

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

June 16, 2024

Mass Intentions

June 16, Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM All Living and Deceased Fathers

10:00AM+Jim Roland (Wife)

5:00PM Pro Popolo/For the People

Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church 11:30AM

June 17, Monday, Weekday

12:00PM+Paul J. Renyck (Pamela Beckwith)

June 18, Tuesday, Weekday

12:00PM+Pete Colledge (Audrey Breslin)

June 19, Wednesday, Saint Romuald, Abbot

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

June 20, Thursday, Weekday

12:00PM+Bernadine Farrell, Anniversary (Family)

June 21, Friday, Saint Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious

12:00PM Special Intentions Mikayla Yanchik (Mother and Grandmother)

June 22 Saturday, Saint Paulinus of Nola, Bishop; Saints

John Fisher, Bishop, and Thomas More, Martyrs

12:00PM+Nancy Foster (Lee Ann and Eugene Ehredt)

Vigil: Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00PM+Vera Hauck (Mary Margaret and Rick Morning Family)

June 23, Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM+ Michael McElheny (Brian and Sherry Himes Family)

10:00AM+Etta Pastore (Family)

5:00PM Pro Popolo/For the People

Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church 11:30AM



The 2024 Catholic Ministries Drive has begun. 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. **\$43,000 has been pledged. We've reached 94% of our target.** Thank you.

ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO BE IN THE PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

You can still be a part of our Parish's Pictorial Directory by having your picture taken by Roberta Burns on one of the following dates: Saturday, June 15th from 6:00PM-7:30PM, or Sunday June 16th from 11:00AM-12:30PM. If you plan on attending, please call Roberta at 1-301-741-6467.

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

Readings for the week of June 16, 2024

Sunday: Ez 17:22-24/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 (see 2a)/2 Cor 5:6-10/Mk 4:26-34

Monday: 1 Kgs 21:1-16/Ps 5:2-3ab, 4b-6a, 6b-7/Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 21:17-29/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 11 and 16/Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday: 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14/Ps 31:20, 21, 24/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Sir 48:1-14/Ps 97:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7/Mt 6:7-15

Friday: 2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20/Ps 132:11, 12, 13-14, 17-18/Mt 6:19-23

Saturday: 2 Chr 24:17-25/Ps 89:4-5, 29-30, 31-32, 33-34/Mt 6:24-34

Next Sunday: Jb 38:1, 8-11/Ps 107:23-24, 25-26, 28-29, 30-31 (1b)/2 Cor 5:14-17/Mk 4:35-4

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday, June 9, 2024 \$ 9,358.73

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.

Basilica of Saint Michael's the Archangel Parish Family in Loretto

On behalf of the Basilica of Saint Michael the Archangel Parish Family in Loretto, all the faithful of the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese are invited to outdoor Masses every Sunday evening at 7 PM at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Alleghenies concluding on Sunday, September 1. Please bring a lawn chair. In the event of inclement weather, the Mass will be celebrated in the Basilica of Saint Michael the Archangel.

Special Masses this Summer:

July 21 Mass for Married Couples

TBA "Welcome to the Heralds of the Good News" Priests from India

August 4 Mass for Young People – Return to College, Work, Military

The historic **Prince Gallitzin Chapel House**, next to the Our Lady of the Alleghenies Shrine, will be open on the following Sunday afternoons from **3:00 – 6:00 PM** for self-guided tours, pilgrimages and visits: **June 9, 16 and 30, July 21, August 4 and 18**



Congratulations High School Graduates

Congratulations to the following Seniors who had graduated from :

