

## PASTOR'S CORNER

**AN ADVENT BOOK CLUB** – Advent is less than 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. Our Advent Book Club will meet online on the Wednesdays of Advent at 7:00 to share our reflections. This book is available on Amazon, and we have made 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.

**ANTICIPATING ADVENT, WHICH ANTICIPATES CHRISTMAS** - The French philosopher Albert Camus once 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 will make available Advent Calendars, and also 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.

**ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE** - Mark your calendars now for our Advent Penance Service, scheduled for Monday December 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. There is no better way to prepare for Christmas than making a good confession! Other Penance Services include St. John's in Lakemont, scheduled for Sunday, December 5 at 4:00 PM. Additional services will be announced as we receive word.

**EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINE:** Information for the November 28 bulletin is due on Thursday, November 19.



**Ministry  
Scheduler  
Pro**

We are working on a new ministry schedule using Ministry Scheduler Pro and will let you know when it's ready!

### 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.



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#GIVINGTUESDAY

NOVEMBER 30, 2021

We're excited to announce that we are participating in iGiveCatholic on Giving Tuesday, our nation's first-ever Catholic day of giving! This year, Giving Tuesday will be November 30 from 12:00 AM to 11:59 PM. If that date doesn't work, there is an Advanced Giving Day phase for donations beginning at 12:00 AM on Monday, November 15, running through November 29 at 11:59 PM.

To contribute, go to <https://aj.igivecatholic.org/> and search for Saint Rose of Lima.

Your generous support is greatly appreciated!

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK**

Sun. November 14 - Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 Wed. November 17 -5:15-6:00 p.m. Pro-Life Rosary



**Monday, November 15 - Saint Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

8:30 a.m.  
 †Jean Lane (*Michael Dillon*)

**Tuesday, November 16 - Saint Margaret of Scotland; Saint Gertrude, Virgin**

8:30 a.m.  
 †Eugene Bettwy (*Maria & Doug Spayd*)

**Wednesday, November 17 - Memorial of Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious**

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

**Thursday, November 18 - The Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles; Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin**

8:30 a.m.  
 †Jean Lane (*Bill & Fritz Beard*)

**Friday, November 19**

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

**Saturday, November 20 - Vigil of the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

4:00p.m.  
 †Bill Love (*Family*)

**Sunday, November 21 - Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

8:00 a.m. Mass For the People  
 10:30 a.m.  
 †Linda Taddei (*Dan & Gloria Taddei*)

**FAMILY LIFE CHRISTMAS CARDS** will be sold at the rear of the church after each Mass.

**PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING  
 November 6/7, 2021**

Regular	\$9,820.20	Children's	\$40.00
Loose	\$273.00	Thanksgiving	\$30.00
Vigil Light	\$5.00	All Saints Day	\$150.00
First Offering	\$11.00	All Souls Day	\$112.00
Catholic Register	\$10.00	Catholic Charities	\$30.00
		Total	\$10,481.20

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER:** When we have firmly established as individuals, as a family and as a parish that we will give to God the first and best portion of our Time, Talent, and Treasure, the warnings we read in scripture today need not cause us alarm. In fact, we can receive them as encouragement, to "Keep Calm and Steward on," no matter what comes our way.

One of the blessings of a stewardship way of life is that in challenging times whether in our homes or workplaces, or even our beloved Church itself, we can take great comfort in knowing we have a concrete plan to keep our priorities in right order. And when we put God first in all aspects of our lives, we will experience the peace that only He can give that surpasses all understanding. (*Stewardship Reflection*, Catholic Stewardship Consultants, Inc. 2018/11/18)

**ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING:**

Volunteers are needed to light candles on the Wreath at each Mass during Advent. We are looking for two or more people or families interested in participating at the beginning of the Liturgy after the opening Penitential Rite.



The dates are Nov. 27 and 28, Dec. 4 and 5, Dec. 11 and 12 and Dec. 18 and 19. Please sign up on the list posted in the gathering area.



*Religious Education News*

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  
 November 20: 11<sup>th</sup> Grade Retreat at St. Mary's - 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM  
 November 21: 10:30 AM Mass - Rite of Commitment for 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Candidates and Parents/Sponsors

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

A very old tradition holds that when the Apostle St James came from Jerusalem to evangelize Spain, he brought an icon of the Virgin to Madrid (according to a manuscript dated 1640).

