

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Twenty-Second Sunday in O. T.
Sept. 1, 2019
You have approached Mount
Zion
and the city of the living
God.
— Hebrews 12:22a

Our Lady of Fatima
Pleaded that we pray the Holy Ro-
sary before Sunday Mass and
privately from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm daily.

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Our Lady of Fatima Parish
2010 12th Avenue
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Rectory Office Hours:

Monday – Friday 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Parish Office: 814-942-0371

Our Lady of Fatima Mass Schedule
Sunday: 10:30 AM - Holy Days: 6:00PM
Rosary: 10:05 AM - Rosary: 5:40 PM

Our Lady of Fatima Parish Administrator
Very Reverend Alan E. Thomas, VG
Parish Secretary
Carol Z. Smith

Eucharist for the home bound - weekly:
Patty Flanagan 942-0371 for arrangements.

Our Lady of Fatima Church is open
Monday through Friday: 9AM - 5PM
for visits before the Blessed Sacrament.

Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals will be held
at Our Lady of Fatima.

Preparation for Baptism, and Weddings will be held at
the Cathedral. 944-4603

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick
Parishioners wishing to receive the sacrament of
healing may call the Cathedral Parish Office to
make arrangements. 944-4603

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OF SS. PETER & PAUL AND ST. LEO THE GREAT IN 1995.



Cathedral Church Office: 814-944-4603
One Cathedral Square

Most Reverend Mark L. Bartchak, Bishop
Very Rev. Alan E. Thomas, VG, Administrator
PH: 814-742-7075, Allison, Secretary

Rev. Father Dennis M. Kurdziel, Parochial Vicar
Christian Initiation Team: 944-4603
Catholics returning Home: 944-4603

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and Grieving - 944-4603

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Director of Music Ministry
Leslie C. Thayer, MM, CAGO
Music Ministry Office - 944-2044
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Reconciliation @ Cathedral: 7:00 PM Wednesday
12:30 PM Saturday

Religious Education @ Cathedral: Pre-K through 11
Sacramental Formation @ Cathedral: First Reconciliation
First Communion
Confirmation

Sacramental Formation @ the Cathedral: Baptismal Prep
Marriage Prep
Christian Initiation

Hospital Visitation: Call the Cathedral: 944-4603

Cathedral Eucharist:
Sunday: 5:00 PM (Vigil) Holy Days: 5:30 PM (Vigil) Weekdays: 6:45 AM
8:00 AM 8:00 AM 12:00 Noon
10:00 AM 12:00 Noon
12:00 Noon 5:30 PM Saturday: 8:00 AM
5:00 PM 12:00 Noon

HUMILITY

Humility is a virtue we don't see much in our times. It seems that bragging, swaggering, and arrogance dominate our fashion for everything and our Internet conversations. Who hasn't been irritated by the "trolls" who try (usually with bad grammar and poor spelling) to start an online fight with those whose opinions do not align with theirs? Our stores, catalogs, and online shopping sites are full of useless items geared in use and price to the very rich, as ordinary, useful things seem to fade off the sales scene. As the rich get richer, the poor get poorer and the middle class is fading away. What is the antidote to this? Humility is a good place to start. Devotion to God is worth more than riches. "The father of orphans and the defender of widows is God in his holy dwelling. God gives a home to the forsaken; [God] leads forth prisoners to prosperity."

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The readings today center on mindfulness, awareness of where we stand in God's plan. The mountain of Sinai carries a message of the majesty and distance of God, while Jesus' presence as host of the banquet speaks of intimacy and mystery. September's shadow calls us all to mindfulness as we prepare to return to life outside of summer. The Christian life holds these two places of knowledge of God in careful balance. Even in the accounts of the Passion we see the table of the upper room in balance with the Mount of Olives.

*Altar means "high place," yet it is also a table. The former liturgy of the Latin Rite began with the priest bowing at the foot of the altar's three steps, chanting *Introibo ad a/tare Dei*, or "I will go to the altar of God," followed by the altar servers' response, "The God who gives joy to my youth." Many parishioners can recall and recite this scene by heart. As with so many things in liturgy, there are layers of meaning in our worship. The altar table evokes memories of the high places once reserved for encounter with the holy, and the intimacy of the table where hospitality draws us to share food and drink.*

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WORKERS

The workers are the saviors of society, the redeemers of the race.

-Eugene V. Debs

PRIDE

The proud hate pride-in others.

-Benjamin Franklin

NO SURPRISES

We are told by all spiritual writers that one important point to bear in mind, as we seek to attain humility, is not to be surprised by our own faults and failures.

-Franois Fenelon

Monday, September 2, is a Day of Prayer in the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown. On Labor Day the Local Church will observe the intention for Human Rights and Equality. Please pray the following for all who seek just and rewarding work.



