

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 11, 2024
Mass Intentions

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

August 12, Monday, Saint Jane France de Chantal, Religious
12:00PM+Thomas Patrick Kilcoyne (Jim & Steph Kilcoyne)

August 13, Tuesday, Saint Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs
12:00PM+Souls in Purgatory (Anonymous)

August 14, Wednesday, Saint Maxamilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr
12:00PM+Tolimlinson Families (Kathleen Davies)
Vigil Mass for the Assumption of Mary
5:30PM+Joseph Pagliaro, Birthday (Family)

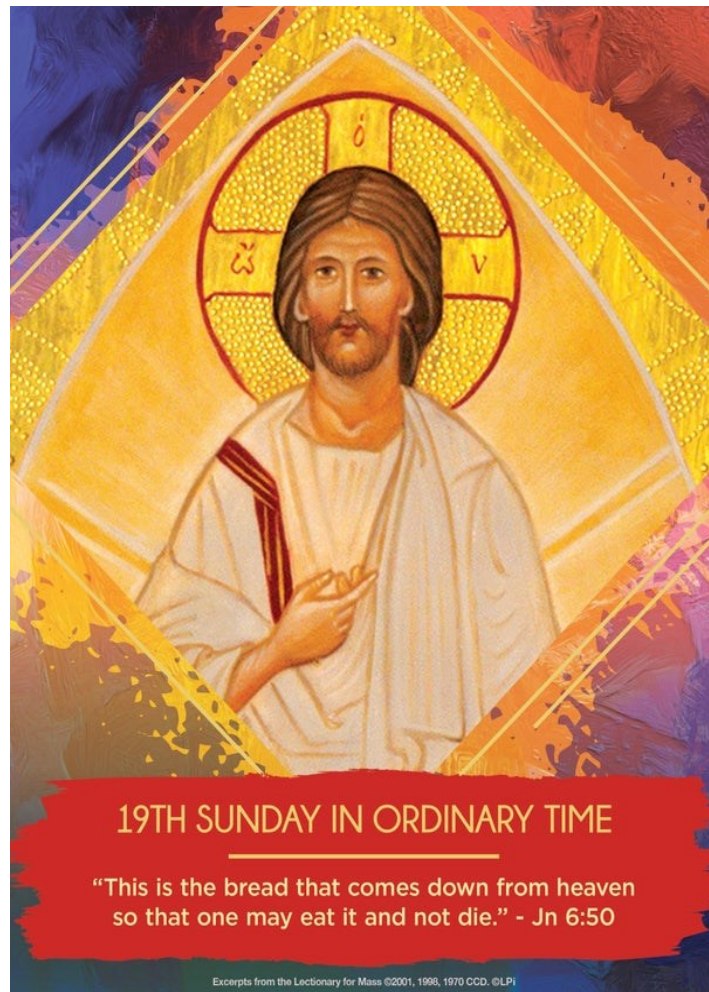
August 15, Thursday, The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8:00AM Pro Popolo/For the People
12:00PM Mary Ann Eger (M/M Anthony Carosielli)

August 16, Friday, Saint Stephen of Hungary
12:00PM+Walter Beckel Jr, Anniversary (Family)

August 17, Saturday, Weekday
12:00PM Special Intention (Friend)
Vigil: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00PM+Virginia Jones, Ann. (Bob & Jean Jones)

August 18, Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00AM+Paul Luke (Family)
10:00AM+Sandy Cuzzolina, Birthday (Family)

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



Religious Ed PK-11

Registration weekend for all Religious Ed and PREP students PK4-11 will be held this 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.

Christian Mothers Meeting

The upcoming Christian Mother's Meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 14th with Rosary at 6:00PM and meeting at 6:30PM. Guest speaker will be Tony Conrad to discuss Pro-Life efforts for our parish community. All women of the parish are invited to attend these meetings. The meeting will be held in the Education Center 14th Street entrance (lower level of the parish office). Contact Carol Galioto at (814) 327-4841 for more information.

Church Cleaning

We will be meeting on Wednesday, August 14th at 9:00AM in the church. All are welcomed to come join us.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday, August 4, 2024 \$ 10,824.35
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. **\$52,694 has been pledged. (The pledge balance is \$4,350.)** If all pledges are paid, we will have reached 114% 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.

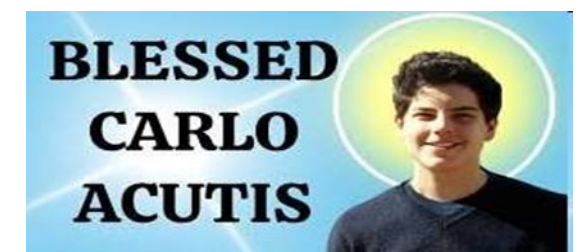
The historic **Prince Gallitzin Chapel House**, next to the Our Lady of the Alleghenies Shrine, will be open on the following Sunday afternoons from **3:00 – 6:00 PM** for self-guided tours, pilgrimages and visits: **August 18.**



Since Thursday, August 15, is the Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary into Heaven and a holy day of obligation, we have Mass on Wednesday, August 14, at 5:30 P.M. and Masses on Thursday, August 15, at 8:00 A.M. and Noon. There is a Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church at 5:30 P.M. on Thursday

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

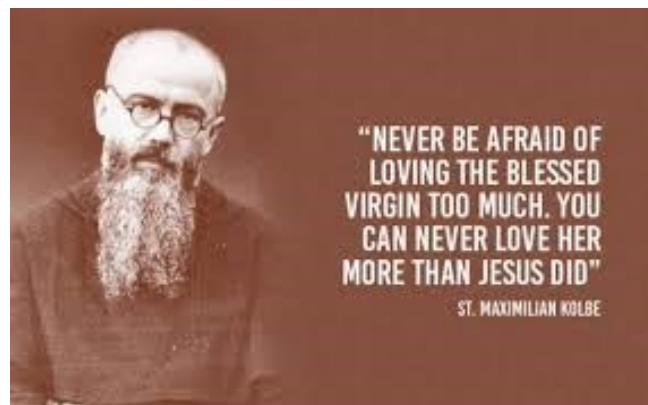
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19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

This week we hear Jesus say, "He that believes in me, has eternal life" (John 6:47). These straightforward words, uttered by human lips, sound — how to put this? — insane. Who could possibly say such a thing? Jesus says things that are so high, so demanding, so beyond our capacity to fathom, we hardly know what to do with them and (if you're like me), they usually go in one ear and out the other. So, let us ask: how can believing in him lead to eternal life?

To believe in something means not just to acknowledge its existence, but also to orient yourself entirely to it. If a football player believes in his team, it means he puts his life totally at the service of that goal. If a student believes in her dream to become a doctor, she gives everything she has to her studies and preparation for her MCAT test. Belief means to move boldly toward something we love, and trust is possible to attain.

What is the highest possible good at which we can aim? It is God himself, the gift of eternal life without end. Jesus has made this "good" possible in and through his human nature. To believe in him means to have him as our ultimate goal. This week let's believe the truth of these words and make practical decisions to orient ourselves toward what we see available in him: eternal life. Father John Muir ©LPi



Our parish has a block of tickets to the Curve vs. Bowie Baysox game on Sunday, August 18, at 6:00 P.M. Call the office to reserve your free ticket/s.

Christian Mothers Announcements

Pro-Life Rosary- Thursdays

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 Kelley 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

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

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

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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

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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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