

PASTOR'S CORNER

OUR MINISTRY SURVEY CONTINUES - We will continue to be conducting our in-the-pew survey to gather additional information regarding your contact information, as well as your willingness to participate in a variety of parish ministries. The generous use of our time, talent and treasure enriches parish life! We are grateful to all who have already signed up! To date, we have received 75 responses: 12 lectors, 27 Eucharistic ministers, 16 families signed up as gift bearers, 12 Ministers of Hospitality/Ushers, and 10 Office Help/Collection Counters.

BACK TO MASS ON AUGUST 15 - Along with the other bishops of Pennsylvania, Bishop Mark has announced that the dispensation from the Sunday Mass obligation ceases to be in effect beginning on August 15. Of course, there is always a dispensation for those with medical issues. For the safety's sake, those not yet vaccinated are asked to continue wearing a mask, and to practice social distancing at

A SAINTLY FAMILY! - The celebration of the holiness of life of Martha, Mary, and Lazarus, will be celebrated on Thursday, July 28th. This family was especially close to Jesus, who spent restful time at their home. We remember them especially in the marvelous miracle of the resurrection of Lazarus.

A NEW FACE IN OUR COMMUNITY - Beginning this weekend, our parishes of St. John and St. Rose of Lima will be blessed with the priestly ministry of Father Nelson Javier, TOR, a Franciscan of St. Bernadine's monastery in Hollidaysburg. He has been serving in a parish in Florida for many years, but is being transferred here to the Altoona Johnstown diocese, and will be residing at Mount Carmel. I know he will be given a warm welcome by our parish communities.

MASS INTENTIONS - Those wishing to have Masses offered here at St. Rose are asked to make use of the special envelopes that have been placed in the vestibule. These intentions can be placed in the collection basket or dropped off at the rectory. Your use of envelopes rather than placing a phone call will help us keep accurate records!

MEMORIAL PRAYER SERVICE FOR SISTER CELESTE CIESIELKA: The Carmelite Community of the Word will celebrate a Memorial Prayer Service honoring the life of Sr. Celeste Ciesielka who died from Covid-19 on December 15, 2020. Sr. Celeste served in many roles and touched the lives of many throughout the diocese. Family, friends and co-workers are invited to join in this celebration to be held at the CCW Incarnation Center Motherhouse, 394 Bem Rd, Gallitzin, PA on Sunday, August 1, 2021. An outdoor prayer service is planned for 2PM with a reception to continue until 4PM. Attendees are asked to bring a lawn chair if possible to compliment seating within a tent.
RSVP's are requested by July 28, 2021 by emailing communityofficeCCW@gmail.com.

ANNUAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARY LITURGY: Bishop Mark Bartchak and the Family Life Office cordially invite all couples celebrating **1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60+ years of marriage in 2021** (and their families) to attend the **Annual Wedding Anniversary Liturgy**. Couples may attend Sunday, **September 12** in **ALTOONA** at Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament or Sunday, **September 19** in **JOHNSTOWN** at St. John Gualbert Cathedral. Both locations are handicap accessible. Liturgies in each location begin 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, as COVID safety measures permit.
Reservations must be made through your parish for either celebration by Monday, August 23. Please call the office (814-944-8509) to register.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

Sun July 25 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wed July 28 5:15-6:00 p.m. Pro-Life Rosary



Monday, July 26 Saints Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30 a.m.
 †Jean Lane (*Fritz and Bill Beard*)

Tuesday, July 27

8:30 a.m.
 †Leota Engelman (*Mary Engelman*)

Wednesday, July 28

8:30 a.m.
 †Health and Healing of Matt Gormely (*Mark and Heather Sprouse Family*)

Thursday, July 29 Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus

8:30 a.m.
 †John Labriola (*Daughter Janice and Family*)

Friday, July 30 Saint Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:30 a.m.
 †Ed Noye (*Holy Trinity Catholic School Board*)

Saturday, July 31

4:00p.m.
 †Josephine Lowe (*Bill Ellerman*)

Sunday, August 1 Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Mass For the People
 10:30 a.m. †Michael Savino (*Olive and Family*)

CANDLES: For the intentions of Mary Jo Geishauser by Linda Zakrzowski

YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH CELEBRATION:

Saint Joseph Mission Church, Hart's Sleeping Place, Carrolltown. This historic Church, blessed by Servant of God, Demetrius Gallitzin himself on October 10, 1830, is open once a month for self-guided tours from Noon – 3:00 pm: August 1 and September 5. **A Special outdoor Mass with Bishop Mark is on Sunday, August 1, at 4:00 pm**; Confessions - 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm. Please bring a lawn chair and umbrella if necessary. There will be handicap access for Mass.

