

PASTOR'S CORNER

AN ADVENT BOOK CLUB – Advent is only a month away! I have found a wonderful book designed to help a person get more out of this most sacred of seasons. Entitled Advent in Plain Sight, this little book draws the reader's attention to ten ordinary objects that appear in sacred Scripture that speak of the coming of the Messiah and His Incarnation: Gates, Tears, Belts, Trees, Cloth, Light, Hearts, Gold, Stars and Water. God's glory is revealed in the most ordinary of ways! We will meet online on the Wednesdays of Advent at 7:00 to share our reflections. This book is available on Amazon, and we will make copies available in the Gathering Space. The cost is \$14 in paperback and \$8 on Kindle. If you would like to participate, please email me so that we can get organized for a zoom session.

MOTHER CABRINI DAY, NOVEMBER 13 - The youngest of thirteen children, Frances Cabrini was born on July 15, 1850 in a small village in Northern Italy. She grew up enthralled by the stories of missionaries and made up her mind to join a religious order. Because of her frail health, she was not permitted to join the Daughters of the Sacred Heart who had been her teachers. However, in 1880, with seven young women, Frances founded the Institute of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. She was as resourceful as she was prayerful, finding people who would donate what she needed in money, time, labor and support. She and her sisters wanted to be missionaries in China; she visited Rome to obtain an audience with Pope Leo XIII. The Pope told Frances to go "not to the East, but to the West" to New York rather than to China as she had expected. She was to help the thousands of Italian immigrants already in the United States. In 1889, New York seemed to be filled with chaos and poverty, and into this new world stepped Mother Frances Cabrini and her sister companions. Cabrini organized catechism and education classes for the Italian immigrants and provided for the needs of the many orphans. She established schools and orphanages despite tremendous odds. On December 22, 1917, in Chicago, she died. In 1946, she was canonized a saint by Pope Pius XII in recognition of her holiness and service to mankind and was named Patroness of Immigrants in 1950.

ANTICIPATING ADVENT, WHICH ANTICIPATES CHRISTMAS: The French philosopher Albert Camus one said "We need the sweet pain of anticipation to tell us we are really alive." With Halloween behind us, we are joyfully anticipating the season of Advent. We are already preparing our Advent wreath as we await the birth of our Savior. This year we plan to make Advent Calendars available, and will be taking orders for Advent wreaths for home use. If you do not already have one, now is the time to begin this beautiful tradition.

INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE: All are invited to participate in this year's 90th annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service of Altoona on Thursday November 18th at 7:00 PM. Originally a project of the ministries of Altoona's Sixth Ward, we have been expanding our reach both physically and spiritually, so that we include many different voices and faith traditions. This year we are being hosted by Pastor Rebecca Holland and the congregation of Christ Community United Methodist Church on 58th Street. For those concerned with Covid, know that there is very good set-up in the sanctuary. The theme of this years' service is "We Are One" - finding unity in community. Please plan on joining us!

November Prayer Intention of Pope Francis

People who suffer from depression

We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.



**Ministry
Scheduler
Pro**

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. November 7 - Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wed. November 10 -5:15-6:00 p.m. Pro-Life Rosary



Monday, November 8

8:30 a.m.
 †Richard, Betty and David Drabic (*Michael Dillon*)

Tuesday, November 9 - Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

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

Wednesday, November 10 - Memorial of Saint Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

8:30 a.m.
 †Deceased Members of The Legion of Mary (*The Legion of Mary at St. Rose of Lima Parish*)

Thursday, November 11 - Memorial of Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop

8:30 a.m.
 †Eugene Stoltz (*Dee Barkley*)

Friday, November 12 - Memorial of Saint Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr

8:30 a.m.
 †Patricia Shellenberger (*Family*)

Saturday, November 13 - Vigil of the Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00p.m.
 †Antonio & Maria Maniglia (*Family*)

Sunday, November 14 - Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING
October 30/31, 2021

Regular	\$6,475.00	Children's	\$17.00
Loose	\$1,397.00	Thanksgiving	\$65.00
Priest Medical	\$70.00	All Saints Day	\$137.00
First Offering	\$3.00	All Souls Day	\$238.00
World Mission	\$100.00	Catholic Charities	\$25.00
		Total	\$8,527.00

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: In Biblical times when there was no life insurance or Social Security, the widows we hear about today seemed weak and dependent on others to take care of them. Yet, each demonstrated strength and generosity that distinguished them from others. Where did this strength come? It came from knowing who they are and *Whose* they are. Their security came from knowing they were daughters of the Most High God and they had put their faith in Him. Their faith allowed them to be brave and generous, to think of others despite their own trials.

These women saw themselves as stewards, not owners, of the resources God gave them, regardless of how much or how little they had. And acting as stewards made them gracious, generous and mighty indeed. Pray to act as they did. (*Stewardship Reflection, Catholic Stewardship Consultants, Inc. 2018/10/26*)

CANDLES:

For Catherine Gruber requested by Joan Turcovski
 For Theresa Sukula requested by Anne Sukula

FAMILY LIFE CHRISTMAS CARDS will be sold after each Mass, beginning November 13/14.



Religious Education News

November 11: 9th-11th Grade Service Project - 10:00 Am to Noon - Bake and decorate cookies at the Church Rectory for our Homebound Parishioners.

