

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

Sun Aug 16 Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wed Aug 19 5:15-6:00 p.m. Pro-Life Rosary



Monday, Aug. 17

8:30 a.m.
†Eugene Stoltz (*Don Beeler & Family*)

Tuesday, Aug. 18

8:30 a.m.
†Debbie Fisher (*Ronan Adams*)

Wednesday, Aug. 19 St. John Eudes

8:30 a.m.
†Carl Harker (*Family*)

Thursday, Aug. 20 St. Bernard

8:30 a.m.
†William Klayko

Friday, Aug. 21 St. Pius X

8:30 a.m.
†Anne Hummel (*Bill & Sue Haberstroh*)

Saturday, Aug. 22 Queenship of the Blessed Virgin

Mary
4:00p.m.
†Mary Joyce Wustrow (*Family*)

Sunday, Aug. 23 Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Mass For the People
10:30 a.m. † Paul Andrews (*Michael & Astride McLanahan*)

PASTOR'S CORNER

**HELP US BUILD COMMUNITIES IN
GOD'S VISION OF JUSTICE**

Holy Spirit,

We praise and thank you!

You anoint us to

bring glad tidings to the poor
proclaim liberty to captives
recover sight for the blind
free the oppressed
and build communities in keeping
with God's vision of justice.

Show us how to be

light of the world
salt of the earth
seeds that sprout love
and leaven that infuses humanity
with the desire to promote
human dignity and solidarity.

Help us to listen so that

those in poverty can lead our efforts to
proclaim a more hopeful vision
liberate captives from injustice
heal the blindness of the powerful
free us all from self-centeredness
and build community to overcome poverty.

Amen.

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PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING-AUG. 8-9, 2020

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| Regular | \$9421.00 | Christmas | \$ 30.00 |
| Capital Campaign | \$ 3.00 | Assumption | \$ 117.00 |
| Candles | \$ 5.00 | CCD | \$ 20.00 |
| | | Total | \$9596.00 |

Deacon Jim's "A Moment with Our Lady"

One morning around 10 o'clock, in a concentration camp in Ukraine during WWII, 2,000 prisoners were immobilized in the central area of the camp under the surveillance of machine guns. The chief, a man called Naplouef, had ten frail, bare foot and scantily clad nuns brought to the front. "Citizens," he declared, "You must sign this denial of your faith or you will turn into ice blocks in twenty minutes."

"Our conscience does not permit us." - "Well," Naplouef answered, "we have plenty of time." The nuns went down on their knees in the snow and began reciting the Rosary aloud. Thirty minutes went by, and the nuns were still praying and kneeling in the snow.

Naplouef, frustrated, cried out: "If you don't sign in five minutes, we will release the dogs on you." The nuns, then, started singing the Creed with all their might. Naplouef released the dogs in the direction of the nuns who continued singing.

However, when the dogs were about two meters away from the nuns, they suddenly stopped and lay down on the snow like sheep. A great clamor rose from the ranks of the prisoners, like a hearty cry of deliverance: "It's a miracle! It's a miracle! Glory to the brave nuns! Shame on their executioners!"

Stella Maris, Fribourg, Switzerland

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.

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

Classes Via Intranet

The Office of Adult Enrichment and Lay Ecclesial Ministry is happy to announce that 3 classes will be offered via the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown Intranet. In order to attend these classes via the Diocesan Intranet, you must have access to a computer. Deacon Michael Russo will be teaching **Sacred Scripture and Synoptic Gospels**, a 10 week course, Tuesdays from 6-8:30 p.m. beginning August 18th and **Wisdom Literature and Psalms**, a 6 week course, Thursdays from 6-8:30 p.m. beginning August 27th. **Heart of Faith**, a 8 week course will also be offered via Intranet beginning Wednesday, September 2 from 6-8 p.m. **Please note that there is a limited amount of seating for each of these classes to be attended in person at St. Patrick School, Johnstown. Masks and Social Distancing will be required if attending in person.** For more class information, registration/book fees and to register, please contact Marybeth at (814) 361-2000.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saint Paul reminds us that “the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable.” We are each and all uniquely gifted by God in a variety of ways.

Taking ownership of our gifts, especially our talents and abilities, is not being prideful or egotistical. It is living in true humility when we credit God with our gifts and put them in His service.

Our unique gifts include our very lives and the time we have been given, our faith and the Church, our relationships, our work and vocations, our abilities and interests, experiences and passions, our money and possessions, the environment and our citizenship, even our obstacles, weaknesses and mistakes.

How will you use these gifts God entrusted you to carry out your personal vocation? Let the depth of faith God has given you continue to “walk the stewardship walk.”

