic.school](http://www.holytrinitycatholic.school)  
Altoona Campus (Pre-K thru Grade 4) - 381-7011  
Holidaysburg Campus (Pre-K thru Grade 4) - 695-6112  
Middle School Campus (Grades 5 thru 8) - 942-7835

BISHOP GUILFOYLE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL  
Web: [www.bishopguilfoyle.org](http://www.bishopguilfoyle.org) - 944-4014

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