

PASTOR'S CORNER

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!

YOUR PRECIOUS CHILD IS CENTRAL - The child, particularly the religious life of the child, is central to the interest and commitment to the catechist of the Good Shepherd. As we create an "Atrium" here at St. John's, it is instructive to understand that our trained catechists observe the vital needs of the child and how those needs are expressed. The catechists are one with the child in their religious experience as taught in the gospel: "Except you become like little children, you cannot enter the kingdom of God." (Matthew 18:3) In the Atrium, the catechists are especially attentive to the conditions necessary for the children to experience the tender love of the Good Shepherd, as they flourish as his beloved.

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!

CONGRATULATIONS! Elizabeth Yahner of our parish was one of four Blair County recipients of a \$500 college scholarship. The scholarships come from an endowment in honor of Adelaide Heverly Welge, an Altoona native who was passionate about encouraging accessibility to higher education. This scholarship endowment was established in 1995, and has been annually helping young people from Blair County parishes to further their education. Such endowments just keep on giving!!!

THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY! This beautiful feast falls on a Sunday this year, which will give us an opportunity to reflect more deeply upon this blessing given to Mary, and to us! She experienced the fullness of Christ's resurrection, as a reminder of the resurrection which each of us will experience in our union with the Risen Christ.

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 the parish office for either celebration. Please call the office before August 20 (814-944-8509).**

The Diocesan Arise Team will be holding a free workshop on
"Deepening Your Experiences with Faith Sharing and Lectio Divina."

The same workshop will be offered in two locations on
Saturday, September 25, from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. at Mount Aloysius College, Bertschi Hall, Cresson, Pa.
Sunday, September 26, from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. at St. Matthew Parish Social Hall, Tyrone, Pa.

Registration for the Fall workshops will be conducted online at https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=8Gal_INEDEuFZQcqpWg4KOBckqJsO55CluMcVGjaPKNUNFRVWkl5MkowTjIGMFIwWFBMQ0c4OVBdTC4u

You may also send your registration to Sr. Linda LaMagna, 623 East Third Street, Bellwood, Pa. 16617, if you are not able to register on the computer.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

Sun August 8 Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Wed August 11 5:15-6:00 p.m. Pro-Life Rosary



Monday, August 9 Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr

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

Tuesday, August 10 Feast of Saint Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr

8:30 a.m.
 †Charlie Hollen, Jr. (*Holy Trinity Catholic School Board*)

Wednesday, August 11 Memorial of Saint Clare, Virgin

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

Thursday, August 12 Saint Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious

8:30 a.m.
 †Eugene Bettwy (*Kevin & Cindy Boslet*)

Friday, August 13 Saints Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs

8:30 a.m.
 †Eugene Stoltz (*Rita & Jerry Kibler*)

Saturday, August 14 Memorial of Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr

4:00p.m.
 †Josephine Love (*Wanda & Heather Burgmeier*)

Sunday, August 15 Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 a.m. Mass For the People
 10:30 a.m. †Phil Longo (*Bill Longo*)

ONE FAITH YOUTH GROUP: Join us for an end of summer fire and outdoor movie night (weather permitting, if not the movie will be indoors at both locations)! Included will be s'mores and hotdogs, popcorn and other snacks! Just bring a friend, a pillow, and a blanket!

BLAIR COUNTY— Sunday, August 15, 7PM-10PM, St. Mary's Church, Hollidaysburg

CAMBRIA COUNTY— Sunday, August 8, 7PM-10PM, St. Aloysius Church, Cresson

For more info contact Ethan @ 814-423-098

**PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING
 JULY 31/AUGUST 1, 2021**

Regular	\$9,112.00	Children's	\$21.00
Loose	\$271.00	Assumption	\$45.00
Parish Life	\$5.00	Christmas Club	\$28.00
Candles	\$15	Total	\$9,497.00

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

The city of Ephesus was one of St. Paul's first centers of ministry. One of his major purposes in writing to the Ephesians was to encourage them and to make it clear to them as Gentiles that they have been brought together with the Jews in the Body of Christ.

St. Paul includes an important piece of advice that we need to act on too, "All bitterness, fury, anger, shouting, and reviling must be removed from you, along with malice. And be kind to one another, compassionate, forgiving one another as God has forgiven you in Christ."

Forgiveness must be important to us if we truly wish to be Christians and good stewards. Just as Jesus was sent by the Father, we must live as we believe that we are in unity with God the Father when we partake of Jesus the Bread of life, "that came down from Heaven." Unity is important and needed, as much now as in the early Church.

(*Stewardship Reflection*, Catholic Stewardship Consultants, Inc. 2015/7/21)



Next Sunday, August 15, all Catholics are required to attend and participate in Mass, in person. It has been well over a year that many of us have watched the

Liturgy at home on the TV. So, yes, we have to readjust to God's call. To help us adjust, Msgr. Becker and Fr. Spishak have provided large decals like the one above to be distributed after each Mass. Please accept them, as many as you want, and do your part in encouraging others to paste them on their autos or on their refrigerators as reminders. Thank you.