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

August 16, 2020: Twentieth Sunday
(MT 15:21-28)

A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

The mother in today’s gospel persisted, even when she was ignored and insulted. She would do whatever was necessary to bring relief to her child. Parenting is more than bringing life into the world; it is also about sacrificing daily for your children.

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.

Visit England’s Treasures

April 21-May 2, 2021 Visit Liverpool, Bath, Stonehenge and London.

Cost: \$4,499 (Single-\$5,399) includes Round trip Air from Pittsburgh, all taxes and fees/surcharges, hotel transfers.

Please join a special Zoom Meeting about the trip Tuesday, Sept. 1 from 3—4 PM:

<https://collette.zoom.us/j/94203326563>

For more information, contact

Collette @ 844-218-2148;

Please Refer to Booking #987192

Visit the Group Web Page:

<https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/987192>

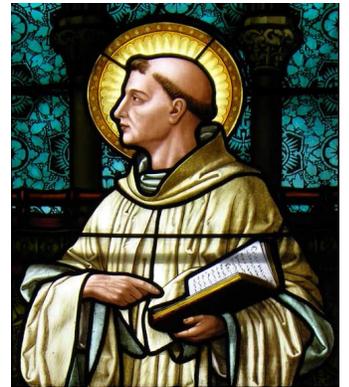
Fr. Brian Saylor, St. Rose of Lima, Altoona, 944-8509.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church

1090 – 1153

Feast Day – August 20



Known as Bernard of Clairvaux, this French abbot and doctor of the church is considered the second founder of the Cistercians. He entered the relatively new monastery at Citeaux in 1113 with four of his own brothers and 27 friends, and later founded the monastery at Clairvaux, which gave birth to 68 other communities. Despite poor health and his devotion to personal mortification, Bernard was an early Western European rock star: He was consulted by popes and kings, battled heresies, and supported the Second Crusade. The sick and maimed lined the roads he traveled, hoping for a miracle. Dante chose Bernard as his final guide in “Paradiso,” at the end of “The Divine Comedy.” He is the patron of Gibraltar.

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!

2020 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE VOCATIONS

The annual Catholic Ministries Drive in our diocese supports 14 ministries.

One area of Church life where the CMD has a direct impact is VOCATIONS. Currently, five men are in training to become our future priests and many others to become deacons.

To educate one seminarian costs \$100 per day. It takes 5 to 8 years of seminary study to become a priest.

Our seminarians benefit from loans and scholarships, but they also need your support. In 2019-2020, the diocese allocated \$182,168 to help our seminarians with tuition, room and board, books, and health and living expenses.

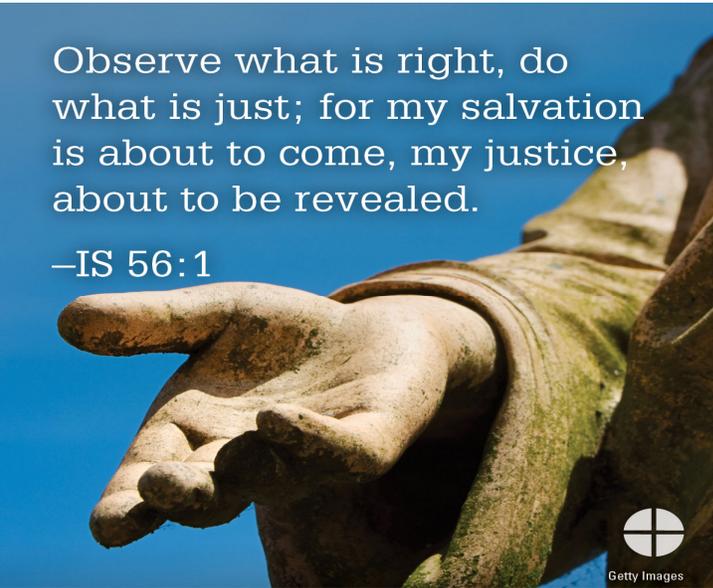
Ignite Your Faith and others by supporting the Catholic Ministries Drive today. Mail your gift to the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, P.O. Box 409, Hollidaysburg, Pa. 16648; place in your parish offertory; text: CMDAJ to:555888; or donate online at www.dioceseaj.org/giving.

St. Rose of Lima's St. Vincent de Paul Conference Weekly Reflection for August 16- Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

The Gospel today announces that the kingdom and salvation are for all people. It is our persistent calling out to Jesus and our faith that count, for Jesus always responds.

With love for your neighbors who have nothing, look around your home to see what furniture, household items, and clothing you no longer use...and give it to The Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

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!



Observe what is right, do
what is just; for my salvation
is about to come, my justice,
about to be revealed.

—IS 56:1

