

# SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 15, 2023

## MASS INTENTIONS

### January 15, Sunday: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM+ Geraldine Petrunak, Birthday (Family)  
10:00AM+ Michael and John Drass (Eileen Hmel)  
5:00PM+ Pro Popolo/ For the People

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

### January 16, Monday: Weekday

12:00AM+ Mary Alice Plummer (Bernie & Louise Joyce)

### January 17, Tuesday: Saint Anthony, Abbot

12:00PM+ Bill Crouse/ Mike Kling, Anniversary (Families)

### January 18, Wednesday: Weekday

12:00PM+ Tom Krape. (McNelis All Stars)

### January 19, Thursday: Weekday

12:00PM+ John P. Koeck Jr. (Josh, Miranda and Family)

### January 20, Friday: Saint Fabian, Pope and Martyr; Saint Sebastian

12:00PM Special Intention Mary Triana (The Vogel Family)

### January 21, Saturday: Saint Agnes, Virgin & Martyr

12:00PM+ Emelia Lightner (Anonymous)

### Vigil: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00PM+ Jim Weaver (Geishouser Family)

### January 22, Sunday: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM+ Joe Jaronieski Jr. (John Moran)

10:00AM+ Barbara Noel, Birthday (Michelle, Sherry, and Connie)

5:00PM Pro Popolo/ For the People

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



## Readings for the week of January 15, 2023

**Sunday:** Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34

**Monday:** Heb 5:1-10/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 2:18-22

**Tuesday:** Heb 6:10-20/Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 and 10c/Mk 2:23-28

**Wednesday:** Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 3:1-6

**Thursday:** Heb 7:25—8:6/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/Mk 3:7-12

**Friday:** Heb 8:6-13/Ps 85:8 and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Mk 3:13-19

**Saturday:** Heb 9:2-3, 11-14/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 3:20-21

**Next Sunday:** Is 8:23—9:3/Ps 27:1,4, 13-14 (1a)/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

## Religious Education PK-8

We will be admitting and dismissing all students from the lower alley door. Drop offs can still be done in our upper lot on 14th Street if the lot is clear and not icy, but **ALL** students will exit thru the alley door.

We have been asked not to block the alley during pick up time.

**Snow cancellations will be sent to you thru emails from the teachers on Flocknotes.com. before 8:00AM.**



## First Communion Prep Meeting

The first Parent/Student Session will be on Tuesday, February 7, 2023. Meetings and sessions will be held in the Cathedral basement from 6:30-8:00 PM. A parent must accompany your child to the meetings. Please contact Chris Laraia if unable to attend a meeting so that make up work can be assigned.

## Office Closed

The Cathedral Office will be closed Monday, January 16, 2023 in observance of Martin Luther King Day. We will reopen on Tuesday, January 18 at 8:30 AM.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION  
Sunday, January 8, 2023 \$9,111.29  
Thank you for your financial and spiritual support.



## March for Life Fundraiser at Masses

CCHL of Blair County is holding a fundraiser with Precious Feet or Pro-Life Ribbons this Sunday, January 15th, to help with expenses for the March for Life on January 20th. We avoided fund raising for the past two years due to Covid even though we continued our activities including going to the March although on a smaller scale. This year we are planning on taking two buses and keeping our charges to the \$10.00 for students and \$15.00 for adults. Thank You. Tom Forr

## Tyrone's 36th Annual Respect Life March

This Respect Life March will take place this weekend on Sunday, January 15, at Noon with a prayer service at St. Mathew Church in Tyrone. Participants will then walk 1.25 miles to Oak Grove Cemetery to the grave of Baby Agnes Doe for another short prayer service. A hot luncheon will be served in the parish hall after the March. Sponsored by the St. Gregory Council #1218, Knights of Columbus.



Cathedral parish's Finance Council will meet on Tuesday, January 24, at 4:00 P.M.

