

PASTOR'S CORNER

SAINT OF THE WEEK! This week the church celebrates a renowned bishop and abbot, Saint Bernard of Clairvaux (1090 --1153). St Bernard was a French abbot and a major leader in the revitalization of Benedictine monasticism through the nascent Cistercian Order, known as the Trappists. We ponder his words of wisdom:

There are those who seek knowledge for the sake of knowledge; that is curiosity.

There are those who seek knowledge to be known by others; that is vanity.

There are those who seek knowledge in order to serve; that is Love.

The measure of love is love without measure!

PREPARING OUR CHILDREN FOR FAITH IN CHRIST - On the day of our Baptism, a small cross is traced on our forehead, claiming us for Christ. The youngest children know that this small cross is made with the thumb, which is the strongest finger. Although the priest (or deacon) makes the small cross on the outside of the person, it is meant to go deep inside the person, leaving an indelible mark. This small cross is a sign of Christ. • Gestures are a language of their own, a sign, that helps the child “to see” and “to experience” Covenant, which is God’s gift and our response. • Practice being intentional, slowly and prayerfully making the Sign of the Cross. The children know that in making the Sign of the Cross, they belong to Jesus. This simple but profound gesture prepares a child to encounter Christ the Good Shepherd, who calls us each by name!

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!

BACK TO MASS THIS WEEKEND – 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 this weekend. 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 at Mass.** We know that the Delta Variant is very transmissible. Be considerate of those around you!

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 FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY! This beautiful feast is celebrated on a Sunday, giving 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.

GIVE US THIS DAY - We have been given multiple sample copies of *GIVE US THIS DAY*, a monthly prayer aid that we are encouraging parishioners to consider. There are envelopes available in the vestibule that can be placed in the collection basket or mailed to the rectory. To avoid the high costs of postage, your monthly issue will be available for pick up in the vestibule. If you would like to receive this beautiful monthly booklet, but find the price a bit high, there are complimentary subscriptions available through the generosity of good hearted-parishioner. Just contact the pastor.

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_INEDEuFZQcqpWg4KOBckqJsO55CluMcVGjaPKNUNFRVWki5MkowTjlGMFlwWFBMQ0c4OVBdTC4u

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.

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

Sun August 15 The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wed August 18 5:15-6:00 p.m. Pro-Life Rosary



Monday, August 16 - Saint Stephen of Hungary

8:30 a.m.

†Earl May (*Salvatrice Aurummia*)

Tuesday, August 17

8:30 a.m.

†Members of the Altar Rosary Society

Wednesday, August 18

8:30 a.m.

†Mary Lego (*Altar Rosary Society*)

Thursday, August 19 - Saint John Eudes, Priest

8:30 a.m.

†Jean Lane (*Letitia Harris*)

Friday, August 20 - Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church

8:30 a.m.

†Irene DeBernardis (*Mike & Cindy Sharbaugh*)

Saturday, August 21 - Vigil of the Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00p.m.

†Eugene Bettwy (*Greg & Ruth Miller*)

Sunday, August 22 - Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Mass For the People

10:30 a.m. †Richard, Betty & David Draber (*Family*)

CALLING ALL TEENS! One Faith Youth Group invites you to an end of summer fire and outdoor movie night (weather permitting, if not the movie will be indoors) on Sunday, August 15, 7PM-10PM, at St. Mary's Church, Hollidaysburg. Included will be s'mores and hotdogs, popcorn and other snacks! Just bring a friend, a pillow, and a blanket!

For more info contact Ethan @ 814-423-098

PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING AUGUST 7/8, 2021

Regular	\$7,533.45	Children's	\$38.00
Loose	\$297.75	Assumption	\$30.00
Parish Life	\$16.00	Christmas Club	\$48.00
		Total	\$7,963.20

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

The Blessed Virgin Mary, is not only the model Christian disciple but also the model Christian steward. Mary had heard the word of God; she believed it; and she observed in her willingness to obey. "May it be done according to your word," she said to the angel (Luke 1:38), accepting the vocation God had prepared for her. Her vocation shows us the pattern of a good steward. She offered her time to spend with her divine Son at his birth, in the years of his youth, at his death, and at prayer with the Apostles after the Ascension. She gave talent when she offered a mother's care.

What earthly treasure she possessed was of secondary importance compared to her service to God. Her desire for material security was not enough to keep her from fleeing to Egypt with Joseph to protect their Son or to stop her from coming to Jerusalem for his Crucifixion. Our own sacrifices seem minor compared to hers.

(*Stewardship Reflection*, Catholic Stewardship Consultants, Inc. 2010/08/10)



This 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"

Estelle Faguet, a 32-year-old woman with an incurable illness, wrote an open-hearted letter to Mary in 1875, with child-like confidence, to ask her to plead with her divine Son to obtain her recovery so that she could financially support her elderly parents.

