

## PASTOR'S CORNER

**OUR MISSIONARY THIS WEEKEND!** - Father Roque Buezas, priest of the Institute of the Incarnate Word, is a missionary in Argentina. He is with us this weekend inviting us to support the work of his community in the missions. Your generosity is greatly appreciated, as is our warm St. Rose welcome.

**LABOR DAY MASS AT 9:00 AM** – This day was set aside in 1894 to honor and recognize the American labor movement and the works and contributions of laborers to the development and achievements of the United States. However, it is also a time for us to reflect upon the sacredness of work in God's plan for us. We know that God works, and is continuing to create and recreate the world at every moment.

**Again, Mass on Labor Day will be at 9:00 AM.**

**A GUEST NEXT WEEK** – As we prepare at St. John's to begin the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd in October, at next Sunday morning Masses I have invited Mary Beth Palko to share with us her experience of this approach to Catechesis. Mary Beth is Director of Faith Formation at St. Thomas More University Parish in Indiana, PA, and is a certified instructor in CGS. Our Catechists Iris Tatar and Mary Truesdale, as well as myself, were trained by Mary Beth this summer, and found her to be an excellent teacher. I am confident that our parish communities will find her presentation both informative and inspiring. *Parishioners of St. Rose who have children or grandchildren ages 3 – 6 are especially encouraged to attend one of these Masses, at 8:00 or 11:00.*

**THE SEASON OF CREATION HAS BEGUN!** The Season of Creation has a special significance for the Catholic Church, particularly since Pope Francis established 1 September as an annual World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. The Season of Creation is marked throughout the Christian world from 1 September to 4 October (Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi) and celebrates the joy of creation as well as encouraging awareness-raising initiatives to protect the natural environment.

**UNDERSTANDING THE CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD:** God and the child have a unique relationship with one another, particularly before the age of six. The growth of this relationship should be assisted by the adult, but is directed by the Spirit of God within the child. Children need their own place to foster the growth of that relationship. This spiritual growth is best served through tangible but indirect means. *"If we want to help the child grow near to God, we should, with patience and courage...seek to go always closer to the vital nucleus of things. This requires study and prayer. The child himself will be our teacher if we know how to observe him."* Sofia Cavalletti

**PREPARING OUR ATRIUM** - We have begun preparing our atrium at St. John's for our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. The atrium is a prepared environment for children, and is one of the important elements that helps the relationship between God and the child to flourish. The atrium can be compared to a retreat house facilitating recollection and silence. The atrium is a place for religious life, for community and worship—not a classroom for instruction. The atrium is a place of meaningful work through which the child can have a conversation with God. For the child, too, the atrium is a place of preparation for involvement in the larger worship community. Following our Masses on the morning of the 12<sup>th</sup>, parishioners are invited to get a look at this important room where our children will pray and learn.

**A WARM WELCOME TO OUR PARISH:** Hospitality Ministers show the parish's friendliness and kindness. They are the wide smile and warm handshake of the congregation to those who enter. This ministry has a simple, but important goal - to serve the Lord by making everyone who attends Mass to feel welcome and important from the moment they come through our doors.

We will be having a special meeting for all who would like to be Ministers of Hospitality. That meeting is scheduled for next Sunday, September 12, at 4:00 PM. I do hope you are able to join us, as we give an overview of what this ministry will involve!

**CREATION CORNER:** During the Season of Creation, September 1 to October 4, our bulletin will include words of Pope Francis from his 2015 encyclical on the environment, *Laudato Si*.

### Discover God in all things

The universe unfolds in God, who fills it completely. Hence, there is a mystical meaning to be found in a leaf, in a mountain trail, in a dewdrop, in a poor person's face. The ideal is not only to pass from the exterior to the interior to discover the action of God in the soul, but also to discover God in all things. Saint Bonaventure teaches us that "contemplation deepens the more we feel the working of God's grace within our hearts, and the better we learn to encounter God in creatures outside ourselves". (223)



**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK**

**Sun. September 5 - Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Wed. September 8 - 5:15-6:00 p.m. Pro-Life Rosary**



**Monday, September 6**

9:00 a.m.

† Deborah Dillion (*Jason E. Strcula & Juliette A. Murcko*)

**Tuesday, September 7**

8:30 a.m.

† Members of the Altar Rosary Society

**Wednesday, September 8 - Nativity of the Birth of**

8:30 a.m.

† Eugene Stoltz (*Vinny Johnson*)

**Thursday, September 9 - St. Peter Claver, Priest**

8:30 a.m.

† Jean Lane (*Joseph & Vicki Pacovsky*)

**Friday, September 10**

8:30 a.m.

† Rosemary McConnell (*Holy Trinity Catholic School Board*)

**Saturday, September 11 - Vigil of the Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00p.m.

† David & Patricia Shellenberger and Mildred & Charles Brady (*Grandchildren*)

**Sunday, September 12 - Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 a.m. Mass For the People

10:30 a.m. † Frank Macharola (*Wife & Family*)

**FATIMA DEVOTIONS ARE BACK:** The Franciscan Friars, T.O.R., from Loretto, invite you to participate with them in celebrating Fatima Devotions on Monday, September 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.)

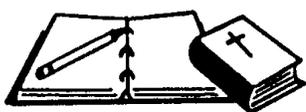
**PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING  
AUGUST 28/29, 2021**

Regular	\$6,502.00	Children's	\$24.00
Loose	\$541.00	Holy Day	\$295.00
Parish Life	\$11.00	Christmas	\$26.00
Assumption	\$63.00	Religious Ed	\$20.00
		Total	\$7,187.00

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER:** Our readings today offer us a message of hope. God is with us and wants to heal us. May this message come ablaze in our hearts so that we might live with unwavering faith! Often times we are blind and deaf to God in our lives. We miss countless opportunities to see God working in our day-to-day moments, through our loved ones, our community, or even strangers. We miss the quiet voice of Jesus in our hearts telling us to choose Him instead of sin, respond in love instead of anger, or care for someone else in a moment instead of ourselves. (*Stewardship Reflection*, Catholic Stewardship Consultants, Inc. 2021/8/16)  
 Christian stewards strive to be "rich in faith" by consciously choosing to make room for God in their daily lives no matter what the cost. Let us pray that our eyes and our ears might "be open" to His workings, works, and prompting in our lives. Let us work to help others heal through our Christian stewardship.

**ST. JOSEPH CHURCH, BELLWOOD, WELCOMES ALL PILGRIMS!** Thursday, September 9, Confessions at 5:00 PM, Mass at 6:00 PM Fr. David Roesch guest celebrant. Friday, September 10, Confessions at 5:00 PM, Mass at 6:00 PM, Fr. Alan Thomas guest celebrant. Saturday, September 11, Saturday evening Mass at 4:00 PM. Bishop Mark main celebrant; Confessions at 3:30 PM. Sunday, September 12, 9:00 AM, outdoor Sunday Mass at Shrine of St. Joseph, Celebrant: Fr. Jozef Kovacik, Pastor. St. Joseph Table Social to follow.

**CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY AND ROSARY:** Please join us Fridays in Loretto as we gather to pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and the Rosary for our country, world and religious freedom each Friday in the Basilica of St. Michael, Loretto at 3PM.



*Religious Education News*

**September 12: Class Grades K thru 11 - First Day of CCD 9:15-10:15 AM**  
**September 19: Parent Meeting Grades K thru 8 9:30--10:15 AM**  
**September 19: Commissioning of Catechists 10:30 AM Mass**  
**September 26: Parent Meeting Grades 9-11 9:30 AM**

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.

### Deacon Jim's "A Moment with Our Lady"

"My Mother is Queen" is an initiative of the Order of Pauline Religious in the year 2017, the jubilee year of the 300th anniversary of the Crowning of the Miraculous Icon of Our Lady of Czestochowa (Poland). The idea is to make the prayer of the Rosary—this powerful weapon to obtain the victory of Mary—popular again.

Father Mariusz Tabulski, a Pauline monk from the Czestochowa Shrine, explains: "Our hope is that, through this journey of prayer and by reflecting on the mysteries of the Rosary, we can allow Mary to guide us and to help us discover our own royal dignity." Father Tabulski adds that each one of us has really become—through baptism—a royal heir. "Our generation," he said, "must rediscover that baptism leads us to a royal life, that baptism cannot be buried, that we have been baptized to produce royal fruit. Mary wants to help us. She knows our weaknesses and frailties. As a queen—that is, as a guide and a mother—she wants to lead us."

Father Tabulski points out that the meditation on the mysteries of the Rosary is also tied to the centenary of the apparitions to Fatima, where Mary asked us to pray the Rosary for the salvation for the world.

**9/11 20th ANNIVERSARY MASS:** The Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Altoona will be the site of a special Mass commemorating the 20th anniversary of the September 11, 2001, terror attacks. The Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, September 11 at 10:00 a.m. with Bishop Mark presiding. All are invited – especially local first responders, medical professionals, and public servants. Please join us as we remember the lives lost and honor those who bravely serve and protect our community. Refreshments will be served in the parish hall following the Mass.

**40th ANNIVERSARY OF THE BIRTH OF MARY CELEBRATION** will be held on Wednesday, September 8 at Saint Catherine of Siena Shrine, Old Rt. 22, Duncansville.

7:15 a.m. Rosary in the Church

7:45 a.m. Mass in the Church

11:30 a.m. Outdoor Rosary at the Shrine

12:00 noon Outdoor Mass at the Shrine (please bring chair)

5:30 p.m. Outdoor Mass at the Shrine with Rosary procession (please bring chair)

In the event of inclement weather, the outdoor Masses will be celebrated in the church.

NO CONTINUOUS ROSARY, NO FOOD AND NO EXHIBITS

Address petitions to: Birth of Mary Celebration,  
P.O. Box 88, Duncansville, PA 16635  
Donations Welcome

### Readings for the Week of September 5, 2021

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Is 35:4-7a; Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37
<b>Monday</b>	Col 1:24—2:3; Ps 62:6-7, 9; Lk 6:6-11
<b>Tuesday</b>	Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11; Lk 6:12-19
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6ab, 6c; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Memorial of Saint Peter Claver, Priest</b> Col 3:12-17; Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 6:27-38
<b>Friday</b>	1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11; Lk 6:39-42
<b>Saturday</b>	1 Tm 1:15-17; Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7; Lk 6:43-49
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Is 50:4c-9a; Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35

**HAITI SPECIAL COLLECTION:** Bishop Mark is asking everyone in our diocese young and old to contribute to a special collection for Haiti that is to be taken up at all the Masses on the weekend of September 18-19. Online donations are also encouraged through the GIVING section of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown website. All proceeds will be given to Catholic Relief Services for immediate distribution. The need is so great at this time. Schools, businesses, churches, and medical centers have been severely damaged or completely destroyed. Medical supplies and even clean drinking water is not readily available. Please be generous in responding to our neighbors in their time of need. Please be a Good Samaritan! Thank you for your prayers and financial donations for our brothers and sisters in Haiti.

**SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND:** Next weekend, the diocese will be taking up the National Collection for The Catholic University of America. Your investment will enable the University to continue to support the Church and to advance its work of preparing the next generation of leadership, both religious and lay, of our Church and nation. Thank you for your generosity.

**PADRE PIO RELICS:** The Windber Catholic Parishes invites you to venerate three Relics of St. Padre Pio (his blood, hair and scab from his wound). The relics will be at St. Anthony of Padua Church, Windber on Tuesday, September 14, 9AM-8PM. We will have our traditional Noon Novena Mass in honor of St. Anthony of Padua and St. Padre Pio. At 6PM, we will have a Mass in honor of St. Padre Pio. The Church will be open the entire day for veneration. Also, confessions will be heard from 9-11:30AM and from 1-5:30PM.



***Patris corde, 4. An Accepting Father,  
Joseph most prudent***

In *Patris corde* Pope Francis writes, “Joseph accepted Mary unconditionally. He trusted in the angel’s words. The nobility of Joseph’s heart is such that what he learned from the law he made dependent on charity. Today in our world where psychological, verbal and physical violence towards women is so evident, Joseph appears as the figure of a respectful and sensitive man. Even though he does not understand the bigger picture, he makes a decision to protect Mary’s good name, her dignity and her life. In his hesitation about how to best to act, God helped him by enlightening his judgement.”

Pray that we too can make the right judgments as we progress throughout our earthly journey.

***St. Joseph, An Accepting Father,  
Joseph most prudent, pray for us.***

(Pope Francis Apostolic Letter *Patris corde*, 2020, 4. 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.**

***FAMILIES AND THE GOSPEL:*** (Mark 7:31-37) Because the deaf man in today’s gospel recognized his disability, he could seek help from Jesus. Deafness abounds in families: in our children (Oh dad, not that again”) in parents (“It is just a stage”) and in spouses (“Are you listening?”). Before Jesus can enter your home and heal, you must first recognize your deafness. *Reprinted with permission: A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar.*

***THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR HOMELESS SUPPORT PROGRAM:*** The St. Rose of Lima St. Vincent de Paul Conference continued with its Homeless Support Program with a collection of much needed items for use by Family Services in their homeless programs. Through the month of August Parish members donated items, such as toilet paper, tissues, hand soap, soap or shower gel, laundry detergent, deodorant, shampoo, toothbrushes and toothpaste. Your very generous donations were delivered to Family Services by the Conference for use at their Homeless Shelter. The members of the St. Rose of Lima SVDP Conference would like say thank you to all the parish members who donated to this noble cause. When we give to the poor, God indeed pours his love, peace and joy into our hearts, into our lives and into the hearts of those who are poor. God Bless You All!

**St. Rose of Lima’s St. Vincent de Paul Conference  
Weekly Reflection for September 5 - Twenty-Third  
Sunday in Ordinary Time:**

In today’s Gospel we hear how Jesus “makes the deaf hear and the mute speak!” In living the gospel, we must open our ears to hear and recognize all the everyday opportunities for making God’s presence known especially to those who are poor and suffering. On September 9, the Church also celebrates the feast of Blessed Frederic Ozanam, the founder of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Frederic heard the call of Jesus to love and serve those who are suffering.

**Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please contact our St. Vincent de Paul Conference so that together we can “make God’s presence known” to those who are suffering and poor?**

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 September 8<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm at the Church. Please contact Dan Weaver at [dweaver@atlanticbb.net](mailto:dweaver@atlanticbb.net) for more information.**

**Feast Day of Blessed Frederic Ozanam –  
September 9th**

The Church throughout the world, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SSVP) and the Vincentian Family celebrate on 9th of September the feast of the blessed Frederick Ozanam, principal founder of the SSVP, whose feast day was established by the Vatican.

Bl. Frederic Ozanam was a French scholar that was challenged to put his faith into action and started the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. He always respected and served the poor which taught him that “...charity must lead to efforts to remedy injustice. Charity and justice go together.”

***CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS® MEETING:*** Court Prince Gallitzin #2625 — Serving all 11 Altoona parishes and beyond.

Meeting on Monday, September 13th, 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: [www.cda2625.com](http://www.cda2625.com).

Contact us at: <https://www.cda2625.com/contact>.