

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 1, 2022

MASS INTENTIONS

May 2, Monday: Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

6:45 AM + Roberta Lamont (M/ M Dave Hanekamp)
12:00 PM + John Koeck Jr. (Maryann Hofer)

May 3, Tuesday: Saint Philip and James, Apostles

6:45 AM + Geraldine Petrunak (Family)
12:00 PM + Rosemary Plank Grieg (Elizabeth Plank Shea)

May 4, Wednesday: Easter Weekday

6:45 AM + Mary Grace Merle (Family)
12:00 PM + John Adams (Randy & Mary Ellen Green)

May 5, Thursday: Easter Weekday

6:45 AM + Bishop Joseph Adamec (Anonymous)
12:00 PM + Brian Elmers (Skip Cowan)

May 6, Friday : Easter Weekday

6:45 AM + Janet Tomlinson (Gil & Georgia Gampe)
12:00 PM + Jane Davidson (Randy & Jean Koury)

May 7, Saturday: Easter Weekday

8:00 AM + Mary Snowberger (Klock Family)
12:00 PM + David Hooper, Anniversary (Wife & Family)

Vigil : Fourth Sunday of Easter

5:00 PM + Michael Ratzesberger (Family)

May 8, Fourth Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM + John Duffy (Mike & Sherry Byrnes)
10:00 AM + Vera Hauk (Children)
5:00 PM + Pro Popolo/ For the People

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



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.

Readings for the week of May 01, 2022

Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/Rv 5:11-14/ Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14

Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Jn 14:6-14

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/ Jn 6:60-69

Next Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 [3c]/ Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-3

Rest in Peace

Fred Drexler, age 68, died on April 15, 2022 after a courageous battle with colorectal cancer. He served this parish for 48 years and became head Maintenance Man. May his family be comforted. May Fred be embraced by God's mercy in the eternal peace of heaven.

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.

Mass for Widows and Widowers

Remember your loved ones on **Sunday, May 29, 2022 with a televised Mass Celebrated by Bishop Mark Bartchak at 11:00 AM on WATM ABC and will be rebroadcast that night at 9:00 PM on the Atlantic Broadband channel 9.** All spouses will be acknowledged and remembered at Mass. All persons who have lost a spouse through death throughout the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese are invited to register by contacting the Family Life Office, at 814-317-2643 or email familylife@dioceseaj.org. When registering, please give your **name, address, phone number and the name of your spouse who has passed away.** The last day to register is Tuesday, May 24, 2022. The Event is sponsored by the Diocesan Family Life Office and the Catholic Ministry Drive.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION
Sunday, April 24, 2022 \$ 7,404.95
Thank you for your financial and spiritual support.

Eucharistic Adoration

On Wednesday, May 4th, 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.

Nocturnal Adoration

The next Nocturnal Adoration will take place at UPMC Friends Chapel, on Friday, May 6th, at 620 Howard Avenue Altoona, from 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. All are welcome to spend an hour or as long as you would like.

THE DIOCESE OF ALTOONA-JOHNSTOWN Has openings for the following positions:

- Accountant: Catholic Charities
- Administrative Assistant: Visitation Parish
- Administrative Assistant: Church of the Transfiguration Parish
- Cafeteria Worker: Holy Name School
- Care Coordinator: Martha & Mary Homeless Shelter
- Communications Coordinator: Diocesan Communications Office
- Director of Religious Education: St. John Vianney Parish
- Executive Program Assistant: Diocesan Education Office
- Facilities Manager: St. Joseph Catholic Academy
- Financial Secretary: Queen of Archangels
- Housekeeper: Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament
- Maintenance/General Laborer: Church of the Transfiguration
- Maintenance/General Laborer: Divine Mercy Catholic Academy
- Maintenance/General Laborer: St. John Vianney Parish
- Program Coordinator: Diocesan Stewardship & Development Office
- School Principal: Lock Haven Catholic School
- Teachers: Various Diocesan Elementary Schools

To view job requirements and apply online go to www.dioceseaj.org/employment or email resumes to lmcevoy@dioceseaj.org.

Stewardship Reflections

Jesus comes on a mission of mercy to the Apostles. He comes to offer them peace and the restoration of their relationship to Him. And even more, He commissions them to become ministers of His mercy, by giving them authority to forgive sins. At that moment Christ gives to all of us the supreme gift of mercy—the sacrament of Reconciliation. Could we become better stewards of this gift by going to Confession more? We must also reflect on how we extend mercy to others as Jesus did to Thomas that day.

