

**TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME  
September 29, 2024  
Mass Intentions**

September 29, Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
8:00AM+Dave Behe (Mary Ellen Burke)  
10:00AM+Ronald Solnosky (Richard & Mary Solnosky)  
5:00PM Pro Popolo/For the People  
**Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church 11:30AM**

September 30, Monday, Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church  
12:00PM+Michael Wolf, Wed. Anniversary (Wife)

October 1, Tuesday, Saint Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church  
12:00PM+Salvatore Michael Moffa (Estate)

October 2, Wednesday, The Holy Guardian Angels  
12:00PM+Denny Behe, Birthday (Sister, Peg)

October 3, Thursday, Weekday  
12:00PM+Herbert & Regina Kutruff, Wed. Anniv. (Family)

October 4, Friday, Saint Francis of Assisi  
12:00PM+David Seidel, Wed. Anniv. (Wife, Virginia)

October 5, Saturday, Saint Faustina Kowalska, Virgin  
12:00PM+Rita Kibler, Birth. Wed. Ann. (Family)  
Vigil: Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time  
5:00PM+Delphina Rutolo, Anniversary (Family)

October 6, Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time  
8:00AM+Joseph Pagliaro, Anniversary (Family)  
10:00AM+Edgar A Johnston (Family)  
5:00PM Pro Popolo/For the People  
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**Annual America Needs Fatima Rosary Rally**

The Rosary Rally will be held on Saturday, October 12th, 2024, at Noon, downtown at the Heritage Plaza, 15th Street and 11th Avenue.

**Stewardship Reflections**

Our readings this week encourage us to not only be good stewards of all that God has given us but also to rejoice in the good stewardship of others.

We often times look at another's strengths as our weaknesses whether it be in parish life, in the workforce, or even in our families. We are left with a bitter heart and negative attitude when we become jealous of another. Jesus is calling us to cut out those sinful thoughts and attitudes from our lives. The next time we witness someone being a good steward of God's gifts, rejoice! And continue to examine how you are using your gifts and talents to ensure you are being a good steward of what God has entrusted in you.

This week when we witness other people in our lives using the gifts God has given to them, instead of becoming jealous or critical, say a prayer of thanksgiving and take time to reflect on what God has gifted you and how you can offer it to Him for His glory.



Priesthood Sunday, celebrated nationwide on the last Sunday of September each year, is a special day to honor the men who serve as priests.

A priest shoulders significant responsibilities. He is tasked with the spiritual leadership of the parish as a whole. He lends guidance and spiritual care to parishioners, hearing their trials, challenges, sins, and concerns. He is part of their most significant moments in life—their marriages, the births of their children, and the loss of loved ones.

Be sure to pray for priests today.

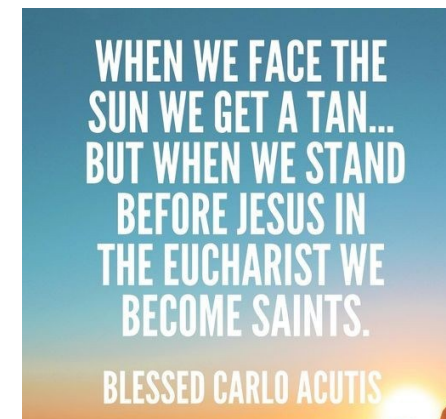
**COLLECTIONS**

Our Sunday collection amounts for September 15 and 22 will be published in next weekend's bulletin. Thank you for your support.



Our parish's monthly day of Eucharistic Adoration is this Wednesday, October 2, from after the noon Mass until Benediction at 6:45 P.M.

In addition to praying for vocations to the priesthood, since the month of October is also Respect Life Month, it would be good to pray for the protection of unborn children and a greater respect for all human life.



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.



Mark Weakland, a native of State College and FOCUS Missionary at St. Francis University, will speak briefly at some of our Masses this weekend inviting us to be a spiritual and financial partner with him in making disciples for Christ. His greatest desire is to lead students to the Lord. Mark and his wife, Kendra, and son, Sebastian, live in Loretto.

**Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)**

Do you know someone who might be interested in seeking information about our Catholic faith? Are you interested in the Catholic Church? Starting on September 15th, the Cathedral Christian Initiation Team will begin weekly meetings in the Church from 11:00AM to 12:00 Noon (after the 10:00AM 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 info, please contact Carol Galioto at (814)-327-4841.

**Strength In Christ -Trust-Surrender-Joy**

**Third Annual Women's Conference**

Saturday, 12 October, 2024  
Check-in begins at 7/7:30am  
9:00 am - 4:00 pm  
9:00am Mass w/Bishop Mark Bartchak  
4:00p.m. Closing Remarks  
Lunch Included  
Sacrament of Reconciliation Available  
Mount Aloysius College: Bertschi Center  
7373 Admiral Peary Hwy, Cresson, PA 16630  
Registration forms are at our entrances.

**GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE  
DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIP-  
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September 29, 2024

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Maggots, grubs, worms. When I imagine one or many of these nasty slimy buggers living inside my body — unseen, feeding off my flesh, slowly rotting me out I feel deeply disgusted. If I knew I had a worm, I would do anything to remove the alien invader, and fast. But what if I couldn't ever get it out?

This is precisely the image Jesus uses to describe those who cause others to sin and fail to cut out what leads them to sin. He contrasts the kingdom of God with Gehenna, "where the worm does not die." If we can stomach it for a moment, there is much wisdom in this nauseating metaphor.

First, sin is always parasitic. It feeds on what is good like a worm in a host. It's not symbiotic or additive, as virtue and love always are. Sin invades, devours, and damages the sinner. Second, sin is always social. No matter how hidden, it quietly eats away at others usually the most poor and vulnerable, the "little ones," as the Lord says. How healthy it is for us to acknowledge this! Our gossiping, greed, over-indulgence, lying, pride, laziness, lust for power and reputation, and so on ... they do not add anything to life. They are worms eating away at others and ourselves.

We cut out these filthy parasites through genuine repentance and bold action. Imagine the peace and relief that follows the removal of a sickening worm from your body. How much greater is the peace we enjoy when the spiritual worms are gone for good. We'd never wait to act against physical parasites. Neither should we with the worms of sin. Father John Muir. ©LPi

**TRUNK OR TREAT**

Family Fun, Costumes, and Candy! We will be holding our Trunk or Treat on Sunday, October 13th from 2:00-3:00PM, in our Lower Parish Parking Lot. Children need to be accompanied by an adult. Parishioners who would like to hand out candy from their trunks should arrive by 1:00 pm to set up. Please contact the Parish Office at 814-944-4603 to register, or use the link: <https://tinyurl.com/cathedraltrunkortreat2024> if you are going to have a decorated car. Candy donations are also welcome if you are unable to attend, and can be dropped off at the Parish Office.



**Basket Bingo Tickets**

**WOOHOO! TODAY IS THE DAY!** Basket Bingo tickets will be on sale at the 13th Avenue door after the 8:00AM and 10:00AM masses today. Tickets will also be available at the door today.

Doors open at noon. Lunch will be served. Bingo starts at 1:00 PM. **DAUBBERS UP!!!!**

**Students who need service hours can come to Father Kelley Hall at 5th Street and 25th Avenue, today, Sunday September 29th at 11:00AM. Be sure that you sign in when you arrive. And, when you get your service hour sheet, make sure that you get it signed by one of us. Thank you in advance for all your help and support.**



**Christmas Parade Committee**

The Tradition Continues— A call for volunteers. Our parish will be participating in the 17th Annual Spirit Christmas Parade scheduled for December in Downtown Altoona. In our last two years of participation, we have been awarded First Place in the float category and our parish committee wants the tradition to continue!

The first planning committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 1, 2024 at 6:30 pm, in the Cathedral Parish Center conference room

If you are interested in being a part of the committee or have any questions regarding the project, please contact Dave Kimmel at 814-207-1802 or [cdavidkimmel@gmail.com](mailto:cdavidkimmel@gmail.com). You may also call the Parish Office at 814-944-4603.

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**THE TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - SEPTEMBER 29, 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**

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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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