
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

Sun Aug 9 Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wed Aug 12 5:15-6:00 p.m. Pro-Life Rosary



Monday, Aug. 10 St. Lawrence

8:30 a.m.

†Deceased of Popovich & Walls Families (*Frank & Mary C. Rubino*)

Tuesday, Aug. 11 St. Clare

8:30 a.m.

†Albert Schoch (*Mary Engelman*)

Wednesday, Aug. 12 St. Jane Frances de Chantal

8:30 a.m.

†Paul Andrews (*George & Polly Cardone*)

Thursday, Aug. 13 St. Pontian & Hippolytus

8:30 a.m.

†Denise DiGiacobbe (*Bernie & Julie Beiswenger*)

Friday, Aug. 14 St. Maximilian Kolbe

8:30 a.m.

†Eugene Stoltz (*Connie Malencore*)

Saturday, Aug. 15 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30 a.m.

50th Wedding Anniversary of Chuck & Linda Wolf
(*Diana Macharola*)

4:00 p.m.

†Josephine Love (*Ed & Sue Daniels*)

Sunday, Aug. 16 Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Mass For the People

10:30 a.m. 50th Wedding Anniversary of Chuck & Linda Wolf
(*Carole, Dennis & Devon Housum*)

PASTOR'S CORNER

August 15th is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary!

Mary was always a virgin, both in conceiving Jesus, giving birth to him, and remaining virgin ever after. God granted her this privilege to emphasize that this was a unique moment in history—the birth of Jesus who is the Son of God and Mary. The liturgy of the Church speaks of Mary as “ever virgin.” In the early Church some denied this, arguing that the Gospels speak of the brothers and sisters of Jesus, and thus maintained that Mary did not remain a virgin after the birth of Jesus. But already in the fourth century, theologians pointed out that the Greek word for brother used in the New Testament can also refer to a cousin. A second explanation was that these brothers and sisters were children of Joseph by a previous marriage. However, it is the constant teaching of the Church that Mary remained a virgin even after the birth of Jesus. In her virginity, Mary lived a life dedicated exclusively to her Son and his mission. Her example has been followed by some of Christ’s disciples who have lived lives of consecrated virginity and celibacy from apostolic times to the present.

In the mystery of her Assumption, Mary experiences immediately what we all will experience eventually, a bodily resurrection like Christ’s own. “Immaculate Virgin . . . When the course of her earthly life was finished, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, and exalted by the Lord as Queen over all things, so that she might be more fully conformed to her Son, the Lord of lords and conqueror of death” (CCC, no. 966, citing LG, no. 59).

Finally, in Mary we behold what the Church is already like during her pilgrimage of faith—and what the Church will become at the end of the journey. “Mary figured profoundly in the history of salvation and in a certain way unites and mirrors within herself the central truths of the faith” (LG, no. 65).

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING-AUG. 1-2, 2020

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| Regular | \$7418.50 | Christmas | \$ 80.00 |
| Capital Campaign | \$ 68.00 | Rose | \$ 8.00 |
| Assumption | \$ 30.00 | Peter's Pence | \$ 20.00 |
| Mission Co-Op | \$ 20.00 | CCD | \$ 10.00 |
| SVDP | \$ 25.00 | Total | \$7679.50 |

Deacon Jim's "A Moment with Our Lady"

Father Trochu wrote this story in his book about the Curé of Ars: One day some indiscreet parishioners climbed to the first floor of his house and heard the voice of a woman conversing with their priest. Their surprise was indescribable, for they knew the priest was very reserved with the female sex. Some of them assured that this was not the first time. So they mustered up their courage and eavesdropped at the door. What they heard were recommendations to watch over so-and-so, then to save so-and-so, etc. They stood there listening to a very private conversation.

After half an hour, the saint opened the door and surprised his visitors...who were obliged to explain the reason for their presence. They managed to excuse themselves without too much embarrassment. It was the Curé of Ars who seemed the most embarrassed. After thinking it over for a moment—and so as to dispel any suspicion—he confessed that he had the pleasure of sometimes receiving the Virgin Mary in his home to talk over his concerns and get advice about difficult cases.

MAY SHE REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Shirley Sprouse whom we honored with Christian Burial. May God give comfort to her family.

CANDLE:

For the Intentions of John & Maryann Frena by Irene Mishock

2020 Wedding Anniversary Celebration

Bishop Mark Bartchak and the Family Life Office cordially invite all couples celebrating 1, 5, 10, 25, 40, 50, 55, and 60+ Wedding Anniversary in 2020 (and their families) to attend the **Annual Wedding Anniversary Liturgy**. Couples may attend Sunday, September 13 in ALTOONA at Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament or Sunday, September 20 in JOHNSTOWN at St. John Gualbert Cathedral. Both locations are handicap accessible. Liturgies in each location begins at 2:00 p.m. Bishop Mark will be the celebrant and homilist at each celebration. Refreshments/snacks will be available after the mass for anniversary couples and their families.

Reservation must be made by Wednesday, August 19. Please call the Rectory 944-8509 to make your reservations.

CCD REGISTRATION

A reminder to register your children for CCD \$10.00 per child or \$20.00 for family. Registrations forms have been mailed out to all the families whose child attends our CCD Program. **You must register your child every year.** Please return as soon as possible.

**Classes start on September 13, 2020
For Grades K thru 11 9:15-10:15 a.m.**

LYME DISEASE SUPPORT GROUP

The August 13 meeting of the Altoona Area Lyme Disease Support Group has been cancelled. Go to palyme.org to learn more about how to prevent tick bites and tick-borne diseases. Find "Altoona Area Lyme Disease Support Group" and "PA Lyme Resource Network" on facebook. Call Amber Altiero, Regional Leader, at 934-7403 for more info.