November 13/14: 9th-11th 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 9th Grade CCD and BG Students

November 20: 11th Grade Retreat at St. Mary's - 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

November 21: 10:30 AM Mass - Rite of Commitment for 10th Grade Confirmation Candidates and Parents/Sponsons

Deacon Jim's "A Moment with Our Lady"

Mary's beautiful mission is to bring to Jesus all who approach her. Become tiny in the arms of our beloved mother! Stay close to her and she'll tell us that our only obligation as a Christian is to be like Jesus. There is—and there has always been—only one way to be like Jesus: we need to deny ourselves, take up our cross and follow him.

Mary also tells us what she knows from experience: that with Jesus, to renounce our self, take up our cross and follow him is not putting shackles on our feet but wings to our heart, giving us joy and happiness that fills our life with a piece of heaven. It means rising up, getting closer to God, little by little. She tells us that the Cross becomes lighter and sweeter each day, when we carry it while at the same time growing in holiness.

When we suffer, when we cry, when we are sad and lonely, it's not hard to be tiny, because we need help and really need a mother by our side. Who doesn't experience suffering? Who doesn't need to be consoled and forgiven, to be loved and to be healed?

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS MEETING:

Monday, November 8th, in the St. Rose of Lima Social Hall, at 6:45 PM with the business meeting beginning at 7:00 PM. New members are always welcome – Please come and join us! Court

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Enter through the automatic double doors on the 56th Street side of the school building. You can find us online at: www.cda2625.com. Christmas party plans will be announced once they are known. If you are interested in joining the celebration, please contact any member mid-November, or by visiting us online at: www.cda2625.com/contact and sending us a message.

CDA AFGHAN RAFFLE: Help us help our neighbor ... we are selling raffle tickets for an afghan made by one of our member's mother! Tickets are \$5.00 each. For tickets contact Hazel at cda2625.com/contact/ Flyers are in most parish foyers or can see a flyer online at: cda2625.com/2021-afghan.pdf.

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Readings for the Week of November 7, 2021

Sunday	Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 1 Kgs 17:10-16; Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10; Heb 9:24-28; Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44
Monday	Wis 1:1-7; Ps 139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10; Lk 17:1-6
Tuesday	Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22
Wednesday	Memorial of Saint Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church Wis 6:1-11; Ps 82:3-4, 6-7; Lk 17:11-19
Thursday	Memorial of Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop Wis 7:22b—8:1; Ps 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135, 175; Lk 17:20-25
Friday	Memorial of Saint Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr Wis 13:1-9; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5ab; Lk 17:26-37
Saturday	Memorial of Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43; Lk 18:1-8
Sunday	Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Dn 12:1-3; Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11; Heb 10:11-14, 18; Mk 13:24-32

OBERAMMERGAU PASSION PLAY PILGRIMAGE:

Fr. Aron Maghsoudi from Queen of Angels Parish in Central City, Pennsylvania will be leading a pilgrimage to the Oberammergau Passion Play and Central Europe from September 7-15, 2022. The trip includes visits to an ancient monastery in Bavaria, gothic treasures in Prague, the beautifully preserved town of Cesky Krumlov, fascinating Kutna Hora and Olomuc in the Czech Republic, the incredible chapels carved in the salt mines of Wieliczka, Poland, historic Krakow, and a free day in Poland with an optional excursion to the meticulously preserved Slovak village of Vikolinec. In addition to the enchanting cities and countryside of Central Europe all pilgrims will attend the famous passion play in the Bavarian village of Oberammergau. Mass will be celebrated each day. For more information are encouraged to call Queen of Angels Church, 814-754-5224.

MIKE AQUILINA AT OMOS: Join us at Our Mother of Sorrows on Thursday, November 11, at 7:00 p.m. for a talk by Mike Aquilina, author of over 60 books. We asked Mr. Aquilina to speak about his book *St. Joseph and His World*. We are excited to hear his talk during the Year of St. Joseph. Join us in the church for this exciting evening and bring a friend!



Patris corde, 6. A Working Father

Saint Joseph's work reminds us that God himself, in becoming man, did not disdain work. The loss of employment that affects so many of our brothers and sisters, and has increased, as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic, should serve as a summons to review our priorities. The crisis of our time, which is economic, social, cultural and spiritual, can serve as a summons for all of us to rediscover the value, the importance and necessity of work for bringing about a new "normal" from which no one is excluded. Let us implore St. Joseph the Worker to help us find ways to express our firm conviction that no young person, no person at all, no family should be without work!

St. Joseph, A Working Father, Compassionate Worker, pray for us.

St. Joseph the Worker Prayer: O God, Creator of all things, who laid down for the human race the law of work, graciously grant that by the example of St. Joseph and under his patronage, we may complete the works you set us to do and attain the rewards you promise. Through Christ our Lord. Amen. (Pope Francis Apostolic Letter *Patris corde*, 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.**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHICKEN BBQ BENEFITING THE ST VINCENT DE PAUL NEED'S 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 November 7 - Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time:

In today's Gospel Jesus tells us: "I want you to observe that this poor widow contributed more than all the others who donated to the treasury. They gave from their surplus wealth, but she gave from her want, all that she had to live on."

Ask yourself "Am I only giving from my surplus wealth?" and remember that every gift you give will help those who are suffering see and know God's love and care.

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 November 10, 2021 at 6 pm at St Rose of Lima Church. Please contact Dan Weaver at dweaver@atlanticbb.net for more information.

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!

FAMILIES AND THE GOSPEL: (Mark 12:38-44) The widow in today's gospel gave only a little, but it counted for a lot. In our homes there are many LITTLE MOMENTS which can have great significance and glue the family together. Seize the moments. Reprinted with permission: A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar.