

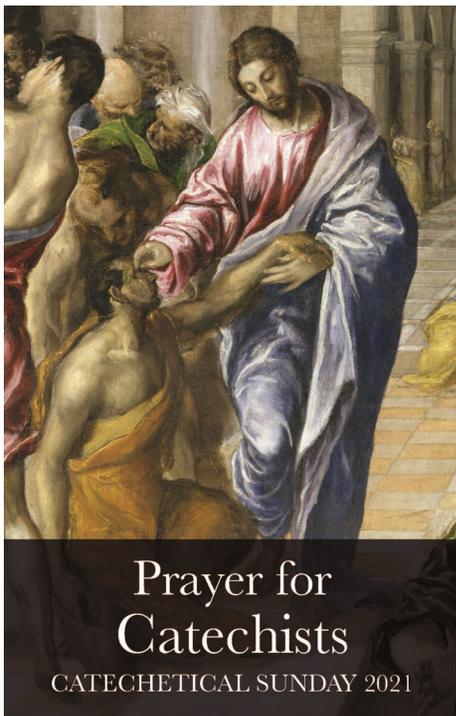
PASTOR'S CORNER

THE SEASON OF CREATION CONTINUES! 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.

CCD BEGINS - Given the many challenges that parishes have faced over the past two years, we are again ready to proceed with in class instruction for the children in our faith formation. We are most grateful to Yvonne Gibson for the attention to detail which she has given in preparing for this year. There is no responsibility that parents and parish have that is more important than the handing on of our Catholic faith. Together we pray for the success of another year of Faith Formation.

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY - Today we celebrate Catechetical Sunday! This is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Join us in prayer for our wonderful catechists who help our parishioners learn and grow in faith.

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



Prayer for Catechists

Loving Father, we pray today for our catechists. We thank you for their gift of ministry in your Church. Grant them your wisdom that they may grow in the understanding and teaching of your Word. Grant them also your love that they may be fruitful heralds of your Word and lead others to love you. Pour forth your Holy Spirit upon them to grant them wisdom about what is important; knowledge of the truths of faith; understanding of their meaning; right judgement about how to apply them in life; courage to persevere even in the face of adversity; reverence before all that is sacred and holy; and that loving zeal which leads others to a transforming encounter with your Son.

We pray this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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CREATION CORNER:

Care for creation must stand together with care for the poor This lack of physical contact and encounter, encouraged at times by the disintegration of our cities, can lead to a numbing of conscience and to tendentious analyses which neglect parts of reality. At times this attitude exists side by side with a "green" rhetoric. Today, however, we have to realize that a true ecological approach always becomes a social approach; it must integrate questions of justice in debates on the environment, so as to hear both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. (49)



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

Sun. September 19 -Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Wed. September 22-5:15-6:00 p.m. Pro-Life Rosary



Monday, September 20 - Saint Andrew Kim Tae-gön, Priest, and Paul Chông Ha-Sang, and Companions, Martyrs
 9:00 a.m.
 †Stan Babik (*Peach & Joe Maschue*)

Tuesday, September 21 - Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist
 8:30 a.m.
 †Gerry Stevens (*Ron Skupien*)

Wednesday, September 22
 8:30 a.m.
 †Rosemary McConnell (*Holy Trinity Catholic School*)

Thursday, September 23 - Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest
 8:30 a.m.
 †Jean Lane (*Joseph & Vicki Pacovsky*)

Friday, September 24
 8:30 a.m.
 †Richard, Betty & David Drabic (*Family*)

Saturday, September 25 - Vigil of the Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 4:00p.m.
 †James Nasralla (*Wife & Family*)

Sunday, September 26 - Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00 a.m. Mass For the People
 10:30 a.m. †Eugene Bettwy (*Frank & Rose Marie Fochler*)

**PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING
 SEPTEMBER 4/5, 2021**

Regular	\$6,019.00	Children's	\$33.00
Loose	\$245.61	Catholic University	\$177.00
Assumption	\$10.00	Christmas	\$19.00
Religious Ed	\$35.00	Missionary	\$255.00
Vigil Lights	\$10.00	Total	\$6803.61

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: In the gospel today, Christ is speaking not only of youngsters, but all “little ones,” those who are vulnerable or needy in anyway, through poverty, physical or mental illness, and advanced age or those living in difficult family situations. St. Teresa of Calcutta would call these children, “Jesus in distressing disguise.” They are all around us if we open our eyes. Like Jesus, we can put our arms around the little ones in our world and channel some of our energy, ambition and talent towards them. Giving the best of ourselves to these brothers and sisters may be a little messy at times. It may put us in situations that are far outside our comfort zones. Maybe our colleagues and neighbors will not understand us. Christian stewards demonstrate their faith in Jesus Christ through their works. But in reaching out to little ones in Jesus’ name, it is Jesus Himself we are touching. This week, ask the Lord for the wisdom and courage to reach out concretely to the little ones in your neighborhood, community or parish. Take at least one step. (*Stewardship Reflection*, Catholic Stewardship Consultants, Inc. 2021/8/16)

THE ST. ROSE OF LIMA ADULT CHOIR rehearsals have resumed. Anyone age 15 or older is welcome to join us on Wednesday, September 22, 2021 in the choir loft at 7:30 p.m. We will be singing on Sundays at the 10:30am mass. Please contact Bryce Cossitor at (814) 943-0174 for any questions.

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
October 2 Service Project - Humane Society: 10:00 AM Students bring items for Humane Society. Must sign up with Yvonne Gibson - 814-330-2518
October 10: 9:15- 10:15 Grade 9-11/ 1st session All CCD & BG students @ St. Rose Class Room

Deacon Jim's "A Moment with Our Lady"

With May, August, October and in a certain way December, almost a whole third of the year is dedicated to Our Lady. To these months we can add the many feasts celebrating a particular mystery of the Holy Mother of God, and all Saturdays, which are traditionally Marian feasts.

The liturgy tells us about the importance of Mary, through her many titles, engraved in the litanies of the Virgin like an infinite meditation. A contemplation of the names of Mary and her solemnities, which bring to light the most salient mysteries of the humble handmaid, will introduce us into the ineffable depth of the relationship between man and God.

Pope Francis reminded us recently that Mary is inseparable from the Church. This union is reminiscent of the Three White Symbols, the ultimate witnesses of the fidelity of Catholics to the mystery of the Incarnation: The Pope, Mary, and the Eucharist, the three properly Catholic pillars of faith, signs of gratitude and of the unity of our faith.

PARISH MISSION CANCELED: The Parish Mission scheduled for October 10, 11, and 12, 2021 at St. Benedict's Parish, Johnstown has been canceled due to concerns over the current COVID situation and will be rescheduled for Spring 2022.

HAITI SPECIAL COLLECTION: This is the weekend the diocese has asked that a special collection for Haiti be taken up at all the Masses. 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.

WORRIED ABOUT A LOVED ONE? St. Leonard's Personal Care Home in Hollidaysburg provides medication management, personal hygiene assistance, socialization, meals, housekeeping and a 24 hour staff in a home-like environment. We serve men and women 62+ for whom it is no longer safe to live alone. To tour our beautiful Victorian mansion or for more information, call Mrs. Connie Cretin, administrator, at 814-695-9581 ex. 107 during weekday business hours. We are a faith based facility but accept all eligible applicants, and will assist with financial aid applications where applicable.

Readings for the Week of September 19, 2021

Sunday	Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Wis 2:12, 17-20; Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8; Jas 3:16—4:3; Mk 9:30-37
Monday	Memorial of Saint Andrew Kim Tae-gön, Priest, and Paul Chông Ha-Sang, and Companions, Martyrs Ezr 1:1-6; Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6; Lc 8:16-18
Tuesday	Feast of Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Mt 9:9-13
Wednesday	Ezr 9:5-9; Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8; Lk 9:1-6
Thursday	Memorial of Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; Lk 9:7-9
Friday	Hg 2:1-9; Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4; Lk 9:18-22
Saturday	Zec 2: 5-9, 14-15a; Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13; Lk 9:43b-45
Sunday	Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Nm 11:25-29; Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14; Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

9th-11th Grade Service Project: Humane Society October 2nd Pet Blessing in the St. Rose Main Parking Lot 10:00 AM. Students are to bring items for the Humane Society and should arrive at 9:45 AM. *To participate, you must sign up with Yvonnee Gibson @ 814-330-2518 or email her at ygibson@dioceseaj.org.*

FOOD FEST: St. Anthony of Padua, Windber will have and Food Fest and Baskets on Saturday October 2, 3-7pm and Sunday, October 3, 11am-4pm. Your favorite Ethnic Festival Food for Take-out only. Porkettes, Rigatoni & Meatballs, Gnocchi & Meatballs, Sausage and Meatball Sandwiches, Pizza, Pigs, Haulski and Gobs! We will also have chances on Baskets, 25 chances for \$5.

LONGABERGER BASKET & VERA BRADLEY BINGO

Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament
Assists our children in Catholic Schools, Religious Education, and Youth Activities
Sunday, September 26, 2001 1:00 PM
Doors open at Noon
Father Kelley Hall
429 Twenty-fifth Avenue, Altoona, PA

Please contact:
Cathedral Parish Office (814)944-4603
altcathedral@dioceseaj.org



Patris corde, 4. An Accepting Father, Mirror of Patience.

St. Joseph's entire life was committed to quiet, hidden unassuming service to Mary and to his Son. His actions were also his response to God's will. This example should provide hope to us. We often wonder whether our actions are making a difference. By going about our daily routines in seemingly unremarkable ways in the home, at work, and in countless other places, our quiet, steady and reliable presence is our answer in accepting God's will for us.

"The spiritual path that Joseph traces for us is not one that explains, but accepts. Only as a result of this acceptance can we begin to get a glimpse of a broader history, a deeper meaning. Joseph is certainly not passively resigned, but courageously and firmly proactive."

St. Joseph, An Accepting Father, Joseph, Mirror of patience, 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.**

ST. DEMETRIUS CHICKEN BBQ: St. Demetrius Church in Gallitzin, PA will be holding their Famous BBQ Chicken Dinner on Sunday, September 26 as a Take-Out Dinner only. Cost: \$12.00/dinner will include their Delicious 1/2 BBQ Chicken, 2 sides and Dessert. Dinners will be available from 11'00 AM until Sold out. Basket raffle, theme games, and other small games of chance will be available as well. Location: Parish Activity Center at 714 Foster St. (enter below 616 Church St.)

THE FRIAR'S NOOK FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS DAY OF CELEBRATION:

- Saturday, October 2nd
- Rummage/Garage Sale and Friar's Nook Gift Shop Fall Sale starting at 10:00 AM
- Rosary (3:00 PM), Pet Blessing (3:30 PM), and Mass (4:00 PM)
- Food and Baked Goods for Sale
- Bring a lawn chair or blanket!

St. Rose of Lima's St. Vincent de Paul Conference Weekly Reflection for September 19 - Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

In today's Gospel Jesus called the Twelve, and said to them, "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." Taking a child, he placed it in their midst, and putting his arms around it, he said to them, "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me."

Your gifts to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul help hungry children feel the arms of Jesus around them.

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!

**September Prayer Intention of Pope Francis
An environmentally sustainable lifestyle**

We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.

**SAINT OF THE WEEK:
Saint Vincent Strambi
1745-1824 FEAST DAY:
SEPTEMBER 25**

Vincent joined the Passionists as priest in 1768. Over three decades he served as a leader of the congregation, ultimately as provincial. In 1801, he became bishop of Macerata in central Italy. Vincent reformed the diocese by caring for his priests. He built a seminary, staffed it with gifted teachers, and taught there himself. Vincent also fostered a renewal of worship in his churches. In 1808, he refused to swear allegiance to Napoleon and was forced into exile. But when Napoleon abdicated in 1814, Vincent returned to Macerata. In the final decade of his life he personally turned an Austrian army away from the province and cared for people suffering from famine and a typhoid epidemic, all while continuing his reforms.

