

PASTOR'S CORNER

OUR SUCCESSFUL MINISTRY SURVEY - Many thanks to all those who have offered to share their talent by way of our ministry survey. The generous use of our time, talent and treasure enriches parish life! To date we have received over 100 responses: 15 lectors, 30 Eucharistic ministers, 28 families signed up as gift bearers, 15 Ministers of Hospitality/Ushers, and enough volunteers for five teams of collection counters! ***The cards are still in the pews, so there is still time to sign up!***

MINISTRY MEETINGS - We are in the process of setting up meetings for the various ministries, so that we can get our schedules organized and review our procedures for each of these important liturgical ministries. Your contact information will make it easy for us to connect with you in scheduling these meetings over the next few weeks. Again thanks for your generous response!

DO YOU HAVE A CHILD OR GRANDCHILD AGED 3 TO 6? If so, this announcement is for you. For some time now at St. John's, we have been discussing the benefits of introducing the "Catechesis of the Good Shepherd," a wonderful approach to sharing our faith with our youngest children. We want to invite the little ones of St. Rose to share in this adventure in Faith Formation. What is involved? First, it is a matter of the environment we create for the child. Essential to this catechesis is the creation of an Atrium. The Atrium is a specially designed learning environment where children and adults come together to pray, work, and contemplate the mystery of God and the presence of God in our lives. The Atrium is designed to meet the developmental needs of the children and provide beautiful space to share in the process of discovering the Word of God together. In our situation, our current day chapel is ideal for this "holy place" for our children. "Let the little children come unto me." This program will begin in October, and I will have weekly notices explaining more about this initiative!!

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 safety's sake, those not yet vaccinated are asked to continue wearing a mask, and to practice social distancing.

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!

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF JESUS - This biblical event appears in each of the Gospel books as an important moment in the life of Jesus and evidence of his divinity. After Jesus performs a series of miracles and foretells His own death, Jesus leads just three of his disciples, Peter, James and John, to a "high mountain." This is where the Transfiguration takes place in which his appearance was radiantly transformed. The transfiguration of Jesus Christ was a powerful demonstration of His divine nature and manifestation of His glory, which Jesus possessed prior to coming to earth in the human body. The origins of the feast are less than certain and may have derived from the dedication of three basilicas on Mount Tabor. The feast was present in various forms by the 9th century, and in the Western Church was made a universal feast on 6 August by Pope Callixtus III to commemorate the defeat of the Muslim invasion of Christian Belgrade in 1496.

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 August 1 Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wed August 4 5:15-6:00 p.m. Pro-Life Rosary



Monday, August 2

8:30 a.m.
 †Eugene Bettwy (*Dr. & Mrs. Gonsman*)

Tuesday, August 3

8:30 a.m.
 †Anne Hummel (*John & Alicia Canney*)

Wednesday, August 4

8:30 a.m.
 †Melvin T. Krech, USN (*Jim Trexler*)

Thursday, August 5

8:30 a.m.
 †Jean Lane (*Joseph & Vicki Pacovsky*)

Friday, August 6

8:30 a.m.
 †Frank Hughes (*Joan Finefrock*)

Saturday, August 7

4:00p.m.
 †James Nasraela (*Wife & Family*)

Sunday, August 8 Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Mass For the People
 10:30 a.m. †Nick & Betty Ruggerio (*Breanne Rodgers*)

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.

PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING-JULY 24/25, 2021

Regular	\$5,086.00	Children’s	\$24.00
Loose	\$301.00	Assumption	\$20.00
Parish Life	\$11.00	Christmas Club	\$22.00
		Total	\$5,464.00

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

St. Paul advises us in his letter to the Ephesians to “put away the old self of your former way of life...and put on the new self.” Paul is calling for a conversion, a change in how we live. Jesus began his ministry with telling people to “Repent.” The original word Jesus said was “metanoeo,” the Greek words as reported in the Gospels. There are two parts to this word: the meta means “change,” and the second noeo refers to the mind and its thought and perception. What Jesus was really saying to us was “change your hearts and minds.”

We are called to a change, a transformation that puts God at the center of our lives rather than self. This is the stewardship conversion. This is not a one-time conversion but an ongoing one, a daily one, perhaps even more than once a day. It is not impossible if we everything we do is motivated by the desire to live as Jesus wants us to. It is not easy, but it is joyful and fulfilling.

(Stewardship Reflection, Catholic Stewardship Consultants, Inc. 2015/7/14)

GIVE US THIS DAY is a wonderful resource for personal prayer, as well as for your preparation for daily or Sunday Mass. The subscription runs from December 2021 through November 2022. We have placed free samples of the August issue in the back of the church along with envelopes for ordering a subscription. If you’d like to subscribe, place your \$30 payment in the order envelope and drop it in the collection.

