

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 4, 2024

Mass Intentions

August 4, Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM+Paul Luke (Beth and Tom Moore)

10:00AM+Etta Pastore (Family)

5:00PM Pro Popolo/For the People

Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church 11:30AM

August 5, Monday, The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major

12:00PM+Danyll Rougeux Birthday, (Mom and Dad)

August 6, Tuesday, The Transfiguration of the Lord

12:00PM+Deb Consiglio (Tom and Vicky McGraw)

August 7, Wednesday, Saint Sixtus II, Pope and Companions; Martyrs; Saint Cajetan, Priest

12:00PM+Donna Ruggery Pagliara, Anniversary (Mom and Family)

August 8, Thursday, Saint Dominic, Priest

12:00PM+Paul Caracciolo, Ann. (Wife Denise)

August 9, Friday, Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr

12:00PM+Verna Bell (Mr. & Mrs. Dave Hanekamp)

August 10, Saturday, Saint Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr

12:00PM+Judith R. Jones (Barry & Cindy Gormont)

Vigil: Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00PM+Edgar L. Johnston (Family)

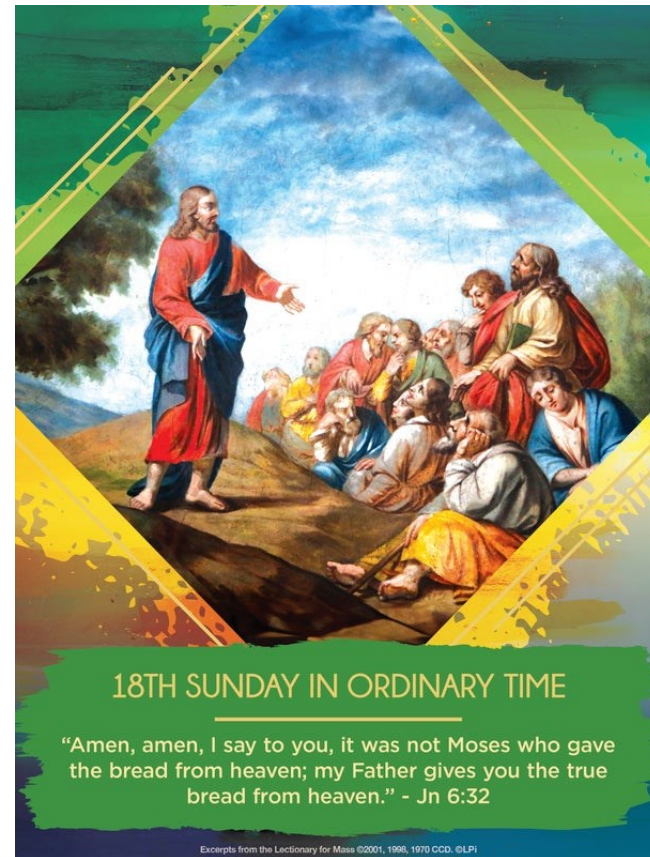
August 11, Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM+Deacon John M. Sanker, Ann. (Siblings)

10:00AM+Donnie Rabine (Kerry Byrne)

5:00PM Pro Popolo/For the People

Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church 11:30AM



Religious Ed PK-11

Registration weekend for all Religious Ed and PREP students PK4-11 will be held Saturday, Aug 10, and Sunday, Aug. 11 before and after all Masses in the Religious Ed Center. New students must bring a copy of their Baptismal Certificate.

Classes will begin on September 8th. For more information or questions please contact Chris Laraia at 814-312-7317.

Confirmation Prep

***Changes are coming to the Confirmation Prep program beginning this year!**

All 8,9,10,11th grade public school and Catholic school students and a parent must attend this mandatory Confirmation information meeting on Wed. August 7th at 6:30 PM or Thur. August 8th at 6:30 PM in the Cathedral Hall. Please contact Chris Laraia for more information at 814-312-7317.

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday, August 7, is a Eucharistic Day of Prayer from after the noon Mass until Benediction at 6:45 P.M. There is a sign-up sheet on the table at the cross aisle. It is essential that there be people in adoration while the Blessed Sacrament is exposed.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday, July 28, 2024 \$ 12,078.55

Thank you for your financial and spiritual 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.

