

**TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
September 1, 2024
Mass Intentions**

September 1, Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00AM+Barbara Knott Chisko (Linda Kutz)
10:00AM+Etta Pastore (Family)
5:00PM Pro Popolo/For the People
Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church 11:30AM

September 2, Monday, Weekday/Labor Day
9:00AM Sanctification of Human Labor

September 3, Tuesday, Saint Gregory the Great, Pope
and Doctor of the Church
12:00PM+Kathleen Duffy, Birthday (Husband Jack)

September 4, Wednesday, Weekday
12:00PM+Raymond McCall (Karen Querry)

September 5, Thursday, Weekday
12:00PM+Ron Sheehan, Birthday (Wife Jean)

September 6, Friday, Weekday
12:00PM+Jim Weaver, Anniversary (Family)

September 7, Saturday, **Anniversary of the Dedication
of the Cathedral**
12:00PM Pro Popolo/For the People
Vigil: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time/ Solemnity of the
Anniversary of the Dedication of the Cathedral Cele-
brated.
5:00PM+Robert J. Eckenrode (Tony and Anna Rose
Eckenrode)

September 8, Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time/
Solemnity of the Anniversary of the Dedication of
the Cathedral celebrated.
8:00AM+Bill Anthony, Birth. M/M Dennis Oswald)
10:00AM+Rita McCloskey (Bob and Mary Suders)
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*



Stewardship Reflection

Our readings today call us to pause for a moment and consider how we respond to God's love for us each day. It begins by rising each day with a prayer of thanksgiving, offering our daily tasks as a prayer to the Lord, seeking ways to share our gifts and talents with others, saying a prayer of thanksgiving before meals, sharing words of affirmation to a loved, or taking time to reflect on how much God loves us and how we can best love Him in return.

This is how we ought to live our lives as Christian stewards, by recognizing our lives as a gift and an opportunity to love God in response to how He has loved us.

So let us look inward at our hearts and ask ourselves why we live our faith the way we do. Let us strive to pray with meaning, attend Mass with attention, serve others out of love for God and recognize just how blessed we are. It is in these simple moments that we love extraordinarily and honor God wholeheartedly.



The Cathedral is hosting Nocturnal Adoration on Friday, September 6, from 8-11 P.M.

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday, September 4, 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, August 25, 2024 \$ 7,833.91
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. **\$52,944 has been pledged. (The pledge balance is \$4,350.)** If all pledges are paid, we will have reached 115% of our target. Thank you.

**Basilica of Saint Michael's the Archangel Parish
Family in Loretto**

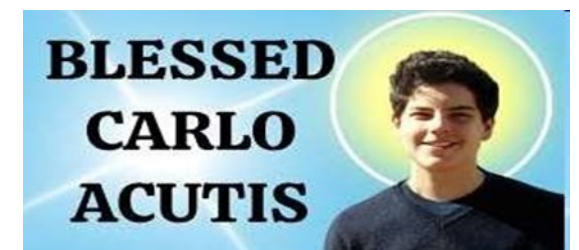
On behalf of the Basilica of Saint Michael the Archangel Parish Family in Loretto, all the faithful of the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese are invited to outdoor Masses every Sunday evening at 7 PM at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Alleghenies concluding on Sunday, September 1. Please bring a lawn chair. In the event of inclement weather, the Mass will be celebrated in the Basilica of Saint Michael the Archangel.



Catholic Charities is in need of clear backpacks to distribute to local junior and senior high school students. If you're able to help, there are collection boxes at our entrances. Thank you.



Court Prince Gallitzin #2625 serves all 11 parishes and beyond. New members are always welcome. On Monday, September 9, 2024, please come and join us for our monthly meeting at St. Rose of Lima Community Room at 5:30 P.M. with the business meeting beginning at 6:00 P.M. Check out www.CDA2625.com. If you have questions, contact Regent Donna Hoover at 814-632-3509 or donnah31049@gmail.com



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.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEP-ER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

September 1, 2024

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Purity isn't popular at the moment. Or is it? Look at a rack of health magazines or at popular podcasts. You'll see an infinite ocean of regulations and rituals of diets, intermittent fasting, morning sun rituals, intense juice detox practices, lists of dangerous foods, mental practices, as well as long lists of dos and don'ts for the proper cleaning of clothes, dishes, cars, houses, pets, and children. Like it or not, we long to be pure, clean, and without blemish.

This question of purity haunted people in Jesus' day, too. The Pharisees and scribes (the leading purity authorities of the day) criticize Jesus, asking, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" (Mark 7:5). Jesus responds by saying, "There is nothing outside the person that can defile him if it goes into him; but the things that come out of the person are what defile the person" (Mark 7:15). What does he mean, and how can it help us be pure?

We've probably all heard the somewhat shopworn interpretation that Jesus replaces the ritual, exterior notion of purity with a moral, interior one. Christianity is thus seen as a kind of moral re-tooling, as if religion doesn't make us pure. Good moral intentions do. But this doesn't take the rest of Jesus' ministry seriously enough, nor our obsession with purity. The better reading is that Jesus audaciously offers himself as the ultimate source of human purity — from within each human heart. Both our religious ritual practices and our moral actions are meant to flow from this encounter with Jesus the Lord. When we are in friendship with him, everything becomes pure for us. Father John Muir ©LPi

Reverence in Taking Holy Communion to Homebound People

When Holy Communion is taken to homebound people it should be carried close to the heart by using either a blouse or shirt pocket, or by using a burse. The host should not be placed in a pants pocket or purse. If you don't have a burse and you plan to take Holy Communion to someone regularly, you are asked to wear or purchase a shirt or blouse with a pocket.



The Catholic University of America

Next weekend, the (arch) diocese will take up the National Collection for the Catholic University of America. Catholic University is a national research university, in the heart of Washington D.C., with over 5,700 undergraduate and graduate students in more than 250 academic programs. By giving to the collection, you are supporting future Catholic leaders, both religious and lay, who are being formed by an exceptional, faith-rooted education. The University's various research and training initiatives support dioceses and parishes in responding to the most pressing needs of their faithful. A few examples of how the University serves the Church and nation include The Catholic Project, an initiative that aims to heal the breach of trust may have experienced as a result of the crisis in the Church; a master's program in Ecclesial Administration and Management; and a credentialing program that prepares recent graduates to serve as campus ministers. Visit: collection.catholic.edu to learn more.



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

Only 4 weeks left to get your tickets. Basket Bingo tickets are 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

THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - SEPTEMBER 1, 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.

PRO-LIFE ROSARY

Sponsored by the Christian Mothers on Thursdays after the noon Mass.

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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CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME - 814-944-4603

MAIL MINISTRY TO ELDERLY, HOMEBOUND, SERIOUSLY SICK, AND GRIEVING - 814-944-4603

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM:

September through April: Pre-Kindergarten thru 12.
Sunday morning 8:30 AM - 9:45 AM Pre-Kindergarten thru 8. Grades 9-11 Sunday Evening at 6:15.

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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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