Altoona Area High School

Delaney Marie Barr

Ricky Santos Batista-Ortiz

Kayla Lynne Cox

Aden Alan Diehl

Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School

Addison Alexis Barr

Holly Ray Butler

Alec Benjamin Jones

Christopher Joseph Kozminski

Hannah Pearl Patterson

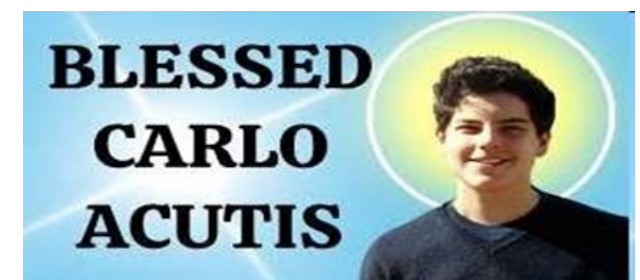
Giana Marie Pulcinello

Melayna Marie Steward



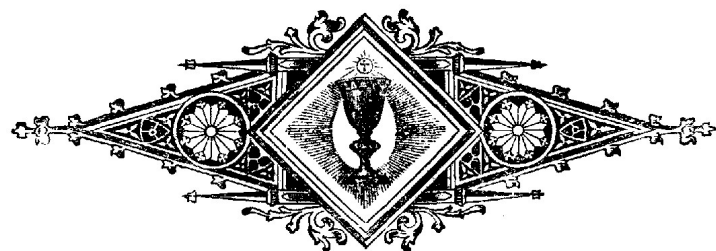
Parish Council Meeting

Our Parish Council will be meeting socially on Tuesday, June 18th, at 5:30 P.M. on the loggia or in the rectory.



Our parish 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.

On Thursday, May 23, Pope Francis announced his approval of a second miracle attributed to Blessed Carlo and announced that he will be canonized a saint.



**GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEP-
ER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE**

June 16, 2024

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

My mother and father fell in love with each other rather quickly. It was only a span of two months between their first meeting and quiet betrothal. They waited for a significant period of time before going public with the happy news. It simply wasn't time. Love's strength and speed can sprout scandal in public. Until the big reveal, they gave the outside world only little hints, gestures, and riddles.

Something like this — but even more wonderful — is at play when Mark says of Jesus, "he did not speak to them without a parable, but to his disciples in private he explained everything." Jesus is the long-awaited messiah-king, but his identity as the Lord and Son of God is so new, surprising, and scandalous to human ears that the big reveal would have to wait. Thus, his parables are riddles, meant to conceal more than reveal. Even the disciples — who hear things explained directly — barely grasp what he is up to. It's only at the cross that Jesus' love for Israel and the world is explicitly revealed. Until then, much stays hidden and comes in riddles.

So it goes with us, too. I wonder at times why doesn't the Lord just speak to us directly in prayer about what we should do, or how to fix our problems. Or why doesn't he reveal himself directly to powerful leaders who are slow to act? Why does he allow life so often to be confounding, contradictory, and crazy? Because it simply isn't time yet. One glorious day, it will be. Until then, he teaches us in riddles, and only sometimes explains them. Father John Muir ©LPi



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. If you have any questions please call The Parish Office 814-944-4603, Lorraine Beck 1-240-676-6704, or Paula Clemens 814-215-5949.

Basket Bingo Meeting

There is a Basket Bingo meeting coming up Thursday, June 27th at 6:00 P.M. at the Cathedral Parish Center. All are invited.

Stewardship Reflections

As we enter back into Ordinary Time, our readings today remind us that heaven is our true home and that we cannot make it there without God's assistance. In our First Reading, the prophet Ezekiel foretells the coming of the Kingdom of God. It is through a newly planted cedar that God will bear fruit. As he says "Birds of every kind shall dwell beneath it. And all the trees of the field shall know that I, the Lord, bring low the high trees, lift high the lowly trees.

We can see that Jesus is the cedar that will become refuge for all people. He will humble the proud, lift up the lowly and produce good fruit in the weakened. It is God who does the wondrous works. As Christian disciples, we hope to reside in the branches of heaven, along with our family and friends. We cannot do this on our own. As our other readings mention, it is through the total surrender, complete faith and actively living out our faith as a witness to Christ that we can hope in eternal life.

As we settle into Ordinary Time, let us not become complacent, but keep our hearts and minds fixed on the Kingdom of God.

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THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - JUNE 16, 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.

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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Mass Times

Sunday:	Weekday:
5:00 PM (Vigil)	12:00 Noon
8:00 AM	
10:00 AM	Saturday:
5:00 PM	12:00 Noon

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Reverend Monsignor Stanley Carson, Administrator

Paula Clemens, Parish Secretary

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CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME - 814-944-4603

**MAIL MINISTRY TO ELDERLY, HOMEBOUND,
SERIOUSLY SICK, AND GRIEVING - 814-944-4603**

BISHOP GUILFOYLE ACADEMY

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