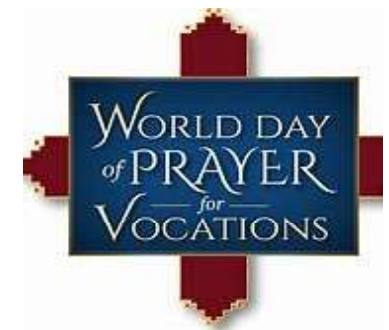
Let's commit ourselves to becoming faithful disciples and stewards of Christ's mercy, "As the Father has sent me, so I send you" (John 20:21). This week, reflect on how Jesus sends you forth to use wisely your unique combination of God-given talents. (Stewardship Reflection, Catholic Stewardship Consultants, Inc. 2022/03/28)

Prayer For Mothers

Heavenly Father, from the beginning you have chosen to entrust the human person to mothers in a special way. We thank and praise you for the gift of mothers; for their tenderness, care, and compassion, for their intuition and encouragement, for commitment and sacrifice. Bless all mothers on this day. Keep, strengthen, and refresh them in your loving care. May they be blessed by our open-hearted love and gratitude. Amen

Baptismal Prep Class Scheduled

There is a Baptismal Prep class scheduled for Wednesday, May 11th, 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.



Sunday, May 8, is the day the Church throughout the world prays for vocations. Will you make a special effort to ask the Lord for vocations to the priesthood and religious life? Pray for the priests who have ministered to you throughout your life, both living and dead. Encourage your children, grandchildren, or other young people to consider a vocation as a priest, deacon, or religious sister or brother.

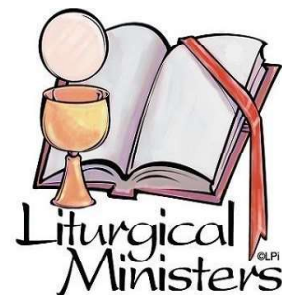
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Could it be that God's image has become so soiled and distorted that it is hard for us to see it? Our self-serving agendas have done a great job twisting God's image into what profits us. We want our agenda to be God's agenda and use prayer as the convincing leverage we need. Worse still, our success and egocentric agenda often erases God's image completely, replacing it with our own. St. Oscar Romero instructs us that the Son of Man "dies on the cross to cleanse God's image, which is soiled in today's humanity, a humanity so enslaved, so selfish, so sinful." Striving to preserve control of our destinies at all costs, we fail to see the risen suffering servant, the Christ, standing right beside us.

Jesus, who suffered and died on a cross and was raised from the dead, corrects our soiled image of God. He shows us God as God is, not who we want to make God to be. God is the God of the poor, the weak, and the marginalized. He is the God who tenderly caresses us when we are suffering and hurting, assuring us that all will be safe and well. He is the God of equity, peace, justice, and compassion who wants happiness for each of His children, desiring their wellbeing and success. God goes where men and women are afraid to go, sitting with the lost, the broken, and the sorrowing. St. Oscar Romero challenges us to illuminate with "Christ's light ... even the most hideous caverns of the human person: torture, jail, plunder, want, chronic illness. The oppressed must be saved." The resurrection calls us to be God's microphone, a messenger, and a prophet (St. Oscar Romero).

Using eyes that see beyond the limited constructs and desires of our world, we can see the true and real Jesus standing before us, calling us to transformation and change. Asking us more than once, "do you love me?" We are beckoned to give an answer. Answering in the affirmative, it is now our task to feed the sheep and the lambs who belong to God. In short, equipped with the power of the resurrection and a corrected image of God our task is to make things better, brighter, holier, more life-giving, and just for all of God's children. Considering our choices, our interactions, our philosophies, and aspirations, how can we do this?

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The seasons of Lent and Easter require the essential assistance of liturgical, choral, and music ministers. A sincere word of gratitude is extended to our parish volunteers who enhance our liturgies and help us to worship well.

College Junior & Senior Scholarships Available

Students registered at Blair County Parishes who will be college juniors or seniors this fall may apply to receive one of the four \$500.00 grants from the Adelaide Welge Scholarship Endowment. Please visit the "Grants & Scholarships" page of the Independent Catholic Foundation website (www.icfoundation.us) to download an application, which should be returned to the Foundation no later than 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 8th. Award recipients will be notified in July and announced on the Foundation's Facebook page.



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.

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:

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
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

Altoona Campus (Pre-K thru Grade 4) - 381-7011

Hollidaysburg 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 - 944-4014

DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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