

PENTECOST SUNDAY
May 19, 2024
Mass Intentions

May 19, Pentecost Sunday

8:00AM+Frances Pagliaro, Birthday (Family)
10:00AM+Nancy (Warner) Nagy (Dr. & Mrs. Ed Maruca)

5:00PM Pro Popolo/For the People

Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church 11:30AM

May 20, Monday, The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

12:00PM+Judy Roccasano (M/M Dave Hanekamp)

May 21, Tuesday, St. Christopher Magallanes, Priests and Companions, Martyrs

12:00PM Special Intention Anne & Ethan Adams, Ann. (Frank & Elaine Dombrowski)

May 22, Wednesday, Saint Rita of Casia, Religious

12:00PM+Our Mothers (McNelis All Stars and Friends)

May 23, Thursday, Weekday

12:00PM+Mike Kling, Birthday (Family)

May 24, Friday, Weekday

12:00PM+Steve & Ed Jr. Flanagan (Ken & Carol McGeary)

May 25, Saturday, St. Bede the Verable, Priest and Doctor of the Church

12:00PM+Tom Plunket, Birthday (Bob & Cathy Chirdon)

Vigil: The Most Holy Trinity

5:00PM+Christina Purcell (Karen & Greg Querry)

May 26, The Most Holy Trinity

8:00AM+Ron Sheehan, Anniversary (Wife Jean)

10:00AM+Etta Pastore (Family)

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The 2024 Catholic Ministries Drive is in progress. Our sacrificial gifts of prayer and treasure will make an immediate and lasting impact on our ministries that focus on evangelization, serving those in need, and the formation of priests and deacons. This year, our campaign's theme is Encountering Christ. During this time of the Eucharistic Revival, Encountering Christ is an invitation to grow in our living relationship with Christ in the Eucharist. Our diocese's ministries needs our support. Our parish's target is \$45,930. All contributions beyond our parish goal will remain for use within our parish. As of May 15, 143 parishioners have pledged/contributed \$40,005. We've reached **87%** of our target. Thank you.

Help Support our Christian Mothers at Hoss's

The Cathedral Christian Mothers are excited to team up with Hoss's Steak and Sea House this **Sunday, May 19, 2024 at the Altoona Hoss's on Valley View Boulevard**. Proceeds from this fundraiser will help support children and adult activities in our parish. Please consider visiting the Altoona Hoss's location this Sunday. It's a great way to see friends and parish neighbors. Members will be at the Cathedral doors this weekend with coupons to use or you can present this notice on **May 19, 2024** at Hoss's in **Altoona**. Hoss's will then donate 20% of your total check (*To qualify for the 20% payout, our group must have a minimum of \$300.00 in total pre-tax and beverage sales). Thank you for supporting the Christian Mothers.

Hoss's Group #130446- Cathedral Christian Mothers.

Bereavement Support

Journey Through Loss is a seven week program for those who have lost a loved one through death recently or in the past. The program provides the opportunity to share or to listen, and offers positive ideas for coping. **The next session begins on Tuesday, June 18th**. We will meet weekly from 6:30-8:00 PM at the Parish Center of St. John the Evangelist Church in Lakemont. For more information or to register contact Mary Petrak at 814-502-6076.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION
Sunday, May 12, 2024 \$ 11,192.29
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.

Mass for Widows and Widowers

Remember your loved ones on **Sunday, May 26, 2024 with a televised Mass Celebrated by Bishop Mark Bartchak at 11:00 a.m. on WATM ABC 23 and will be rebroadcast that night at 9:00 p.m. on Breezeline 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 calling the Family Life Office 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 Wednesday, **May 22, 2024**. The event is sponsored by the Diocesan **Family Life Office** and the **Catholic Ministries Drive**.

Time for a Change Campaign

Last year was a record breaking year for us, as we have raised \$137,000.00 for the babies. This campaign runs from Mother's Day, May 12th to Father's Day, June 16th. Thank you for being a part of this great success!

Precious Life Baby Bottles are to be returned Father's Day weekend. Gratitude is extended to those who generously take part in this pro-life campaign.

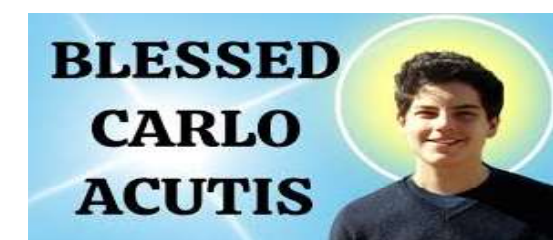


Pictures Will Be Taken This Monday-Thursday!