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PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING-JULY 17/18, 2021

Regular	\$5,379.20	Children's	\$17.00
Loose	\$262.80	Vigil Light	\$10.00
Parish Life	\$5.00	Christmas Club	\$18.00
		Total	\$5,682.00

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Today's Gospel speaks to us of God's unconditional love for us and His boundless generosity. He cares for our needs in such a way that we are not only cared for, but we are given more than we could ever ask for. He does this on His own accord, of His own free will, and with His own capability. We are called to love and care for everyone as the boy with five barley loaves and three fish did. He was called upon to give what he had in order for Christ to carry out His mission of caring for every single human being. With that mission in mind, He calls each one of us to assist Him. But He asks us to help. He wants us to help. We are called to give him all that we have; our time, our talents and our treasure, so that, together with Him, we can feed the world, offering others the love of Christ and sharing the Gospel with them. (*Stewardship Reflection, Catholic Stewardship Consultants, Inc. 2012/7/17*)

A SUMMER TRADITION CONTINUES: Outdoor Masses will be celebrated at the Our Lady of the Alleghenies Shrine in Loretto every Sunday night at 7:00 p.m. through Labor Day weekend, September 5. Those attending are asked to bring their own lawn chair. In the event of inclement weather, Mass will be celebrated inside the Basilica of Saint Michael the Archangel next to the Shrine. Faithful are invited to come early to the outdoor Masses and visit one of the most historic sites in the diocese. The Prince Gallitzin Chapel House, located next to the Shrine, will be open for self-guided tours from 3:00-6:00 p.m. on August 1, 15, and 29. The humble structure was the home and personal chapel of the Prince-Priest and Servant of God Demetrius Gallitzin. Today, it stands as a museum, which contains artifacts from Father Gallitzin's personal life.

Deacon Jim's "A Moment with Our Lady"

July 25, 2021

"Humility is the foundation and guardian of the virtues," wrote Saint Bernard and certainly with good reason. In fact, without humility, no other virtue can exist. Although a soul has them all, they all will vanish if one loses humility. On the other hand, Saint Francis de Sales wrote to Saint Jane de Chantal, "God loves humility so much so that he immediately rushes to where he sees it."

This virtue, so beautiful and so necessary, was unknown to the world, but the Son of God came to earth to teach by example. It is especially in this way that he invites us to imitate him. "Learn from me," he says, "for I am gentle and humble in heart."

The Blessed Mother was Jesus' first and best disciple. She was also the most perfect imitator of his humility, and it is by this virtue that she deserved to be exalted above all creatures. Saint Mechtild asked Our Lady one day what the first virtue that she had practiced since her childhood was. Mary answered: "Humility."

IS GOD CALLING YOU TO BECOME A DEACON?

Do you believe that God might be calling you to discern the Ordained Ministry of Christ the Servant, as a Permanent Deacon in the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown? If so, you and your wife (if married) are invited to join Bishop Mark and Deacon Michael Russo at the "Bishop's Night of Vocations" on Tuesday, September 21 at 7 p.m. at the US Hotel Tavern, Hollidaysburg. Reservations for this event are required and can be made by contacting Marybeth at (814) 361-2000. The deadline for reservations is August 20th. For more information on the Permanent Diaconate please visit us online at www.dioceseaj.org/Diaconate/ or by contacting Deacon Michael Russo, Director at (814) 288-3036. All are welcome!

FLEA MARKET: St. Therese Conference /St. Vincent de Paul Society will hold a Flea Market on Fri. Aug. 6th and Sat. Aug. 7th from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm in Fr. Kelley Hall on the corner of 25th Ave. and 5th St., Altoona.

