

## PASTOR'S CORNER

**ALL SAINTS DAY** - Our All Saints Day Mass will be Monday, November 1, at 8:30 AM. All Saints Day is a surprisingly old feast. It arose out of the Christian tradition of celebrating the martyrdom of saints on the anniversary of their martyrdom. When martyrdoms increased during the persecutions of the late Roman Empire, local dioceses instituted a common feast day in order to ensure that all martyrs, known and unknown, were properly honored. By the late fourth century, this common feast was celebrated in Antioch, and Saint Ephrem the Syrian mentioned it in a sermon in 373. In the early centuries, this feast was celebrated in the Easter season, and the Eastern Churches, both Catholic, and Orthodox, still celebrate it then, tying the celebration of the lives of the saints in with Christ's Resurrection.

**CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD HAS BEGUN!** Our Atrium is prepared and we have welcomed our first group of children. If you have a child or grandchild who is aged 3 – 5, and would like to register for this program, it is not too late. Please call the parish office at your earliest convenience. Our sessions are held on Saturday mornings at 9:00 AM. Our catechist will be contacting those parents who show interest, and meets with each family individually for an orientation! God is so good to us in revealing to our little ones the Good Shepherd!

**ROSARY MONTH!** The month of October each year is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. This is primarily due to the fact that the liturgical feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated annually on October 7th. It was instituted to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary in gratitude for the protection that she gives the Church in answer to the praying of the Rosary by the faithful.

**THE NOCTURNAL ADORATION SOCIETY** - On the first Friday of each month there is Eucharistic adoration at a specified parish in Altoona. Adoration begins at 8 o'clock, and continues until 11 o'clock. This Society of priests and laity has a long history in Europe and around the world. As the Church in the United States prepares to observe a Eucharistic Revival, this is the perfect time for our parishes to place renewed emphasis on Eucharistic Adoration. The site for nocturnal adoration varies from month to month. We are going to make a special effort to keep our parishioners informed as to the site for Nocturnal Adoration, and the hour that has been set aside for members of our own parish. The Nocturnal Adoration Society has a threefold purpose: 1) To provide a fervent response to Christ's invitation to keep prayerful vigil with Him (Mathew 26:38-40; Mark 14:37,38; Luke 22:40-46). 2) To deepen the experience of communion with Christ Eucharistic, as He continues His self-offering and saving influence. 3) To live more consciously and actively the full significance of the Eucharist as the sacrament of charity and unity for the Church and the World. We will make certain that the details for each first Friday are posted in the bulletin. Remember the words of Jesus to his sleepy disciples in the Garden: "Could you not watch with me for one hour?"



Congratulations to *Charlotte Louise Neville*, daughter of John and Elainea Neville who received the Sacrament of Baptism on September 19, 2021.

Congratulations to *Emersyn Elizabeth Shea*, daughter of Derrick and Mikayla O'Shea who received the Sacrament of Baptism on October 2, 2021.

Congratulations to *Mackenzie McNeely*, daughter of Ryan and Britteny McNeely who received the Sacrament of Baptism on October 10, 2021.

### October Prayer Intention of Pope Francis

#### *Missionary disciples*

We pray that every baptized person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavour of the Gospel.



### Ministry Scheduler Pro

After updating our list of volunteers for the various ministries, we are working on a new ministry schedule using Ministry Scheduler Pro and hope to have it up and running soon.

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK**

**Sun. October 24 - Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Wed. October 27 - 5:15-6:00 p.m. Pro-Life Rosary**



**Monday, October 25**

8:30 a.m.  
 †Members of the Altar Rosary Society

**Tuesday, October 26**

8:30 a.m.  
 †Paul Dixon (*Dean, Gina, Aaron, & Alexandra Miller*)

**Wednesday, October 27**

8:30 a.m.  
 †Eugene Bettwy (*Brian and Lisa Hummel*)

**Thursday, October 28 - Saints Simon & Jude, Apostles**

8:30 a.m.  
 †Sally Yetsko (*Mary Engelman*)

**Friday, October 29**

8:30 a.m.  
 †Irene DeBernardia (*Mike and Cindy Sharbaugh*)

**Saturday, October 30 - Vigil of the Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00p.m.  
 †Eugene Stoltz (*Pat and Carol Gallagher*)

**Sunday, October 31 - Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 a.m. Mass For the People  
 10:30 a.m.  
 †Jean Lane (*Donna and Kirk Kling*)

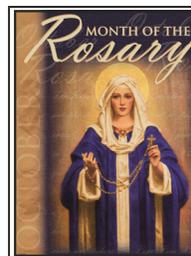
**CANDLES:**

For Terry Smith requested by Linda L. Zakrzwski  
 For Carl Mayfield requested by Linda L. Zakrzwski  
 For Special Intention requested by Susan Trout

**PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING**  
**October 9/10, 2021**

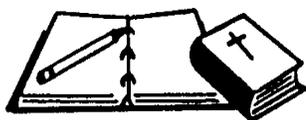
Regular	\$5,191.50	Children's	\$23.00
Loose	\$508.00	Religious Ed	\$10.00
Vigil Light	\$20.00	Catholic Register	\$10.00
First Offering	\$18.00		
		Total	\$5,782.50

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER:** As Christian stewards we are called to devote a regular portion of our time to God in prayer. Perhaps we find it intimidating to find the right words. Today's Gospel shows us we don't need to have our "act together" before we can spend time with Him. Bartimaeus received a powerful answer to prayer at a very low point in his life. His prayer was desperate, it was a sincere cry from his heart. He experienced a profound moment of personal encounter with our Lord and the healing of his vision he desired, right there on the spot. How simple it is to encounter Jesus! So let us take courage and use our time this week knowing that Jesus is calling us right now to spend time with Him just as we are, in all our weakness and brokenness. Tell Him the great High priest, what your needs are and then, like Bartimaeus, follow him, and keep on living your stewardship way of life. It's a life with the ultimate happy ending. (*Stewardship Reflection, Catholic Stewardship Consultants, Inc. 2018/10/18*)



**OCTOBER ROSARY**

The Rosary will be recited before all Masses during the month of October. Please come to Mass a little earlier and partake in this beautiful devotion to Mary.



*Religious Education News*

**October 24: 10:45 AM - 2:30 PM SHYCON Virtual at St. Rose (Students should bring a water bottle.)**  
**November 6: 9:00 AM to noon - 9th Grade Retreat - St. Therese Church (in Father Kelly Hall) Students must have sponsor, parent or grandparent with them. Please call or text Yvonne Gibson to register - 814-330-2518.**  
**November 13/14: 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> Grade Group Service Project - Students will be collecting cleaning items for Evergreen Manor after all masses.**  
**November 14: 10:30 AM Mass - Rite of Blessing for 9<sup>th</sup> Grade CCD and BG Students**

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

Pray the Rosary, says God, and do not worry about what some scatterbrains might tell you—that it is an old-fashioned devotion and that no one says it anymore.

This prayer, I tell you, emanates from the Gospel, which can never be changed. What delights me in the Rosary, says God, is that it is simple and it is humble. As were my Son and his Mother.

Pray the Rosary and you will find all the people present in the Gospel at your side—the poor uneducated widow, the repentant publican who forgot his catechism, the frightened adulteress others wanted to condemn, all the crippled ones saved by their faith, and the good old shepherds, like those of Bethlehem, who met my Son and his Mother.

Pray the Rosary, says God, since your prayer needs to turn and turn over again, like the Rosary beads are churned between your fingers. Then, when it is my will, I can assure you, you will be provided with plentiful nourishment that will strengthen your heart and cheer your soul.

Go now, says God, pray the Rosary and keep your mind at peace.

*Charles Péguy (1873-1914) French poet, essayist and editor, killed on the battlefield during WWI*

**PIE SALE:** St. Benedict Church Altar Rosary Society will have their annual apple dumpling and pie sale (apple, peach, pumpkin, cherry and raisin pies) on October 30th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Church Hall, 100 Main St., Carrolltown. Prices: large pies - \$9; small pies - \$7; apple dumplings -\$3; homemade chicken noodle soup - \$6/quart. No pre-orders. A snack bar is available.

### DIAPER DRIVE FOR CATHOLIC CHARITIES:

Thank you to all who have dropped off diapers for Catholic Charities. We will continue to collect diapers throughout October. Catholic Charities is in need of the larger sizes, specifically sizes 4, 5, 6, and 7. Thank you again.

### OUR LADY OF LOURDES HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE:

Saturday, November 6 from 8AM to 3PM

**Pancake/Sausage Breakfast 8AM-10AM**

with homemade cinnamon rolls

**Lunch 11AM-2PM**

Homemade soups, meatballs, haluski, cut french fries and more

Crafts, Baskets, Gifts & Collectibles (flea market),

Kids Carnival and additional booths

**Santa 11AM-1PM**

### Readings for the Week of October 24, 2021

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Jer 31:7-9; Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6; Heb 5:1-6; Mk 10:46-52
<b>Monday</b>	Rom 8:12-17; Ps 68:2 and 4, 6-7ab, 20-21; Lk 13:10-17
<b>Tuesday</b>	Rom 8:18-25; Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6; Lk 13:18-21
<b>Wednesday</b>	Rom 8:26-30; Ps 13:4-5, 6; Lk 13:22-30
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Feast of Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles</b> Eph 2:19-22; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Lk 6:12-16
<b>Friday</b>	Rom 9:1-5; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Lk 14:1-6
<b>Saturday</b>	Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29; Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 17-18; Lk 14:1, 7-11
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Dt 6:2-6; Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51; Heb 7:23-28; Mk 12:28b-34



