

**TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
October 20, 2024
Mass Intentions**

October 20, Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00AM+Dave Behe (Mary Ellen Burke)
10:00 AM+Etta Pastore (Family)
5:00PM Pro Popolo/For the People
Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church 11:30AM

October 21, Monday, Weekday
12:00PM+Hannah Wilkins, Ann. (Rich & Nancy Hall)

October 22, Tuesday, Saint John Paul II, Pope
12:00PM+Michael Wagner (Cathy Pacifico)

October 23, Wednesday, Saint John of Capistrano, Priest
12:00PM+Delphino Rutolo, Birthday (Family)

October 24, Thursday, Saint Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop
12:00PM+Father Silvan Rouse, Ann. (Ed & Lois Simanski)

October 25, Friday, Weekday
12:00PM+Carol Foytick (Maureen Kedzuff)

October 26, Saturday, Weekday
12:00PM+Anna Rhodes (Bob & Chris Laraia)
Vigil: Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00PM+John & Mildred Conti, Wedding Ann. (Family)

October 27, Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00AM+Debbie Sadler, Birth. (Linda Kutz)
10:00 AM+Lori Crilley (Sisters Pam & Vicki)
5:00PM Pro Popolo/For the People
Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church 11:30AM



Stewardship Reflection

Our readings today convey how deeply God understands our weaknesses and sufferings, and how we are called to imitate Him through humility and service.

Our culture constantly encourages us to do what we can to get ahead in this world, to do what feels good, no matter the effects, as if that power, authority, and wealth should be goals in life.

Our faith offers us something and different and fulfilling, a life of humility and service. As Christian stewards, we are called to live our lives in service of God and neighbor, just as Jesus did. Our life is not about us. It is about fulfilling God's glorious plan for each one of us.

Today, let us recall that we have a loving God who completely understands us and sympathizes with us. He is waiting for us to call on Him for mercy and strength. Yet, let us also recall that our God challenges us to be imitators of Him by becoming humble servants for God and neighbor.

Sacrament Preparation

Please return November 23rd Confirmation retreat registrations as soon as possible.

First Reconciliation

Tuesday, October 22, 6:30-8:00, Cathedral Hall, Parent or adult must be present. Registration form and copy of Baptism certificate required.



Our 10:00 A.M. Mass on Sunday, November 10, will honor military veterans and those who currently serve our country. Following Mass, there will be a luncheon reception in our hall. Please call our office if you plan to attend at 814-944-4603.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Sunday, October 13, 2024 \$ 7,754.16

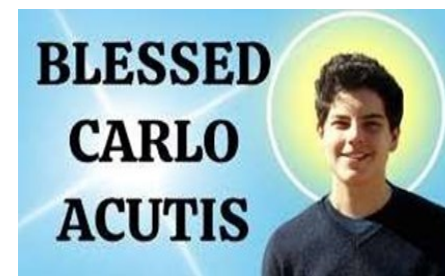
Thank you for your financial and Spiritual support.

Thank You!

We would like to give a thank you to Lorraine Beck and Roberta Burns for a job well done! We would like to thank our Basket Bingo Committee: Lorraine Beck, Mary Ann Bell, Maryann Bistline, Roberta Burns, Paula Clemens, Lorie Eberwein, Sherry Luke, Mary Lumadue, Peggy McLucas, Paula Miller. The helpers John Bettwy, Christine Billett, Brian Burns, Fred Chverchko, Randy Clemens, Dave Donoughe, Paulette Farabaugh, Carol Galioto, Cindy Holland, Mike Jones, Linda Kutz, Anne Marie Longwill, Kenny Louder, Dallas Luke, Carol Makdad, Lori Pastore, Jimmy Roland, Butch and Carol Ruggery, Lee Truby, Brian and Tina Welteroth.

Thank You!

Gratitude is extended to our Social Committee who prepared a delicious meal for our Basket Bingo: Mary Ann Bell, Tony Eckenrode, Tom & Beth Moore, Mark & Carol Sanker, Lee Truby, Butch Winkler, and Linda Yaskow.



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.



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.

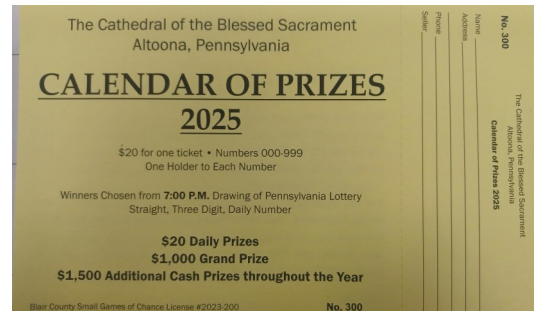


Msgr. Stan Carson and representatives from our Parish Council will be available in the Seton Suite on Saturday, November 16, at 2:00 P.M. and on Monday, November 18, at 6:30 P.M. to listen to parishioners who have suggestions on how we can improve the life of our parish. Those who bring suggestions are expected to help discern the potential for implementing the suggestions. We will also pray about the suggestions and eventually present them to our parish's advisory councils. May God's Holy Spirit help us to "see visions" and "dream dreams" (Acts 2:17).



**COLLECTION FOR HURRICANE
DISASTER RELIEF**

A special envelope was attached to our bulletin last weekend so we can respond to the tremendous needs of those who are suffering due to recent hurricanes. You can also submit your own specially marked envelope. Please be generous and supportive by responding either this or next weekend. Monies will be forwarded to Catholic Charities, USA.



Our Calendar of Prizes is currently on sale. The cost is \$20.00 per ticket for a year's worth of opportunities to win cash prizes. Please be supportive. The tickets are available after weekend Masses and in the parish office.



Our parish's Pictorial Directory is available for distribution this weekend. Only those who had their picture taken by the directory company, had their picture taken by Roberta, or submitted a picture for the directory, are eligible for a free directory. Others may order a directory at the cost of \$20.00.

SEVENTH GRADE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CHRISTIAN SERVICE

The 7th Grade Religious Education Class and their parents are assisting two families from Our Lady of Fatima Parish with two children with extraordinary medical needs: Gwendolyn Gabriel and Sophia Riggelman. Gwen, born with half a heart and 8 years old, is waiting for her second heart transplant and has been in Children's Hospital in Pittsburgh since February 2024. Sophia was born with the most severe form of Spina Bifida. She has had numerous surgeries, and her family also makes many trips to Children's Hospital. Both girls and families have continuously kept the faith and live lives with joyful hope.

The students are asking for our help to raise some funds especially for gas gift cards and grocery gift cards to help defray their costs of family living at home and at the Ronald McDonald house and transportation. The students will be selling Dum –Dum Lollipops for a small donation during the first few weeks of November after Masses. They will have donation boxes for household items that are also needed (a list will appear in next week's bulletin). The 7th grade students will appreciate our help and generosity. Gift cards and any voluntary monetary donations should be placed in envelopes in the collection basket or dropped off at the parish office marked: 7th Grade Religious Education Service Project c/o Mrs. Jeanne Thompson

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THE TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - OCTOBER 20, 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

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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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