

**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME
July 14, 2024
Mass Intentions**

- July 14, Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00AM Living and Deceased Members of the Michael and Ida Seymore (Family)
10:00AM+Denis Burns (Dave and Maureen Hanekamp)
5:00PM Pro Popolo/For the People
Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church 11:30AM
- July 15, Monday, Saint Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
12:00PM+Geraldine & Paul Rose, Wedding Ann. (Family)
- July 16, Tuesday, Our Lady of Mount Carmel
12:00PM+Rich Peo (McNelis All Stars and Friends)
- July 17, Wednesday, Weekday
12:00PM+Charles Brady, Birthday (Joe & Dee Sheltenberger)
- July 18, Thursday, Saint Camillus de Lellis, Priest
12:00PM+Shirley Keirn, Birthday (Husband Joe)
- July 19, Friday, Weekday
12:00PM Special Intention Fred Petrunak, Birthday (Family)
- July 20, Saturday, Saint Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr
12:00PM+Miriam Jacobs, Birthday (John & Becky Bettwy)
Vigil: Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00PM+Rose Moryken, Ann. (Bobbi Dixon & Theresa Crowell)
- July 21, Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00AM+Anna Marie Jacobs, Birthday (Family)
10:00AM+Sam Kokolis (Kathy Grove)
5:00PM Pro Popolo/For the People
Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church 11:30AM

**JESUS NEEDS YOU,
DON'T SAY NO!**
*Vocations Are
Everybody's Business*



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. **\$48,745. has been pledged. (The pledge balance is \$4,025.)** If all pledges are paid, we will have reached 106% of our target. Thank you.



Sisters of Charity
OF NAZARETH

Mission Co-op Collection

The Sisters of Charity of Nazareth have been assigned to the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady of Fatima Parish as part of the annual Mission Cooperative Plan for 2024. Sister Sarah Geier, SCN and Sister Teresa Kotturan, SCN will speak at all Masses the weekend of July 20-21, 2024.

The Sisters of Charity of Nazareth were founded in Bardstown, Kentucky in 1812. Through their ministries of healthcare, education and social service, the sisters carry the message of Christ's love to those who most need help throughout the world. The Sisters will share stories about their ministries here in the United States as well as in their foreign missions and invite us to be part of their ongoing commitment by participating through our prayers and financial help.

A special collection will be taken up for their mission. We know that, as always, you will be as generous as you can.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday, July 7, 2024 \$ 9,368.91
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



BISHOP GUILFOYLE ACADEMY: PreK through Grade 12.... Financial Aid Available

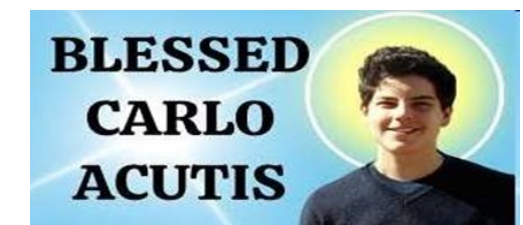
Our rolling admissions process means that anytime of the year is a good time to enroll at BG Academy! Our unified system streamlines the curriculum from PreK through Grade 12. Students enjoy Catholic faith formation and academic excellence in an environment where calm classrooms, self-discipline and respect for others are the norm.

Most of our students receive financial aid. Catholic students qualify for an automatic special scholarship. Ask for our household income chart that gives you an estimate of the tuition range for your family.

NEW Hollidaysburg campus for PreK and Kindergarten; Eldorado and Fairview campuses, PreK through grade 5; Call 942.7835. Pleasant Valley campus, Grades 6- 12; Call 944.4014. Ask for a personalized tour. Welcoming new students



Our parish, along with other Altoona parishes, will be collecting cereal on the weekend of July 20-21 to benefit the hungry children in the Altoona area. Please place your donations in the boxes that will be available at our entrances. While children may be eligible for free lunches at school, a large number arrive in the morning without breakfast. The cereal goes to the St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry.



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.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

July 14, 2024

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Once I asked a fallen-away Catholic friend of mine what he remembered about the parish priest from his youth. He said, "He was a gentle, nice guy. Kind of vanilla. Kept to himself." It struck me that he, perhaps like many, perceive Catholic priests as the following: lonely, harmless, and self-sufficient. As a challenge both to this perception (accurate or not) and to us priests who perhaps feel a pull in that uninspiring direction, stands the mighty image of what we see in the Gospel this Sunday.