TWO-DAY BUS TRIP: Mark your calendars for a bus trip to Kentucky sponsored by the St. Michael Basilica Legion of Mary on September 15 & 16 (1 overnight). Cost is \$350 per person (double room) or \$400 (single room) which includes bus fare, hotel room, continental breakfast, one dinner plus snacks on the bus, entrance fee for Creation Museum and Noah’s Ark. For more information, please call Fran Lee (814-381-4918) or Mary Lesard (814-886-5489). Everyone is welcome!

Deacon Jim's "A Moment with Our Lady"

The church of the Marian Shrine of Beauraing, Belgium, was elevated to the rank of a basilica on August 22, 2013.

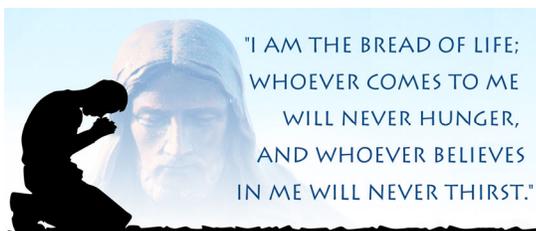
The village of Beauraing was the site of 33 Marian apparitions in the winter of 1932-1933. From November 29th to January 3rd, the Virgin Mary appeared there to five children, Fernande, Gilberte and Albert Voisin, and Andrée and Gilberte Degeimbre.

During these apparitions, the Virgin presented herself with her heart all lit up like a heart of gold. Hence the name of Our Lady of Beauraing as "The Lady with the Golden Heart." The Virgin Mary asked the children to build a "chapel" and also to come there on pilgrimage. "Pray, pray a lot," she insisted.

At her last apparition, Mary revealed: "I am the Mother of God, Queen of heaven." Each year for the feast of the Queenship of Mary on August 22, an international pilgrimage is organized in Beauraing.

Bishop André-Marie Charue, the bishop of Namur, authorized the devotion to Our Lady of Beauraing on February 2, 1943, and six years later, on July 2, 1949, the supernatural character of the events was approved.

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 28** 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!



FAMILIES AND THE GOSPEL: (John 6:24-35) In today's gospel Jesus tells us: "Do not work for what perishes." Give your life to what endures such as the family history you are creating, the love and mutual respect which bonds you together, the memories you share and the forgiveness generously given. These are the true treasures that are worth working and dying for. *Reprinted with permission: A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar.*

FALL CLASSES ANNOUNCED: 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 their 2021-2022 class schedule. For a description of classes, locations, times, registration forms and to learn more about our programs please visit www.dioceseaj.org/lay-ecclesial-ministry/ or contact Marybeth at (814) 361-2000/ mheinze@dioceseaj.org. All are welcome!

WISDOM LITERATURE & PSALMS ZOOM CLASS: Deacon Michael Russo will be teaching the course Wisdom Literature & Psalms. This six week Zoom course will study the biblical Wisdom Literature and selected Psalms with a focus on their underlying message and the literary contribution of ancient Israel to world literature. The registration fee for this class is \$45 and the required books can be purchased online at Amazon.com. For registration and book information, please contact Marybeth at (814) 361-2000 or by email at mheinze@dioceseaj.org. Also, registrations and information are available at www.dioceseaj.org/lay-ecclesial-ministry. All are welcome!

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, 3. An Obedient Father, Believer of Truth

This week we ponder St. Joseph's acceptance of the Lord's commands. As he had done with Mary, God revealed his saving plan to Joseph with the use of angels. With Joseph God used dreams. In the Bible and among all ancient peoples, dreams were considered a way for God to make his will known. In the first dream depicted in scripture, the angel of God said "Do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife into your home. The child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.'" Joseph immediately responded. Obedience made it possible for him to surmount his difficulties and spare Mary. This week we pray to St. Joseph to help us practice the virtue of obedience, especially in following God's will daily. **St. Joseph, obedient father, example of virtue, pray for us.** (Pope Francis Apostolic Letter *Patris Corde*, 3, 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 August 1, 2021

- 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
- Monday - Saint Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop;
Saint Peter Julian Eymard, Priest**
Nm 11:4b-15; Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17;
Mt 14:31-21
- Tuesday - Nm 12:1-13; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13;
Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14;**
- Wednesday - Memorial of Saint John Vianney, Priest**
Nm 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29a, 34-35;
Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-22, 23; Mt 15:21-28
- Thursday - The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major**
Nm 20:1-13; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 16:13-23
- Friday - Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord**
Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19;
Mk 9:2-10
- Saturday - Saint Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs;
Saint Cajetan, Priest**
Dt 6:4-13; Ps 18:2-3a, 3c-4, 47 and 51; Mt 17:14-20
- Sunday Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
1 Kgs 19:4-8; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9;
Eph 4:30—5:2; Jn 6:41-51

St. Rose of Lima's St. Vincent de Paul Conference Weekly Reflection for August 1 - Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

In today's Gospel the disciples ask for a sign like the bread Moses had received in the desert. Jesus tells them that He is the true Bread of Life.

Your ongoing support of our St. Vincent de Paul Conference enables the members of your Conference to bring bread to the hungry as a sign of God's love.

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!

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.