FAMILIES AND THE GOSPEL: (John 6:1-5) In today's gospel Phillip worried about "enough food" for the crowd. What is ENOUGH? When does our ENOUGH deprive another family of their fair share? Jesus performed today's miracle because one child was willing to share and risk living with less. Can your family live more simply so that other families can simple live? *Reprinted with permission: A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar.*

ETHNIC FOOD FESTIVAL: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church 605 Graham Ave in Windber will have a three day Ethnic Food Festival starting on Friday 7/30 12:00pm - 7:00pm, Saturday 7/31 11:00am - 7:00pm and on Sunday 8/1 12:00 - 5:00pm. Take out only. HALUPKI, HALUSZKI, HOME-MADE PIEROGI, PAGACZ, KIEBASSA, HOT SAUSAGE, PIZZA, CHURCH BAKED GOODS AND MORE.

ST. AUGUSTINE ANNUAL PICNIC: St. Augustine Church, 803 St. Augustine Road, Dysart, will hold their Annual Church Picnic on Sunday, August 1st. The picnic features BBQ Chicken Dinner with homemade noodles. Dinners available from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Dinners are \$12 and will be carry-out only. There will be seating available throughout the picnic grounds and in the church hall. Basket raffle, fancy booth, bingo, children's games, etc. will be held throughout the day.

MOUNT CARMEL CHURCH HANDMADE GNOCCHI SALE: From the Kitchen of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, the Parish is sponsoring a Handmade Gnocchi Sale. On the weekend of August 14—15, you may purchase packages (single serving) of frozen handmade gnocchi freshly made by the ladies of the Parish under the direction of Rosa of the former Aldo's. They will be available on August 14th from 4:30—6:00 pm and August 15th from 9:00 am—12:30 pm in the School Cafeteria (8th Avenue) for \$5.00/package. All you will have to do is take them home, boil the water, cook the gnocchi, and add your favorite sauce. This will make a delicious meal for the "famiglia." The proceeds will benefit the Parish.



Patris Corde, 2. A Tender and Loving Father, Believer of Truth

The family went to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover. On their return Jesus became separated from his parents. They first thought he was in the caravan with others. They searched for three days. When they found him, he was discussing matters of his faith with the teachers in the synagogue. Joseph and Mary expressed their concern and worry. He told them that he must be about his Father's work.

"Tenderness is the best way to touch the frailty within us. Pointing fingers and judging others are frequently signs of an inability to accept our own weaknesses. Only tender love will save us from the snares of the accuser. That is why it is so important to encounter God's mercy especially in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, where we experience his truth and tenderness. We know that God's truth does not condemn, but instead welcomes, embraces, sustains and forgives us. Pope Francis compared that truth always to the merciful father in the parable Jesus told of the Lost Son. Truth comes out to meet us, restores our dignity, sets us back on our feet and rejoices for us."

St. Joseph, a tender loving father, believer of Truth, pray for us.

(Pope Francis Apostolic Letter *Patris Corde*, 2. Dec. 8, 2020)
 2021, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown Liturgy Committee, Liturgy Office, *Mary, Mother of the Church Pastoral Center*, 2713 W. Chestnut Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601.

Readings for the Week of July 25, 2021

Sunday	Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 2 Kgs 4:42-44; Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18; Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15
Monday	Memorial Saints Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23; Mt 13:31-35
Tuesday	Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13; Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday	Ex 34:29-35; Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9; Mt 13:44-46
Thursday	Memorial of Saint Martha Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Friday	Saint Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab; Mt 13:54-58
Saturday	Memorial of Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest Lv 25:1, 8-17; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Mt 14:1-12
Sunday	Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54; Eph 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35

St. Rose of Lima's St. Vincent de Paul Conference Weekly Reflection for July 25 - Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

In the Gospel, Jesus supersedes both the apostles' and the crowds' expectations: with little he feeds many...Jesus is the sign of God's lavish presence and love. Your donation to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is indeed a sign of God's extravagant love to the lonely and the poor.

This month, through your gifts, your St. Vincent de Paul Conference was able to continue to show God's love and care to others. Thank you for all you do to support our efforts.

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 ongoing difficult times, the burden placed upon the homeless population in our area is unrelenting. 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!