Jesus sent out his apostles, "two-by-two, with power over demons, and without money belts." Two-by-two: they enjoyed deep fellowship and brotherhood. Power over demons: they were anything but harmless. These men wielded enormous power against evil. Without money belts: they were not self-sufficient. They needed others to help them. Not lonely, but in community. Not harmless but armed with massive spiritual energy. Not self-sufficient, but poor and in need of help.

This is a challenge to me, and perhaps to all of us, living in a rich, secularized, and individualized culture. Do I embrace my priestly ministry in deep fellowship with other priests? Do I speak and act boldly to drive out evil where it is found? Do I live poorly and simply, trusting in the help of those around me even for basic needs? The fruitfulness of priestly ministry largely depends on these three traits. Let's pray for all priests — and, by extension, all of us Christians — to live more like Jesus' communal, poor, and powerful apostles.

Father John Muir ©LPi

Basket Bingo

Our Basket Bingo is being held on Sunday, September 29, 2024 at the Father Kelly Hall, 5th Street and 25th Avenue. We are taking donations, of, gift cards, monetary gifts, or if you have a theme that you would like to do or donate for and we can always add to it. If you have any questions please feel free to call Paula at 814-944-4603 the Parish office, or Lorraine Beck 1-240-676-6704 or Paula's cell 814-215-5949.

Basket Bingo Tickets

Basket Bingo tickets will go on sale starting Saturday, July 20th at the Cathedral Square Door after all masses and at the Parish Office: \$25.00 per person, a value pack may be bought for an additional \$30.00. If you have any question call the Parish Office at 814-944-4603, Paula Clemens 814-215-5949 or Lorraine Beck 1-240-676-6704. Tickets will also be available at the door on the day of the event. Dobbers up!!



Christian Mothers Announcements

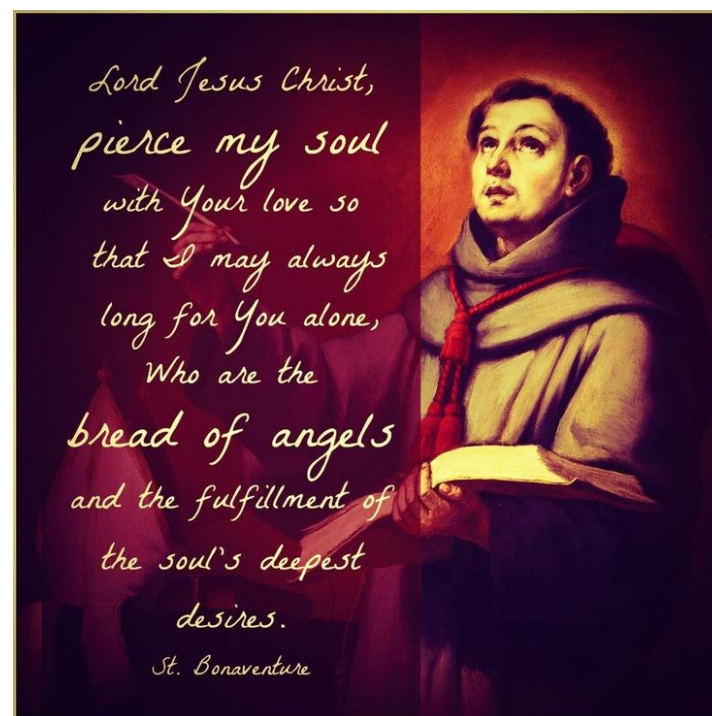
Pro- Life Rosary- Thursdays

As Catholics, we proclaim that human life is a precious gift from God; that each person who receives this gift has responsibilities towards God, self and others; and that society, through its laws and social institutions, must protect and nurture human life at every stage of its existence. The USCCB Committee on Pro-Life is inviting Catholics to join a focused effort of prayer for the end of abortion and for the protection of women and pre-born children.

Every Thursday after the Noon Mass, members of the Christian Mothers invite you to join them to recite the Pro-Life Rosary. We will meet in front of the Blessed Mother Chapel. Come join your prayers with ours as we pray for the protection of all of God's children.

Pilgrimage Meeting and Meal

Msgr. Stan Carson, along with travel agent Brenda Ajay, will be hosting a meeting and meal on Thursday, July 25, on the loggia for the 30 pilgrims who will be travelling to Fatima, Burgos, Lourdes, and Barcelona from September 15-24.



The Church of Altoona-Johnstown
THE CATHEDRAL OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

ONE CATHEDRAL SQUARE, Altoona, Pennsylvania 16601-3315

Church Office: 814-944-4603

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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.

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
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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

Church Office: 814-944-4603

E-MAIL: altcathedral@dioceseaj.org

Fax: 814-942-4337

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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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