**TODAY IS WORLD MISSION SUNDAY:** We celebrate this day by remembering our baptismal call to bring the Gospel to all! The collection today for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith supports the work and witness of the Mission Church, as it provides for priests, religious and lay leaders who offer the Lord's mercy and concrete help to the most vulnerable communities in the Pope's missions. Thank you for your generosity.



### CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS RAFFLE TICKETS FOR AFGHAN:

Help us help our neighbor... the Altoona Catholic Daughters of the Americas are selling raffle tickets for an afghan made by one of our member's mother! Tickets are \$5.00 each. For tickets contact Donna at 814-631-3509. Flyers are in most parish foyers or you can see a flyer online at: [cda2625.com/2021-afghan.pdf](http://cda2625.com/2021-afghan.pdf).

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**Patris corde, 6. A Working Father**

An aspect of Saint Joseph that has been emphasized by the Church from the time of the first social Encyclical *Rerum Novarum*, written by Pope Leo XIII, is his relation to work. St. Joseph was a carpenter who earned an honest living to provide for his family. From him, Jesus learned the value, the dignity and the joy of what it means to eat bread that is the fruit of one's own labor. "He came down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them...And Jesus advanced in wisdom, age and favor before God and man." (Lk 2:51-52)

In our own day, when employment has once more become a burning social issue, and unemployment at times reaches record levels even in nations that for decades have enjoyed a certain degree of prosperity, there is a renewed need to appreciate the importance of dignified work, of which Saint Joseph is an exemplary patron.

**St. Joseph, A Working Father, Honest Provider, pray for us.**

(Pope Francis Apostolic Letter *Partes corae*, 2020, 6. 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 10:35-45)**

When Jesus asked the blind man "What do you want from me?" he asked for sight. If Jesus asked you the same question, what would you say? Okay, that is your prayer. *Reprinted with permission: A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar.*

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHICKEN BBQ BENEFITING THE ST VINCENT DE PAUL NEEDS OFFICE:**

The St Rose SVDP Conference supports the poor and disadvantaged individuals in our area through the St Vincent de Paul Needs office. The Needs office brings God's love and mercy to those in need by providing help with utilities, rent and other financial support. In December, the Knights of Columbus of Hollidaysburg will be hosting a Chicken BBQ to benefit the St Vincent De Paul Needs Office. The BBQ will be held December 12th. The meal includes the Knight's famous BBQ Chicken, baked beans, applesauce and a roll. Tickets are only \$10. Tickets are available at the Parish Office and after some of the Masses from now until the 5th of December. Please help us help others and buy your ticket(s) today. May God Bless You!

**St. Rose of Lima's St. Vincent de Paul Conference Weekly Reflection for October 24 - Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time:**

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus asks Bartimaeus: "What do you want me to do for you?" And he answers, "Master, I want to see." Let us ask Jesus for the grace to "see" our brothers and sisters who are poor and lonely.

**This month, through your gifts, your St. Vincent de Paul Conference was able to continue to help those in need within our community, allowing us to bring God's love and mercy to those in need. God Bless You for helping us help 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!

**HOODIES FOR THE HOMELESS**

Winter is just around the corner and your SVDP Conference continues to look for ways to share some warmth with the homeless souls in our community. The area homeless shelter continues to be in need of adult sized hooded sweatshirts. To that end, we are once again asking you to assist us in meeting this need by donating a slightly worn or new hooded sweatshirt to the homeless in our community. We will be collecting your donations from now until the end of November.

As we have said in the past, 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 either donate sweatshirts or make a financial donation to this worthy cause, please place your donation in the Poor Box at the entrance to the Church.

With our heartfelt gratitude, we are happy to collect the sweatshirts 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!

**TAKE OUT SPAGHETTI DINNER:** St. Mary's Altoona Christian Mothers Spaghetti Dinner (take out only), will be held on Sunday, November 7 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The pick-up location is the Saint. Mary's Memorial Hall at 1418 Fourth Avenue, Altoona. Dinners are \$10 for Adults and \$5 for children under 10, children under 3 years of age are free. Tickets will be sold after Mass at St. Mary's the weekends of October 16/17, October 23/24 and October 30/31. Tickets can also be purchased at the St. Mary's Rectory (1405 Fifth Avenue) or by calling 814-942-2416. Deadline for ordering is Sunday, October 31.