

**THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
October 27, 2024
Mass Intentions**

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

October 28, Monday, Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles
12:00PM+Souls in Purgatory (Anonymous)

October 29, Tuesday, Weekday
12:00PM+David C. Hooper, Birth. (Wife & Family)

October 30, Wednesday, Weekday
12:00PM+Denis Burns (M/M Dave Hanekamp)

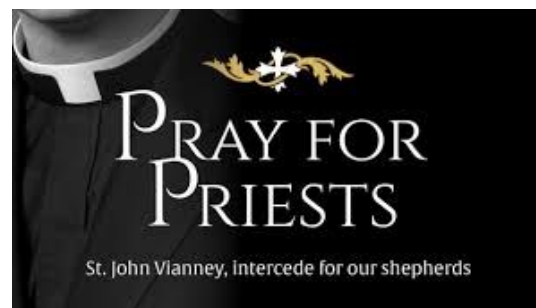
October 31, Thursday, Weekday
12:00PM+Don Godish, Anniversary (Friend)

Vigil: All Saints Day
5:30PM+ Minnie Yahner (Al Schlecht)

November 1, Friday, Solemnity of All Saints
8:00AM+Pro Popolo/ For the People
12:00PM+John Moloney/Joan Nedimyer Birthday,
(Family)
Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church 5:30PM

November 2, Saturday, All Souls Day
8:00AM+All Souls in Purgatory
12:00PM+All Souls in Purgatory
Vigil: Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00PM+Mildred Conti, Birthday (Family)

November 3, Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00AM+Patricia Vargo (Tom and Karen Smith)
10:00AM+Shirley Keirn (Cathy and Joe Koehle)
5:00PM Pro Popolo/For the People
Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church 11:30AM



Stewardship Reflection

Our Psalm today, “The Lord has great things for us; we are filled with joy,” sheds light on our glorious Gospel reading about the healing of the blind man, Bartimaeus.

We can learn a lot from Bartimaeus when it comes to our personal relationships with Jesus. Many of us struggle with something from which we need healing, physical blindness, illness, addiction, bad habits, anger, sin. In our weakness, do we confidently cry out to Jesus knowing that He will help us.

Oftentimes we begin to, but then a voice in our thoughts tells us to doubt and encourages us to stop trying, like the crowd in our Gospel. Although that voice is persistent and strong, we are called to cry out all the more. If Jesus can hear one voice in a crowd of many, then He can hear our direct prayers to Him in our hearts.

Whatever it is that you desire to be healed from today, confidently cry out to Jesus in prayer. He is listening. And when you hear the voice of doubt, keep praying. Strive to have unwavering faith that Jesus is with you, He hears you and will heal you in His way and His time. Knowing that the Lord has done great things for us and will continue to do so, so let our hearts be filled with joy.

Sacrament Preparation

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



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 \$ 811.00 Additional
Sunday, October 20, 2024 \$ 15,303.77
Thank you for your financial and spiritual support.



Friday, November 1, is **All Saints Day** and a holy day of obligation. We will have Masses at the cathedral on Thursday, October 31, at 5:30 P.M. and on Friday, November 1, at 8:00 A.M. and Noon.

There is a Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church on Friday, November 1, at 5:30 P.M.



Recruiting: Loving Hearts and Caring Hands

There are volunteer opportunities (being a Eucharistic Minister, providing companionship and visits, sharing your talents by singing or playing an instruments and other opportunities) at Garvey Manor & Our Lady of the Alleghenies Residence. Call Kathy LaVelle at 814-695-5571, ext. 4009 or klavelle@garveymanor.org



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.

COURTESY ADS

Bishop Guilfoyle Academy

January is a good time to join the BG Academy family for PreK or students in any grade level. Visit their new website: bishopguilfoyle.org You can schedule a personal tour.

St. Therese of the Child Jesus Parish

Join the parish of St. Therese of the Child Jesus at Father Kelly Hall for an all-you-can-eat pancake lunch and raffle on Sunday, November 17, from 11:00 A.M. until 1:30 P.M. \$5.00 for children 10 and younger, \$8.00 for 11 and older. Benefits St. Vincent DePaul Conference. Ticket price includes pancakes, sausage (not all you can eat) and beverage.

Wehnwood Community String Ensemble Performance

Sunday, November 3, at St. Augustine Church in Dysart at 3:00 P.M. The performance will last about an hour. There is no cost. Father Bob Reese will once again be performing.



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).

SEVENTH GRADE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CHRISTIAN SERVICE

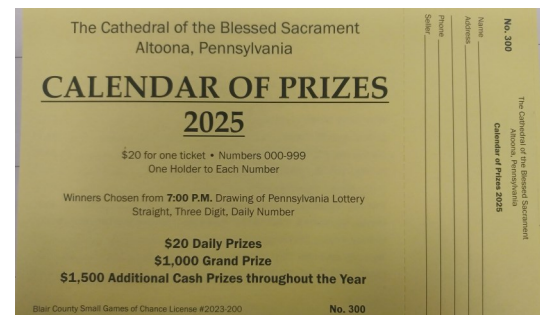
The 7th Grade Religious Education Class and their parents are assisting two families from Our Lady of Fatima Parish with two children with extraordinary medical needs: Gwendolyn Gabriel and Sophia Riggelman. Gwen, born with half a heart and 8 years old, is waiting for her second heart transplant and 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 (Purina ONE sensitive skin & stomach cat food, Fresh Step cat litter, Clorox or Lysol wipes, Myers clean day multipurpose cleaner, Everspring (Target brand) toilet paper, Swifter Power Mop refills, Swifter duster refills, Tide hygienic clean laundry pods, Cascade complete dishwasher pods, Size 4 diapers, Beechnut baby foods, Huggies baby wipes, Paper towels). 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



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.



On Saturday, November 2, we will have Masses at 8:00 A.M. and Noon. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated after both Masses. Please remember to pray for the souls in purgatory on that day. A Memorial Book is in our Mother of Sorrows Chapel.

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

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THE THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - OCTOBER 27, 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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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:	Weekday:
5:00 PM (Vigil)	12:00 Noon
8:00 AM	
10:00 AM	Saturday:
5:00 PM	12:00 Noon

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