

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

Sun Nov 19	Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:00 AM Rite of Commitment for Grade 10- Confirmation Candidates and Parent/Sponsor 9:15-10:15 AM Religious Ed. Gr. K-9
Tues Nov 21	6:10 PM Bingo 7:00 PM Legion of Mary
Wed Nov 22	5:00-6:00 PM Pro-Life Rosary
Thurs Nov 23	9:00 AM Thanksgiving Day Mass
Fri Nov 24	6:10 PM Bingo
Sun Nov 26	Christ the King



### Monday, Nov. 20

8:30 a.m.

†Deborah Dillon (*Bob & Debbie Fisher*)

### Tuesday, Nov. 21 Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30 a.m.

†Thomas Novak (*Annie Yartin*)

### Wednesday, Nov. 22 St. Cecilia

8:30 a.m.

†Dr. Richard Capriotti (*Sr. Pauline Kawtoski*)

### Thursday, Nov. 23 St. Clement I, St. Columban, Bl. Miguel, Agustin Pro

9:00 a.m.

†Michael McGraw (*Wife & Sons*)

### Friday, Nov. 24 St. Andrew Dũng-Lac and Companions

8:30 a.m.

†Aloysius Koehle (*Mary Engelman*)

### Saturday, Nov. 25 St. Catherine of Alexandria

4:00p.m.

†Margaret & Frank Vinglas (*Dale Lingenfelter*)

### Sunday, Nov. 26 Christ the King

8:00 a.m. †Christine DeGennaro (*Dean & Gina Miller & Family*)

10:30 a.m. †Betty Ruggiero (*Breanne Rodgers*)

12 Noon Mass For the People

## MINISTERS FOR THIS WEEK

Thursday, November 23, 2017 Thanksgiving

9:00 a.m.

**Servers:** Volunteers

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Deacon Woomer, Regina Friedenberger, Mary Wiley

**Readers:** Linda Wolf, Charles Wolf

Saturday, November 25, 2017

4:00 p.m.

**Altar Servers:** Elizabeth Yahner, Abby Yahner, Josh Yasulitis

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Viola Bettwy, Ellen Rahm, Bernice Shoenfelt, James Shoenfelt, Nikki Solimando

**Readers:** John Donley, Elizabeth Tully

Sunday, November 26, 2017

8:00 a.m.

**Servers:** Marin Cooney, Marisa Hooper, Madison Hooper

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Delores Cree, Martha Dombrowski, Mary Lou Horton, Linda Zakrzwski, Karen McGraw

**Readers:** Damian Charlesworth, Paul Cooney

10:30 a.m.

**Servers:** Emma Irwin, Aleksandra Knott, Sophia Simanski

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Deacon Woomer, Barbara Gentile, Terrance Heiss, Kimberly Irwin, Kathryn Nazaruk

**Readers:** Patrick Irwin, Michael Nazaruk

12:00 Noon

**Servers:** Kaytlin Jones, Noah Trexler, Caleb Trexler

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Deacon Woomer, Johnine Mueller, Volunteer

**Readers:** Patrick Condryn, Deborah Kawtoski

## PASTOR'S CORNER

### Second Collection for Catholic Charities

For 77 years, Catholic Charities has helped our neighbors throughout Central Pennsylvania regardless of faith or background. 100% of contributions received through next weekend's second collection will directly help your neighbors in need. Please return your Catholic Charities envelope that is located in your pack of envelopes or make your gift online at [www.catholiccharitiesaj.org](http://www.catholiccharitiesaj.org). Thank you for helping Catholic Charities of Altoona-Johnstown reduce poverty in communities throughout our diocese.

**THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING-NOV. 11-12-2017**

Regular	\$6340.17	Christmas	\$ 24.00
Capital Campaign	\$ 21.00	All Souls	\$ 42.00
Peru	\$ 50.00	All Saints	\$ 5.00
Thanksgiving	\$ 20.00	Initial	\$ 3.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 173.63	Total	\$6682.80

**Deacon Jim's "A Moment with Our Lady"**

One night when Saint Gregory the Wonderworker was pondering the doctrine of the faith, an old man appeared before him. Startled, Gregory stood up and asked: "Who are you and what do you want?" The stranger told him that he had been sent by God to enlighten his doubts and reveal the truth of faith to him.

Gregory hesitated, torn between joy and fear, until the apparition outstretched his hand as if pointing in the opposite direction. Gregory turned and saw a woman of superhuman majesty. Unable to stand the light that emanated from her, he lowered his eyes. Then he heard the two visitors discuss the question that had been preoccupying him.

From this conversation, Gregory gained a true knowledge of the faith, but was also able to identify his two heavenly visitors: he heard the woman pressing John the Evangelist to disclose to him the mystery of faith, and John answered that he was ready to do so, since this was the pleasure of the Mother of God.

When the Virgin Mary and Saint John has left. Gregory rushed off to write down the teaching from Heaven. This testimony is the oldest that has been documented and dates back to the third century.

**OFFERTORY PRESENTERS**

Nov. 25	4:00 p.m.	Volunteers
Nov. 26	8:00 a.m.	Jack & Shirley Donoughe
	10:30 a.m.	Joe & Regina Friedenberger
	Noon	Volunteers

**CANDLES:** Ronnie Wolfe by the Legion of Mary at St. Rose, Health of Carole Zonfrilli by Joan & Linda Turcovski, Improved Health for Cheryl Sedon by Joan & Linda Turcovski, Robert Boldizar (Healing) by Irene Mishock.

**PERSONAL SERVICE HOURS-DECEMBER 10**

For the High School Students  
 Christmas Cards and Baskets for Shut-in and Veterans.  
 Time 2:00-4:00 p.m. in the Bingo Hall.

**There will be NO CCD Classes for the 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> Grade this weekend.**

**THANKSGIVING DAY OFFERING**

Please return your filled grocery bags before Thanksgiving. For cash gifts please use your Thanksgiving Day envelope. We genuinely appreciate your effort this Thanksgiving.

**SUPPER CLUB**

The Supper Club will meet at the Red Lobster Restaurant on December 3 at **12 NOON**. Call Mary for reservations 946-3449.

**THANK YOU**

Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court, Altoona chapter would like to thank everyone for donating pet food and supplies during the month of October. All donations received were given to the local Humane Society. Staff at the Humane Society were very appreciative.

### **LITURGICAL REFLECTION...**

This Thursday, November 23, is Thanksgiving Day and a special Day of Prayer in the Diocese. We pray in thanksgiving for the **Harvest and Fruits of the Earth**. As our country pauses to give thanks to God, Catholics are encouraged to participate at Mass and give thanks for all the gifts we have received. Please join in praying the following:

God, your gifts of love are countless and your goodness infinite.  
On Thanksgiving Day we come before you with gratitude for your kindness.  
Open our hearts to concern for our fellow men and women, so that we may share your gifts in loving service.  
We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

### **PRO-LIFE CHRISTMAS CARDS AVAILABLE**

Citizens Concerned for Human Life, Blair County Chapter, has Christmas Cards available for purchase. Beautiful designs are offered, picturing the new Madonna & Child and Emmanuel Prince of Peace. The cost is \$7.00 for a package of 11 cards. Your purchase will help support the pro-life work of CCHL in Blair County. For more information, call Mary Engelman, 943-3796.

### **POPE FRANCIS CHALLENGE**

A couple of students from Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School are again participating in the Pope Francis Challenge. The students are collecting items for the needy. Boxes and a list of needed items can be found in the foyer.

### **ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING...**

Volunteers are needed to light candles on the Wreath at each mass in Advent. We are looking for two or more people or families interested in participating at the beginning of the Liturgy after the opening Penitential Rite.

The dates are December 3 (not done on the first Saturday of Advent), December 9-10, December 16-17, and December 23-24, 2017. Please sign up on the lists on the table in the foyer. Thank You.

### **FAMILIES AND THE GOSPEL**

**November 19**

**Mt. 24:14-30**

As the man in the gospel entrusted his servants with his money, so God has entrusted our family to us. Like the good servants we are expected, not to play it safe, but to selflessly and totally invest ourselves in each other.

### **Carmelite Community of the Word offers Advent Retreat**

**Overnight Retreat—Living the Christmas Story, Then and Now**—December 1-2, 2017; 7:00 p.m. Friday to 3:00 p.m. Saturday. Meet and engage in prayerful reflections with the people of the original advent. Discover these powerful figures as they respond to God's plan and allow oneself to recognize something of oneself in each character. Retreat includes presentations, time for reflection and prayer and conversation. Meals and housing included. Retreat fee: \$40.00 per person, \$55.00 for married couples. Pre-registration is required by November 27 with a non-refundable deposit of \$15.00 per person. Reservations are limited to 10 participants with private rooms. Sessions and retreats will be held at Carmelite Community of the Word Incarnation Center, 394 Bem Rd., Gallitzin. To register, get directions or for more information, call 814-886-4098.

### **ST. JOSEPH IN WILLIAMSBURG: FUEL OIL RAFFLE**

Tickets are now on sale for a Fuel Oil Raffle at St. Joseph Parish in Williamsburg. The cost is \$10 per ticket. Winners receive \$500 in Martin's Fuel Oil or \$500 in cash. Winning numbers are based on the 7:00 p.m. PA Lottery Drawing on the December 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, and 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Please contact Jim Foreso for tickets at 832-2139.

## CELEBRATING THANKSGIVING

- ♥ What are some of the most difficult times you've experienced as a family this year? Looking back, can you find a reason for being thankful even for the negative?
- ♥ What is distinctive about your Thanksgiving Dinner? Is it one of the food items served? Is it one of the customs, prayers, or activities, that makes it special? Whatever it is, be sure you keep it alive as your "Family Tradition."
- ♥ Have family members write a letter of Thanksgiving to someone who touched their life in some special way within the past year. Thanksgiving would be an ideal time for your family to celebrate the Eucharist. The word Eucharist means Thanksgiving. There is no obligation to attend Mass but the extra effort to do so makes it a little extra special. Let as many members of the family as possible assist in the preparation of the Thanksgiving meal. Each can do something and it should be recognized how each one contributed to the meal.



## LITURGICAL REFLECTION...

This year the liturgical inserts have reviewed the 2016 rite of the Order of Celebrating Matrimony. The new ritual possesses an expanded introduction. And there is an expanded set of scripture readings. The introductory rites state there is no penitential rite and the Glory to God is always used for a Ritual Mass. There are expanded and retranslated orations. All in the assembly are invited to stand as the couple exchanges vows. An acclamation is to follow the consent of the bride and groom. The local customs in the Diocese include the bride taking a flower to the image of the Blessed Virgin Mary, flowers given to the mothers of the bride and groom, and introducing the newly married couple at the end of the rite. The Church rejoices with this man and woman now married in the name of Jesus Christ.

## ADVENT PRESENTATION

Sister Theresa will be offering an Advent Presentation on Bishop Robert Barron's DVD on THE EUCHARIST: as a BANQUET, SACRIFICE, and THE REAL PRESENCE. Following the presentation there will be a discussion. This will be held at Holy Rosary Church, 900 N. 4th St. in Juniata. We will meet on three Tuesdays: November 28, December 5 and December 12 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. This is a very wonderful preparation for Christmas. Please call Sister Theresa at 942-5747 if you and a friend will be attending. God bless you.

## FRIAR'S NOOK THANKSGIVING BAKE SALE

The Friar's Nook Gift Shop, 793 Monastery Road, Hollidaysburg, will hold a Thanksgiving Bake Sale on Monday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. Harvest bread and holiday tarts will be available while supplies last.