## Stewardship Reflections

John the Baptist recognized the holiness of Jesus and the response due to Him when he encountered Christ in person at the Jordan River. What a powerful description of our Lord and the place He should rightfully have in each of our lives. He deserves to be first, above all other priorities and plans in our lives. Let us examine our daily lives and encourage our children to do the same.

Does the way that I spend my time reflect that God comes first? Do prayer and weekly Mass, regular confession, and time with family "rank ahead" of everything else on my calendar? Do I use my talents, skills, and energy to serve my family, parish and community in thanksgiving? Do I spend my money and use my material possessions to glorify God? These are questions worthy of our high calling as Christian stewards. What will our response be? (Stewardship Reflection, Catholic Stewardship Consultants, Inc. 2022/12/14)

## PITTSBURGH PIRATES GREAT NEIL WALKER

Pittsburgh Pirates great Neil Walker will be visiting Holy Name Parish in Ebensburg on Saturday, February 4, 2023, from Noon until 2:00 P.M. He will be giving a talk about his Catholic Faith and will be available to meet and greet. There is no registration or tickets to be purchased. No cost to attend, though donations will be accepted to support Holy Name School. All are welcome to attend.



Our parish's Parish Council will be meeting this Tuesday, January 17, at 6:30 P.M.

*thank you*

Gratitude is extended to the volunteers who helped to take down our Christmas decorations last Monday, cleaned up afterwards, and then returned on Wednesday to give the cathedral a more thorough cleaning.



**January 15, 2023**

When I was a kid, I remember the priest at Mass announcing, "The Lamb of God!" Frankly, it struck me as nonsense. I thought: Why in the world does God have a lamb? And where is this lamb?

John the Baptist sees Jesus coming toward him and announces, "Behold the lamb of God." His Jewish listeners knew what he meant. God's lamb is the thing that is sacrificed at the Jewish Passover and consumed by the participants. For almost a thousand years, lambs were ritually slaughtered and eaten in Jerusalem at Passover. The lamb meant sacrifice, freedom from sin, and communion with God. The Baptist is saying in effect, "This man will be ritually sacrificed and consumed so that God's people may be free from sin and united to God."

It's crucial to relate to Jesus as a friend, brother, teacher, and Lord of our lives. But we should also learn to interact with Him as our lamb of God. That means we intentionally place on him our sins, sadnesses, and hopes, and offer him to God. Then we consume him to make us free. This is what we do at every Mass. That's why he is the Lamb of God.

— Father John Muir  
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Msgr. Carson has a list of homebound parishioners he normally visits during the first week of the month with Holy Communion. If you would like to be added to the list, please call rectory. The parishioner is called in advance of the visit to arrange an appropriate time, generally on the first Thursday or Friday of the month.



**OUR 2023 CALENDAR OF CASH  
LOTTERY TICKETS ARE NOW  
AVAILABLE IN THE OFFICE DURING  
THE WEEK AND FOLLOWING  
MASSES ON WEEKENDS. THE COST  
IS \$20.00.**

**LIVE FROM THE  
CATHEDRAL OF THE  
BLESSED SACRAMENT  
10:00 AM SUNDAY MASS  
on radio WFBG 1290 AM  
2023**

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The Blair County Garden Club is hosting a bus trip to the Philadelphia Flower Show on Wednesday, March 8. The bus leaves Lowe's at 8:30 A.M. (park along the highway side of the lot.) You will leave from the Flower Show at 6:00 P.M. with an approximate return time of 10:30 P.M. There will be no dinner stops either way. If bringing food, no chocolate or orange cracker snacks. Drinks must have a sealed lid. The cost of \$100 includes the bus trip, show ticket, and tip for driver. Make checks payable to: Blair Garden Club. Contact Emma Kowalski at 814-932-0375 or 814-942-0202 or at Emma Kowalski, 1722 32nd Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601

# 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:

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. Barchak, 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  
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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

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