

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME
June 30, 2024
Mass Intentions

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

July 1, Monday, Saint Junipero Serra, Priest
12:00PM+Mark Gianinni (The Bauer Family)

July 2, Tuesday, Weekday
12:00PM+Jim Weaver, Wedding Ann.. (Wife Elaine)

July 3, Wednesday, Saint Thomas, Apostle
12:00PM+Philip Arnone (Anonymous)

July 4, Thursday, Independence Day
9:00AM For Our Country

July 5, Friday, Saint Anthony Zaccaria, Priest
12:00PM+Joe & Patty Wiedemer, Birthday (Family)

July 6, Saturday, Saint Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr
12:00PM+Mary & John McGraw (McGraw Family)
Vigil: Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00PM+John & Ella Butchko (Family)

July 7, Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00AM+Barry Krug (Tammy & Bob Datriis)
10:00AM+Carol Kepner, Ann. (Cheryl Kepner)
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. **\$44,600 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 30, 2024

Sunday: Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11, 12, 13 (2a)/2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15/Mk 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35b-43

Monday: Am 2:6-10, 13-16/Ps 50:16bc-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23/Mt 8:18

Tuesday: Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12/Ps 5:4b-6a, 6b-7, 8/Mt 8:23-27

Wednesday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 20:24-29

Thursday: Am 7:10-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 9:1-8

Friday: Am 8:4-6, 9-12/Ps 119:2, 10, 20, 30, 40, 131/Mt 9:9-13

Saturday: Am 9:11-15/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 9:14-17

Next Sunday: Ez 2:2-5/Ps 123:1-2, 2, 3-4 (2cd)/2 Cor 12:7-10/Mk 6:1-6

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 23, 2024 \$ 6,662.97

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:

July 21, August 4 and 18



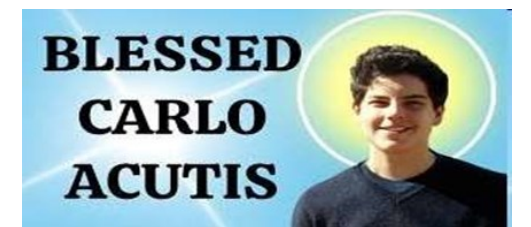
Stewardship Reflections

Our readings today remind us that our God is a tender and loving God. Our First Reading, from the book of Wisdom, helps answer a common question in our Catholic faith, why is there suffering and death? We are tempted to be angry at God for the death of loved ones or of innocent people. We are also tempted to be angry at Him for our sufferings, like illness, car troubles or a terrible week at work. Wisdom teaches us, "God did not make death, nor does he rejoice in the destruction of the living." Rather, "God formed man to be imperishable; the image of his own nature he has made.

Whether we are healed like the little girl in our Gospel today in this life, or we carry our suffering with us till we reach the next, if we remain faithful, Jesus will one day say to us, "Little Girl or little boy, I say to you arise!" Today, let us reflect on how much our good and gracious God loves us. Remember whatever we are suffering in this life, do not be afraid, God is right there with us. Offer it to Him, seek His healing and remain faithful so that one day we might rise.

Visitation Parish

Will be sponsoring An Irish Evening with FULL KILT on July 13, from 7:00 PM until 10:00 PM in the Visitation Parish Hall at 1127 McKinley Avenue, Johnstown, PA. Tickets are being sold for \$20.00 and will include admission, a full meal, beer, soda, and water. Tickets may be purchased by calling Kristyn Amendola at 814-248-2942 or by email at kamendola528@gmail.com. All proceeds will benefit the Visitation Ongoing Maintenance Fund, which is earmarked for the replacement of the Church roof.



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.

Currently, the display includes miracles that took place in Spain, Italy, Belgium, Egypt, France, and Martinique.



Wednesday, July 3, is a Eucharistic Day of Prayer. We will have exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from after the noon Mass until Benediction at 6:45 P.M.

Nocturnal Adoration is at Our Lady of Fatima Church on Friday, July 5, from 8-11 P.M.

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

June 30, 2024

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sin isn't given its due these days. Downplaying sin is dangerous. But there is also another spiritual misstep in which we make way too big a deal out of sin. It happens, for example, when we persistently wonder if our confessed sins are "really" forgiven, or suspiciously ponder what God "really" thinks about us, behind His merciful face. Or when someone returns to Church, and we question whether his or her conversion was genuine. Or when we commit some sin and put on a sad face for days, thinking, "Maybe my sins are too great for God to deal with." God save us from that attitude!

Well, he does just that, this week, in the raising of Jairus' daughter. The dead twelve-year-old's house is filled with a spirit of excessive moaning and groaning, tumultuous weeping and wailing. They even laugh at Jesus in a mocking tone. It's shocking how easy it is for him to raise the dead child. It is equivalent to gently waking a kid from a light nap. And then he sends her off to get some lunch. No big whoop. The overactive drama is actually part of the problem, and removing it is a key part of the miracle.

Friends, sin can and does kill, but Jesus is always ready and able to raise us back to life, often without much hullabaloo. His ease of forgiving should never be a pretext for presumption, minimizing sin, or taking lightly the cost he pays for our sins on the cross. But for God's sake, we often need Jesus to put out the weepers and wailers. He's the Lord. And remember, the girl is not dead, she's just sleeping. 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.

GROUP PICTURES

FOR

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

Roberta Burns will be available this 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, OCIA, 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.

The Church of Altoona-Johnstown
**THE CATHEDRAL
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THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - JUNE 30, 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

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Leslie C. Thayer, MM, CAGO
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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 - 814-944-4014
Eldorado Campus (Pre-K thru Grade 5) - 814-942-7835
Fairview Campus (Pre-K thru Grade 5) - 814-381-7011

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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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