You are asked to make a contribution to cover the cost of these decals by using the separate offering box found in the vestibule of the church. Your gift will go to the support of our seminarians.

Deacon Jim's "A Moment with Our Lady"

The human soul "will never be lost if it continues to be close to the two great women who accompany us in life: Mary and the Church," Pope Francis said on September 15, 2014, in memory of Our Lady of Sorrows.

Jesus "came into the world to learn to be a man and, being man, to walk with men. He came to the world in obedience, and he obeyed... but... this obedience was learned through suffering." Likewise Mary, "the mother, the New Eve, follows this path of her son: she learned, she suffered and she obeyed" making her a mother for Christians.

Far from being orphans, the baptized also have the Church as their mother, "when she follows the same path of Jesus and Mary: the path of obedience, the path of suffering, and when her approach is to constantly learn the way of the Lord." Just as Mary is "the steadfast Mother... who gives us certainty," so the Church "is steadfast when she adores Jesus Christ and she guides us, teaches us, shelters us, helps us on this path of obedience, of suffering, of learning this wisdom of God."

The Pope spoke of a third feminine figure: "According to monk and abbot, Isaac of Stella, our soul is also female and likewise resembles Mary and the Church... Our little soul will never be lost if it too continues to be a woman close to those two great women who accompany us in life: Mary and the Church."

Pope Francis

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.*

FATIMA DEVOTIONS ARE BACK: The Franciscan Friars, T.O.R., from Loretto, invite you to participate with them in celebrating Fatima Devotions on Friday, August 13th, in the gardens of Mount Assisi at 6:30 p.m. (In case of inclement weather, they will be held at the Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel.) We are really looking forward to seeing you.

Readings for the Week of August 8, 2021

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

Monday - Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr

Dt 10:12-22; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20;
Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday - Feast of Saint Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr

2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9;
Jn 12:24-26

Wednesday - Memorial of Saint Clare, Virgin

Dt 34:1-12; Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17;
Mt 18:15-20

Thursday - Saint Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious

Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17; Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6;
Mt 18:21—19:1

Friday - Saints Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs

Jos 24:1-13; Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22 and 24;
Mt 19:3-12

Saturday - Memorial of Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr

Jos 24:14-29; Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 11;
Mt 19:13-15

Sunday - Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

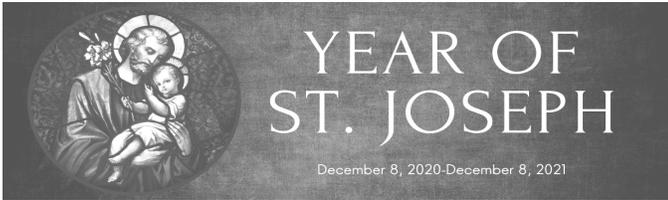
Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10, 11,
12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS®

Court Prince Gallitzin #2625 are meeting on Monday, August 9th, in the St. Rose of Lima Social Hall, at 6:45 PM with the business meeting beginning at 7:00 PM. Enter through the automatic double doors on the 56th Street side of the school building. New members are always welcome – Please come and join us! Catholic Daughters primary focus is Spirituality and Service! You can find us online at: cda2625.com/. Contact us at: cda2625.com/contact/.

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, Protector of the Holy Family

As an obedient servant of God, Joseph upon a message from God. Jesus, the Son of God, was an infant when the angel in a second dream tells Joseph, “Get up. Take the child and his mother and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child and destroy him.” Joseph did not hesitate to obey, regardless of the hardship involved. He got up, took the child and his mother by night and went to Egypt.

It was a long and dangerous 90 mile journey on foot with only a donkey—no wheels of any kind, no highways, no paved roads, but only dirt roads, windy paths, and treacherous walking with many possible dangerous hills.

This week as we think of Joseph’s second dream, would we even consider such a trip under those conditions? We pray to St. Joseph to accept changes and hardships, always asking for courage and his Divine assistance.

St. Joseph, obedient father and protector of the Holy Family, 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.**

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.

AN ALPHA COURSE for anyone desiring to experience the meaning of Life through a personal relationship with the Lord and the core message of the Gospel will be held at Saint Joseph Parish in Bellwood, Pa, beginning on Wednesday September 8, from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. and continues for 11 weeks. Each evening begins with supper provided for each participant and is followed by a presentation on the core message (Kerygma) of our Christian faith. For more information contact Sr. Linda LaMagna @ 814-934-0699.

St. Rose of Lima’s St. Vincent de Paul Conference Weekly Reflection for August 8 - Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

In this Gospel the love that Jesus reveals through the symbol of bread is: self-giving, sacrificial, healing, forgiving, in solidarity with the weak, confident in the power of God.

During the hot summer months many of the elderly, especially those who are sick, are not able to find relief from the heat. Please help the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to bring respite and hope to them by letting us know of an elderly person in need.

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!

Our Conference’s next meeting is on August 11th at 6 pm at the Church. Please contact Dan Weaver at dweaver@atlanticbb.net for more information.

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!