In the 11th century, the King of Spain Alfonso VI was eager to relocate the ancient image of the Virgin that had been missing since 712 when it was hidden during the Islamic conquest. He organized a procession around the city walls led by the monarch in person, the clergy, the nobility and the people of Madrid. When they passed in front of a storage place for wheat called the almudith a cascade of stones fell out of the wall and exposed a niche containing the image of the Virgin—henceforth called the Almudena. Astonishingly, the people saw that two candles were still burning near the painting 300 years later, which explains the darkness of her face. Since November 9, 1085, the Virgin of Almudena has been considered the patron saint of Madrid.

### **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 Vlkolinec. 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.

**ANGEL FUND OUTREACH:** This year our CCD grades K-9 will be participating in Catholic Charities' Angel Fund Outreach Program. We are encouraging all parishioners to join us. We are asking for a donation of \$13.00 per family or \$9.00 for an individual. Gift cards are also a donation option with Walmart being a preferred choice. Please place your donation in an envelope and write ANGEL FUND OUTREACH on the front. These envelopes can be placed in the collection basket, dropped off at the rectory, and CCD students can return their envelopes to the class teacher. Please be generous as this is the only Christmas these children will have. If you have any questions, or concerns, please contact Yvonne Gibson at 9344-8509 (rectory) or 330-2518 (cell). Thanking you in advance for your kindness.

### Readings for the Week of November 14, 2021

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Dn 12:1-3; Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11; Heb 10:11-14, 18; Mk 13:24-32
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Saint Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</b> 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158; Lk 18:35-43
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Saint Margaret of Scotland; Saint Gertrude, Virgin</b> 2 Mc 6:18-31; Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Lk 19:1-10
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Memorial of Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious</b> 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b and 15; Lk 19:11-28
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>The Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles; Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin</b> 1 Mc 2:15-29; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Lk 19:41-44
<b>Friday</b>	1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd; Lk 19:45-48
<b>Saturday</b>	1 Mc 6:1-13; Ps 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19; Lk 20:27-40
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</b> Dn 7:13-14; Ps 93:1, 1-2, 5; Rv 1:5-8; Jn 18:33b-37

**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/](http://cda2625.com/contact/)



Flyers are in most parish foyers or can see a flyer online at: [cda2625.com/2021-afghan.pdf](http://cda2625.com/2021-afghan.pdf).

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**FAMILIES AND THE GOSPEL:** (Mark 13:24-32) Today's gospel teaches us UNCERTAINTY is normal. There are some things in life which "no one knows ... only the Father." Marriage and parenting are full of uncertainty for like the fig tree in the gospel, the people we love grow and change. Reprinted with permission: A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar.



**Patris corde, 7. A Father in the Shadows**

The Polish writer Jan Dobraczynski, in his book *The Shadow of the Father*, tells the story of Saint Joseph's life in the form of a novel. He uses the evocative image of a shadow to define Joseph. In his earthly relationship to Jesus, Joseph was the earthly shadow of the heavenly father: he watched over him and protected him, never leaving him to go his own way. Fathers are not born, but made. A man does not become a father simply by bringing a child into the world, but by taking up the responsibility to care for that child. Whenever a man accepts responsibility for the life of another, in some way he becomes a father to that person.

Pope John XXIII was nicknamed the Pope of St. Joseph as he always made public his devotion to St. Joseph. He described St. Joseph in this way to a large group of seminary rectors in 1961, "Meek, quiet, discreet: St Joseph is the perfect model for imitation in circumstances that recur in every age and that call for self-denial and total abandonment to God." St. Joseph was named Patron of the Second Vatican Council so that "the Council may be tranquilly prepared for and well-conducted, thus bringing abundant fruit to souls."

**St. Joseph, A Father in the Shadows, Perfect Model for all Fathers, pray for us.**

(Pope Francis Apostolic Letter *Patris corde*, 2020, 7. 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 14 - Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time:**

The Gospel predicts end times; our challenge though is to live faithfully now. When we live in conformity to the Word, hearing Jesus' words and living them out, the future holds no fear for us.

**Know that you are hearing the words of Jesus and living them out every time you help your SVDP Conference help others.**

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!

**NITE AT THE RACES:** The Knights of Columbus Council 551 (Altoona) will be holding a "Nite at the Races" on Saturday, Nov. 20 at the Knights of Columbus, 1508 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Altoona.

Doors open at 6 p.m. and the horse racing starts at 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$50 per horse, which includes entry for two people along with dinner and beverages. Tickets are available by emailing [KofC551@gmail.com](mailto:KofC551@gmail.com) with your name and number of tickets requested and your name for your horse(s) to be published in the racing program. Or contact Frank Goss at (814) 329-6094.