

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

June 23, 2024

Mass Intentions

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

June 24, Monday, The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist

12:00PM+David Seidel (Bernard & Suzi Behe)

June 25, Tuesday, Weekday

12:00PM+Rose Marie Dibert (Paula Miller)

June 26, Wednesday, Weekday

12:00PM+Donnie Rabine, Birthday (Diana Fanale)

June 27, Thursday, Saint Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

12:00PM+Souls in Purgatory (Anonymous)

June 28, Friday, Saint Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr

12:00PM+Daniel Gioiosa, Ann. (Tim and JoAnn Bettwy)

June 29, Saturday, Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

12:00PM+Shirley Keirn (Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Carosielli)

Vigil: Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00PM+Douglas J. Farrell, Birthday (Pat Farrell Family)

June 30, Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM+Audrey Krause (Phyllis Lavelle Sheetz)

10:00AM+Elaine Smithmyer (Anonymous)

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. **\$44,500 has been pledged. We've reached 97% of our target.** Thank you.

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

College Junior & Senior Scholarships Available

Students from our parish who will be college juniors or seniors this fall may apply to receive one of four \$500 scholarships from the Adelaide Heverly Welge Scholarship Endowment. Applications are available in the parish office or may be downloaded from the "Grants & Scholarships" page at www.icfoundation.us. The application deadline is 4:00 PM, Tuesday, July 2. The Independent Catholic Foundation will inform the four successful applicants by mid-July.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday, June 16, 2024 \$ 6,327.29

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.

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

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**



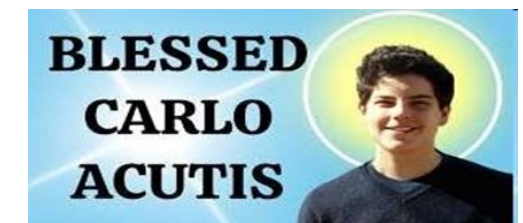
Stewardship Reflections

Our readings today remind us that God always has our best interests at heart. No matter what is going on in our lives, God is with us. Our First Reading is from the end of the book of Job. The book of Job is an incredible story of God allowing trials and suffering to occur in Job's life. God knows that Job is a faithful man and will not turn away from Him despite hardship, so the Lord allows destruction in Job's life.

In moments of trial, we often live our days in panic. It is as if our life is like the life of those disciples. We see the water coming into our boat and we do all that we can in our power to stay afloat. We aimlessly try to throw the water overboard, and we become exhausted because it is thrown back in our face. We are frantic, so we fail to stop and recognize that our Savior is in the same boat with us. Although it may feel like He is sleeping and His presence is lacking, He is right there suffering with us. Therefore, during our trials, cling to Jesus. Know that there is an end, and whatever we see in the end in this life or the next, God allows it all for our salvation. Today, let us thank God for His presence in our lives, and ask for the eyes of faith to see that He is right here with us always.

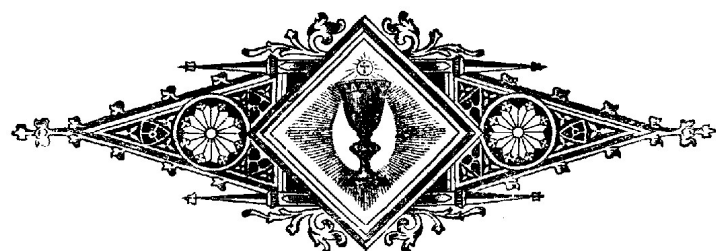
St. Monica Church Parish Festival

Will be held on Sunday, July 7, 2024 in Chest Springs. We will have our famous Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings. Dinners will be served from 11:00AM to 2:00PM. The cost is \$15.00. Served Take-Out Style with seating available inside and outside for your convenience. There will also be various items to be chanced off along with a Basket Auction, Bake Sale, Book Sale, Plant Stand and many games for the children. A Refreshment stand with food and drinks. All until about 5:00PM. Come and meet your friends for a day of fun and fellowship.



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 23, 2024

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Right now, you and I are only worried about one of only two things: wind or water. Bear with me. This week we hear the account of the terrified disciples waking Jesus in a sea-storm. He chastises them for their lack of faith, and then, “rebuking the wind, he said to the sea, ‘Quiet, be still!’” He rebukes the wind and stills the water. In the Bible wind and water represent the two most fundamental poles of our experience of creation. Wind means heaven, spirit, that which gives identity, unity, order, light. Water stands for earth, variation, potential, that which can be drawn into identity, darkness, chaos.

Too much “wind” is when things get way too rigid, abstract and ideological — when we face oppressive leaders and tyrants, when we get addicted to our own way of doing things, when our attention is too narrowly focused on one thing. Too much “water” is excessive novelty, passivity, indifference, and chaos — when our attention is too broadly diffused on many things, when things seem to be crumbling without direction into the dark abyss. We know both terrifying experiences all too well.

The point of the miracle is that God in Christ is the One who brings final cosmic harmony between these two vital but threatening forces. He ultimately does so from the wood of the cross, when he breathes forth the wind of his spirit and pours forth the water from his side to establish a new creation, filled with harmonious peace. When the wind and water are out of control, trust him. Father John Muir ©LPi

St. Joan of Arc Church Turkey Dinner and Festival

Route 53 in Frugality, Pa near Prince Gallitzin State Park on Sunday, July 21, 2024 from 11:00AM to 3:00PM. Turkey dinner with mashed potatoes & gravy, stuffing balls, corn, coleslaw, roll and dessert. Eat-In or Take-Out. Cost \$14.00. Cash Raffle, Instant Bingo, Kids’ Activities, Outdoor Kitchen, Live Music and More! Basket Auction from 11:00AM to 4:00PM. Winners will be notified by telephone on the day of the drawing and prizes can be picked up the next day, Monday July 22nd from 1:00-5:00PM at the Parish Hall. We look forward to seeing you there!



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

GROUP PICTURES

FOR

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

Roberta Burns will be available on Sunday, June 30, at 11:15 A.M. to take groups pictures of: Servers, Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Gardeners, Church Cleaners, Catechists/PREP, RCIA, Marriage Prep, Baptismal Prep, Parish Council, Finance Council, Ushers, Greeters, Cantors, and Choir.

If you are aware of other groups, please let Roberta know.

Please meet in the cathedral.

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THE TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - JUNE 23, 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.

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

Religious Education Office: Sundays - 814-943-7424

E-mail: claraia@dioceseaj.org

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRY

Leslie C. Thayer, MM, CAGO

Music Ministry Office - 814-944-2044

E-mail: lthayer@dioceseaj.org

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 - 814-944-4014

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

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Mass Times

Sunday:

5:00 PM (Vigil)

8:00 AM

10:00 AM

5:00 PM

Weekday:

12:00 Noon

Saturday:

12:00 Noon

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