

**THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
November 17, 2024
Mass Intentions**

November 17, Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00AM+Nancy Nagy, Birthday (Linda Kutz)
10:00AM+John Kirsch (Friends of the Family)
5:00PM Pro Popolo/For the People
Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church 11:30AM

November 18, Monday, The Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles;
12:00PM+ Souls in Purgatory (Anonymous)

November 19, Tuesday, Weekday
12:00PM+John E. Bauer (Family)

November 20, Wednesday, Weekday
12:00PM+Bob Eger (McNelis All Stars and Friends)

November 21, Thursday, The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
12:00PM+Bernadine Farrell, Birth. (Family)

November 22, Friday, Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr
12:00PM+President Kennedy (Daniel Bauer)

November 23, Saturday, Saint Clement I, Pope and Martyr; Saint Columban, Abbot;
12:00PM+Lisa Koch Family (O'Connor and McLucas Families)

Vigil: Thirty– Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
5:00PM+Terrance Ferry, Ann. (Michele Luciano and Family)

November 24, Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
8:00AM+Anthony Alianiello, Birthday (Family)
10:00AM+John and Patricia Vargo (Family)
5:00PM Pro Popolo/For the People
Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church 11:30AM

Sacrament Preparation

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

Stewardship Reflection

When we have firmly established for ourselves as individuals as a family, and as a parish that we will give to God the first and best portion of our Time, Talent and Treasure, the warnings we read in the Scriptures today need not cause us alarm. In fact, we can receive them as encouragement to “Keep calm and steward on”, no matter what comes our way.

One of the blessings of stewardship way of life is this: In challenging times, whether in our homes or workplaces, or even our beloved Church itself, we can take great comfort in knowing that we have a concrete plan to keep our priorities in proper order. And when we put God first in all aspects of our lives, we will experience the peace that He gives that surpasses all understanding.

Cathedral Christian Mothers Update

Thank You! A big thank you to all parishioners who recently supported your Cathedral Christian Mothers.

As a group of Cathedral women we are organized for the purpose of practicing works of charity. Thanks to your support, we have given parish children sacramental gifts from Baptist thru Confirmation and donated to many activities here at the Cathedral.

Our group also has been an outreach for many of our home-bound parishioners. We have been connecting with those who can no longer join us in the celebration of Mass through holiday cards and flowers.

We need your help again. We are preparing a seasonal gift to be delivered the week of November 25th to any Cathedral parishioners who are home-bound. If you know someone and would like us to visit them with this small token of the season, please contact any of the following Christian Mothers and we will add them to the existing list. Thank you. Carol Galioto-(814)327-4841, Mary Ann Bell (814)942-1016.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Sunday, November 10, 2024, \$ 10,019.93

Thank you for your financial and spiritual support.

Basket Bingo Report

After having our final Basket Bingo committee meeting, we are pleased to announce that after all the bills were paid, the profit was \$17,208.83. We had 204 people in attendance. We also had 138 door prizes. Job well done by all that donated. We would like to thank our committee: Mary Ann Bell, Maryann Joyce Bistline, Paula Clemens, Paulette Farabaugh, Sherry Luke, Mary Lumadue, Paula Miller, Peggy McLucas, Lorie Eberwein, and Dallas Luke, Also, a BIG thank you to Lorraine Beck and Roberta Burns for their long hours they had put into this. We are looking forward to our next Basket Bingo, Mark your calendars for Sunday, September 28th, 2025.

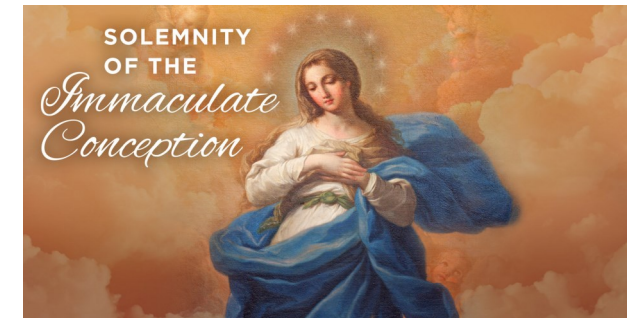
The Bingo was so successful thanks to those who attended, donated baskets, and our many business benefactors. Thank you every so much!

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.



This year, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (our national patronal feast day) is transferred from Sunday, December 8, to Monday, December 9, and is a holy day of obligation.

All Masses on Sunday, December 8, must be of the Second Sunday of Advent, there can be no vigil Mass for the Solemnity.

On Monday, December 9, we will have Masses at the Cathedral at 8:00 A.M. and noon. There will be a 5:30 P.M. Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church.



Msgr. Stan Carson and representatives from our Parish Council will be available in the Seton Suite 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).

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE
DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIP-
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November 17, 2024

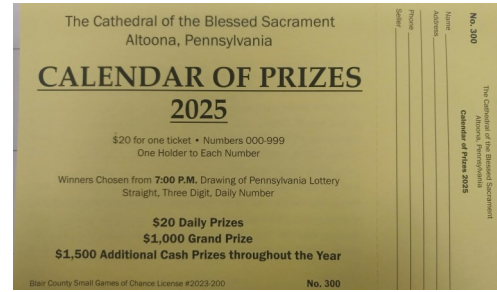
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

I recently moved into a new neighborhood. On my first evening I went grocery shopping and could not find my usual favorite Greek yogurt. Strangely, my heart started to race. All the losses of my previous life hit me. So many of my old friends, habits, comforts, and predictable experiences had fallen away. There I stood, a grown man, crying like a little boy whose world was falling apart in the dairy aisle.

This week, Jesus describes what to do when one world ends, and another begins. Does it apply to the end of time? Yes. Does it apply to the end of our individual lives? Yes. It also applies to every "world" we inhabit throughout our lives, in school, family, friendships, work, play and so on. First, the sun, moon, and stars fall. The old, familiar ways of running things suddenly stop working. Light fades. Things fall apart. It's awful. But, second, Christ comes "in the clouds." Jesus, the Son of Man, replaces those old powers with himself as the prime governing principle. Third, he sends out his angels to "gather his elect from the four winds." He re-integrates the fragments into a new integrated whole. "Summer is near," he concludes. A new world begins.

Is your world crumbling? Are your sun, moon, and stars falling from the sky? Learn to discern the pattern of the Cross and Resurrection at work in it. This is the power we touch in the Mass. Jesus is coming precisely in this transition from the old to the new world. It doesn't make our losses easy. But it does make it possible to glimpse the dawning of a summer, a new beginning, the life of the world to come.

— Father John Muir ©LPi



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.



Please pray that young people in today's culture will hear and respond to God's call. It is crucial that when God moves the heart of a young man to explore the priesthood, parents should be supportive.

We all need to do our part to encourage young people to consider the priesthood or consecrated life.

Our parish, along with other parishes, is forming a committee to promote vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

Recently, Maryann Bistline, Peggy McLucas, and Steve DeCriscio attended a diocesan workshop about this important topic.

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THE THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - NOVEMBER 17, 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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**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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