We're happy to report that all 200 slots for having pictures taken have been filled. Parishioners can call and be added to a waiting list to fill in if there are any cancellations. We might also be able to arrange having your picture taken in another manner. You may submit your own photographs too. It is important that households keep their appointment, if you can't, please call the office at 814-944-4603.

Following the taking of your picture, you'll attend an online zoom meeting to get your free directory/portrait. There is no in-person sales at the cathedral. You may buy online-no waiting and no pressure.

The pictures will be taken in the cathedral's basement. You may enter by way of the alley and the 13th avenue stairwell. Light snacks will be available.



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.

**PRIESTS, BROTHERS, NUNS.
THEY NEED US.
WE NEED THEM.**

Vocations Are Everybody's Business

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

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Pentecost Sunday

When I was twenty-two years of age in August of 2000, I experienced World Youth Day in Rome. As for many of my generation, the event was life-changing for me. Surrounded by joyful, hope-filled young people from seemingly every nation and tongue, we were gathered around the Pope, sharing a common Faith and love. The Pope spoke to us of our shared family bond in the Church and invited us to give our lives in service to others. Now twenty-four years later, my life as a priest, like that of so many others from those special days, continues on that same path of love and unity — despite my many weaknesses. What makes that continuation possible?

This week's feast gives the answer: the Holy Spirit. The gift of God — His very life — the third person of the Trinity, is the Spirit who animates the entire Church and each member of it. He makes us one-in-love in a way that utterly exceeds human capacity. For example, he makes the apostles speak with tongues of fire, and everyone hears them in his own native tongue. The Holy Spirit is the means by which Jesus establishes a new family, one that crosses all possible boundaries of time, space, and culture. The Holy Spirit never tires in enthusing us for mission.

Aren't we longing to experience the Holy Spirit in a fresh way? Today we celebrate this untiring flame, once ignited on earth and burning still. So, we humbly cry out: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and enkindle in us the fire of your love! Father John Muir ©LPI.

Stewardship Reflections

Our Easter season culminates with the glorious feast of Pentecost. Meaning "fifty", Pentecost is the day of the Holy Spirit descended on Mary and the apostles in the form of tongues of fire fifty days after Easter. We also celebrate this day as the birthday of the Church, for shortly after this event, St. Peter preached for his first homily. We can imagine how incredible that moment was for the apostles and all who witnessed it. The Holy Spirit was alive and working.

On the Pentecost Sunday, let us give thanks to God for sending us his Holy Spirit. Let us strive to be in tune with the Holy Spirit by looking for the ways God has been working in our lives and let us ask for the grace to know our gifts and talents so that we can put them to good use.

Basket Bingo Coming Soon

It's that time of the year again, to start thinking about having fun. Our Basket Bingo will take place on Sunday, September 29, 2024 at the Father Kelly Hall, 5th Street and 25th Avenue. We are now taking donation, new items, gift cards, and monetary gifts.

Basket Bingo Donations

We are starting to take donations for Basket Bingo already. Looking for Basket Themes such as; Picnic Basket, Baking Basket, Women's Basket, Bedroom Basket accessories just to name a few. Or if you have a theme in mind that would be wonderful also.

Basket Bingo Meeting

We will be having a Basket Bingo meeting on Thursday, May 23rd at 6:00PM at the Cathedral Parish Center. All are welcomed!



During the month of May, Cathedral parish will be participating in Catholic Charities' **Cleaning Supply Drive**. Specially marked collection boxes will be available at all entrances. Please be supportive.

Suggested Items:

- Paper Products: Tissues (travel size), Toilet Paper (single rolls or small packs); Napkins, Paper Towels, Lysol Wipes, Etc.
- Soap Products: Bar, Liquid Body Wash, Shampoo, Conditioner, (adults/children)
- Larger Items: Backpacks, Tents, Flashlights (with batteries), Brooms, Bucket/Mop, Dishwashing Liquid, etc.
- Laundry: Laundry Detergent Pods, Bleach, Fabric Softener, Dryer Sheets,
- Misc. Items: Travel Toothpaste, Mouthwash, Deodorant, Individual Aspirin Packs, Band-Aids, Basic Hygiene & First Aid Items, Umbrellas, Socks, Bottled Water, Hand Sanitizer

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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.

By appointment, by texting or calling 814-937-8240

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 - Normally, the First Wednesday - 12:30 PM - 6:45 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

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DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRY

Leslie C. Thayer, MM, CAGO

Music Ministry Office - 814-944-2044

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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

BISHOP GUILFOYLE ACADEMY

Web: www.bishopguilfoyle.org

Eldorado Campus (Pre-K thru Grade 5) - (814)942-7835

Fairview Campus (Pre-K thru Grade 5) - (814)381-7011

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