The Virgin Mary answered this letter by appearing to her fifteen times, from February to December 1876, during which time she taught Estelle lessons in holiness and gave a message of mercy: "I am all merciful and the mistress of my Son; I have chosen you. I choose the small and the weak for my glory." And she gave her the scapular of the Sacred Heart.

On February 18, 1876, Mary gave Estelle a rule of life: "If you want to serve me, be simple, and let your actions match your words."

By February 19, 1876, Estelle was fully recovered. In 1877, the Archbishop of Bourges authorized the public devotion to Our Lady of Pellevoisin and Estelle's room was transformed into a chapel.

Estelle Faguet passed away at the age of 86, and she is buried in the cemetery of Pellevoisin. There are two words written on her grave: "Be simple."

CCD REGISTRATION: Parents, please register your children for 2021-2022 CCD classes now. The forms are in the back of the church and in the rectory CCD mailbox.

CCD MEETING: A meeting for all involved in CCD will be held on August 19 at 7:00 pm in one of the school classrooms.

BAPTISMS: Congratulations to **Luca Anthony Caputo**, son of Ryan and Stacy Caputo who received the Sacrament of Baptism on July 10, 2021.

Congratulations to **Giovanni Guiseppi Recchia**, son of Vitangelo and Shannon Recchia who also received the Sacrament of Baptism on July 10, 2021.

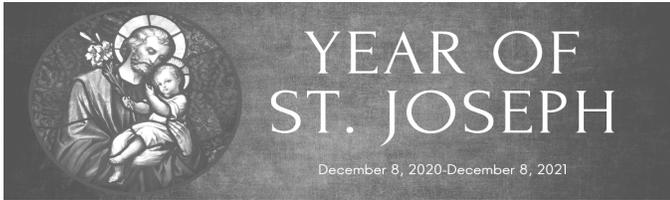
Congratulations to **Una Irwin Fraundorfer**, daughter of Evan and Ashley Fraundorfer who received the Sacrament of Baptism on July 18, 2021

Readings for the Week of August 15, 2021

Sunday	Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56
Monday	Saint Stephen of Hungary Jgs 2:11-19; Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab & 44; Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday	Jgs 6:11-24a; Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14; Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday	Jgs 9:6-15; Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mt 20:1-16
Thursday	Saint John Eudes, Priest Jgs 11:29-39a; Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Mt 22:1-14
Friday	Memorial of Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10; Mt 22:34-40
Saturday	Memorial of Saint Pius X, Pope Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Mt 23:1-12
Sunday	Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23; Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a 25-32; Jn 6:60-69

SPIRITUAL BOUQUET: Our parish is offering a spiritual bouquet to Saint Joseph, during the year of Saint Joseph. Please take one of the tri-fold pamphlets, compliments of Altoona Catholic Daughters, which are on the table in the foyer of the church. A few prayers and resources are within the pamphlet, along with an area to mark your personal pledge for private and/or public prayer and the intentions for which you plan to pray for. Prayerfully contemplate your selections before making them and then keep one copy for yourself and return the other to the parish in the collection basket or by mail. This is all anonymous, please do not include any personal information. If you have any questions, please contact the parish office.

ALPHA COURSE: This course is for anyone desiring to experience the meaning of Life through a personal relationship with the Lord and the core message of the Gospel. The Alpha Course 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.



**Patris Corde, 3. An Obedient Father,
Model of Patience**

While in Egypt, Joseph awaited the angel's notice that he could safely return home. In the third dream, the angel told Joseph that those who sought to kill the child were dead and ordered him to rise, take the child and his mother, and return to the land of Israel. Once more, Joseph promptly obeyed—he got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. Again, it was a long and dangerous trip.

In the Gospel of Luke, it is specifically written that Jesus' parents observed all the prescriptions of the Law: the rites of the circumcision of Jesus, the purification of Mary after childbirth, the offering of the firstborn to God and attending the annual celebration of the Feast of Passover. This would have involved many journeys to the holy city of Jerusalem to the temple.

St. Joseph, we ask you to intercede to Jesus and Mary for as we journey in our spirituality and in our humanity. May our patient obedience to God's commands be our goal too.

**St. Joseph, obedient father,
model of patience, 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.

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**St. Rose of Lima's St. Vincent de Paul
Conference Weekly Reflection for August 15 –
The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary:**

In today's Gospel, even the child in Elizabeth's womb leaps with joy at the approach of Mary, the "lowly servant," who by accepting God's plan for her became blessed for all generations.

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

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!

ANNUAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARY LITURGY: All reservations to attend the Annual Wedding Anniversary Liturgy on Sunday, **September 12** in **ALTOONA** at Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament or Sunday, **September 19** in **JOHNSTOWN** at St. John Gualbert Cathedral must be made through our office before Friday, August 20. Please call the office if you plan to attend (814-944-8509).