August 9, 2020: Nineteenth Sunday
(MT 14:22-33)

A Family Perspective by **Bud Ozar**

The demands of family can be so overwhelming we feel walking on water would be easier. When Jesus was pressured, he dismissed everyone, so he could be “by himself and pray.” When overwhelmed and stressed, go to a quiet place and surrender your pressured feelings to the Lord using Peter’s prayer in today’s gospel: “Lord, save me.”

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

We can stay on course as a keeper of all God’s gifts when we stay focused on God. Even the apostles doubted Jesus. He calmed their fears. “Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid.” Many times we act afraid and let obstacles get in our way of living as true stewards: If we share our time, we won’t have enough to do what we want to do; If we give our money away, we won’t have enough to buy what we want for our loved ones and ourselves; If we offer our talents, they won’t be good enough to meet our expectation; If we love without strings, we won’t receive enough love in return.

A Christian steward recognizes God as the source of all. Christian Stewardship does not seem as counter-cultural now as it did six months ago. How will you continue to live with courage to meet the needs of others?

(<http://diocesehelena.org/offices-and-ministries/stewardship-services-2/discerning-gifts-of-time-talent>)

MAY DAYS in August at the Basilica of St. Michael—**August 8th and 9th** at Our Lady of Loretto Hall—live entertainment, baskets, yard sale, silent auction, food, and beverages. Saturday 4:00 -8:00 p.m. and Sunday, 11:00 a.m. –4:00 p.m. Proceeds from the Cake Booth will go to *Project Healing Waters* and the yard sale proceeds will benefit the *Sisters of St. Joseph of Baden, Lilly*. The May Days committee is committed to ensuring a clean and safe environment for you. We are requiring masks, utilizing our outdoor space and practicing social distancing.

**St. Rose of Lima Parish, Altoona presents...
England’s Treasures.**

Join Fr. Brian Saylor, April 21-May 2, 2021 on a tour of England. Visit Liverpool, the home of the Beatles, and spend three nights in the Georgian town of Bath with its 2000-year-old Roman spas. Explore the monastic ruins of Glastonbury Abbey and the mystical, ancient Stonehenge. See the sights of London with a local guide and savor a traditional English roast. Cost: \$4,499 (Double) includes Round trip Air from Pittsburgh, taxes and fee/surcharges, hotel transfers.

**For information or a brochure please call/
email Fr. Brian at 814-944-8509/bsaylor
@dioceseaj.org or Collette 844-218-2148
(refer to Booking #987192)**

FALL CLASSES

Faith formation is a life-long endeavor. By virtue of our baptism, we are called to continually grow closer to Christ through a life of prayer, service, and knowledge of our faith. The Office of Adult Enrichment and Lay Ecclesial Ministry has announced the following classes for the 2020 Fall Schedule: **Heart of Faith, Old Testament, New Testament, Wisdom Literature and Psalms.** For a description of classes, locations, times, registration forms and to learn more about our programs visit:

www.dioceseaj.org/lay-ecclesial-ministry/
or contact Marybeth at (814) 361-2000.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas Prince Gallitzin Court 2625 will meet on Monday, August 10, 2020 at St. Rose of Lima Social Hall. However, we will not serve food or drinks. All interested Catholic women are welcome to attend.

**St. Rose of Lima's St. Vincent de Paul
Conference Weekly Reflection for August 9-
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time:**

In the Gospel, Jesus immediately stretched out his hand and caught Peter, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?"

Please help the Society of St. Vincent de Paul bring respite and hope to the elderly who are not able to find relief from the summer heat, and you will bring them faith and hope!

If you know of someone in need, please visit our website (<http://strosesvdp.org>) to inform us of their situation. We will do our best to help out in any way we can. We encourage all parishioners to use our website to help us help those in need. Thank you!

HOMELESS SUPPORT

During these difficult times, the burden placed upon the homeless population in our area is significantly increasing. Therefore, your SVDP Conference is once again asking Parish members to help support the local homeless shelter.

During the month of August, we are asking Parish members to donate needed items, a list of which is as follows: toilet paper, tissues, hand soap, soap or shower gel, laundry detergent, deodorant, shampoo, toothbrushes and toothpaste. We are told that the paper products are most in demand.

There's no minimum to kindness, and the sky is the limit. No matter how small, your donation counts as a huge help, and will really make a difference! If you decide to donate, please place your donation in the Poor Box at the entrance to the Church.

With our heartfelt gratitude, we are happy to collect these goods you wish to donate and get them to those in need. Thank you for your continued generosity to the poor and needy and may God Bless You and Keep You Safe!

SAINT OF THE WEEK



Saint Clare of Assisi

1193 – 1253

Feast Day – August 11

Though 10 years younger than her townsman, Francis of Assisi, Clare was drawn to his radical message of serving God in abject poverty. Despite objections from her aristocratic family, who wanted her to marry, she gave up the world with Francis' help and founded the Second Order of St. Francis, known worldwide as the Poor Clares. For 40 years, she guided the San Damiano community, whose nuns included her sister and widowed mother. She served the other nuns who went out to beg, was often sick because of their hard life, and was proclaimed a saint just two years after she died.

August 15, 2020: The Assumption

A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

"Blessed is the fruit of your womb" can be said of all mothers, because every child is "blessed" and a child of God upon whom God "looks with favor." This is our deepest identity and destiny. We do not earn this blessing. God's love is a free gift to each of us.