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:

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: **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

Wedding Anniversary Celebration

Bishop Mark and the Family Life Office cordially invite all couples celebrating **1,5,10,15,20,25,30,40,45,50,55,60+ years of marriage in 2024** (and their families) to attend the Annual **Wedding Anniversary Liturgy**. Couples may attend Sunday, **September 8** in Altoona at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, or Sunday, **September 15** in **Johnstown** at St. John Gualbert Cathedral. Both locations are handicap accessible. Liturgies in each location begin at **2:00p.m.** Most Rev. Bishop Mark will be the celebrant and homilist at each celebration. Refreshments and snacks will be available after the mass for Anniversary couples and families. **Reservations must be made through your parish for either celebration by Tuesday, August 27th.**



Our parish has the entire exhibit of Eucharistic miracles prepared by Blessed Carlo Acutis (1999-2006). Portions of the exhibit are displayed in the side chapels of the cathedral. Blessed Sacrament.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

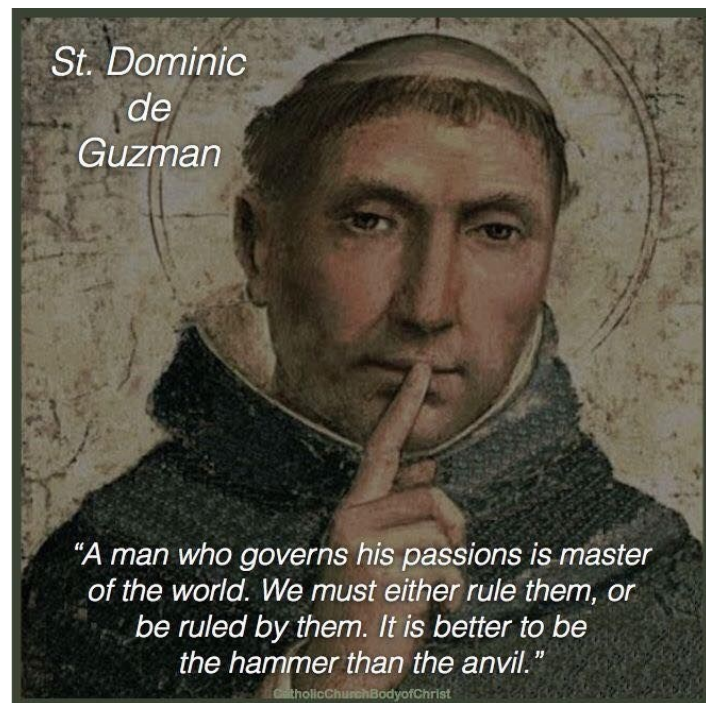
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18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Since my college days I've loved a song called "Dance with You" by the rock band Live. It touches on the deep mystical hunger of our heart: "I've tasted all the wines/ a half a billion times/ came sickened to your shore/ you showed me what this life is for." These lines resonate with anyone who has feasted on the good things of this world only to be left spiritually hungover and unsatisfied.

We see a similar dynamic evoked by Jesus' words after he feeds the crowd with bread and fish. To teach them to hunger for God, he recalls God's gift of manna-bread for the hungry ancient Israelites. Those folks had grown spiritually sick from the idolatrous food of Egypt yet still longed for more worthless pagan food. So, God sent heavenly bread to nourish their bodies, but also to heal their distrustful hearts. His people — like us — must learn to hunger and thirst for God alone. Before we can receive that which will not disappoint, we first must cease expecting that earthly goods will satisfy us.

We will get to the Lord's teaching on the Eucharist in the next two weeks. But first, he asks us: do you trust me to take care of you? Do you trust me to give you what you need for each day, and to not worry about the next day? Do you see that when you hungrily stuff yourself with the things of this world you become sick and lose your taste for the bread of life? So, our hungry hearts cry out: Lord, help us to trust that you'll provide for our every need. Help us to use only what we truly need. Help us hunger for the goodness of your Son, who is the true bread from heaven. That is what this life is for. Father John Muir ©LPI



Pro Life Rosary

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.



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 basket that you would like to do or donate for, we can always add to it. We are also taking donations of water, and soda, that can be dropped off at the Parish Office, between 9:00 AM-4:00 PM. 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 are now on sale at the 13th Avenue 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.

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

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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.

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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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