God of compassion and love,
guardian of the oppressed and lover of the poor,
watch over and protect our brothers and sisters
who seek work that meets the needs of their families.
Provide labor that offers just wages and dignity of life
so that all may live comfortably and in peace.
On this Labor Day we ask your blessings
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

September 1, 2019
TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
10:30 AM

September 1, 2019 Scripture Reflections

OUR LADY OF FATIMA MASS INTENTIONS

Readings: Sir 3: 17-18,20,28-29; Heb 12:18-19,22-24; Lk 14:1, 7-14

Today's Intention -Chuck Hennigan

Readings: Wis 9:13-18; Phlm 9-10, 12-17; Lk 14:25-33

Twenty-Third Sun. In O.T.

Grace Ruscito, Kevin & Jane Byrne

Cathedral Mass Intention

September 2, Monday: Weekday, Labor Day

Readings: 1 Thes 4:13-18; Lk 4:16-30

9:00 AM Patrick Hallinan (Family)

September 3, Tuesday: St. Gregory the Great Pope & Dr.

Readings: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Lk 4:31-37

6:45 AM John Adams, Sr., Birthday (Family)

12:00 PM Kathleen Duffy, Birthday (Husband)

September 4, Wednesday: Weekday

Readings: Col 1:1-8; Lk 4:38-44

6:45 AM Derek Behe (Mom & Dad)

12:00 PM Lori Keirn (John & Pam Wertz)

September 5, Thursday: St. Teresa of Calcutta

Readings: Col 1:9-14; Lk 5:1-11

6:45 AM Dorothy Stephens (Shirley Fisher)

12:00 PM Rose Stefanon (Dr. & Mrs. Richard Gonsman)

September 6, Friday: Weekday

Readings: Col 1:15-20; Lk 5:33-39

6:45 AM Joseph Knott (Mother Orvita)

12:00 PM Josephine Behe (Cathedral Parish)

September 7, Saturday: Weekday

Readings: Col 1:21-23; Lk 6:1-5

8:00 AM Dave Baronner, Anniv. (Family)

12:00 PM Health of Ann Eger (Peg Behe)

Vigil: Twenty-Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

Readings: Wis 9:13-18; Phlm 9-10, 12-17; Lk 14:25-33

5:00 PM Jennie Calabrese, Birth. (Daughter & Family)

"My child," writes the author of Sirach, "conduct your affairs with humility, and you will be loved more than a giver of gifts." Humility is a distinctly Jewish virtue and one that Jesus embraces as the foundation of his teaching on the kingdom of God. Jesus often uses the image of a banquet to offer a teaching about the kingdom. The poor of Palestine could only dream of a banquet.

The overflowing abundance of food and wine was beyond their hope. With this image, Jesus promises the poor that they are the chosen guests at God's banquet. God has a preference for the lowly and only those who acknowledge their lowly status in relations to God and to others will be embraced at the banquet of eternal life.

Many places in the Scriptures show that Jesus lived humility: "Learn from me for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves" (Matthew 11:29). "The Son of the Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many" (Matthew 20:28). Humility defines Jesus' life and teaching and so it should define Christians' lives, too. In relationship with God, humility defines us as dependent on God for everything; in relationship with others, humility defines us as servants to others.

St. Augustine identified humility as the defining virtue of a Christian way of life, "This way consists, first of humility, second of humility, and third of humility. No matter how often you would ask me, I would say the same" (St. Augustine Letter 118).

- **Why do you think that humility is such a significant virtue for a Christian?**

*Jesus, Son of the Living Father,
Have Mercy on Me a Sinner.*

Please pray for all of our parishioners, especially for those who have illnesses great and small and our seniors who are lonely and need comfort and care.

Bosco's Friends helping Friends are on sale now for \$5.00 in the vestibule. Please get your cards early and sell to family and friends. We only have a short window to sell them. Your \$5.00 stays with the parish!

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Annual September Tours--Again this year the Cathedral will offer one-hour tours on four separate dates in September of the magnificent Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament. September 7 will mark the 88th anniversary of the formal dedication of the Cathedral. The tour dates are: Sunday, September 1 at 1:00 P.M.; Tuesday, September 10 at 7:00 P.M.; Tuesday, September 17 at 7:00 P.M.; and Sunday, September 22 at 1:00 P.M. Light refreshments will be provided. Please call the Parish Office (944-4603) to make reservations.

Arise

Arise Group Leader Meeting... Wednesday, September 11, 2019, 6:00 PM Cathedral Parish Center, Religious Education Floor. Arise Together in Christ is a 6 week, Catholic based, small group faith-sharing program that guides Christians to know God better, grow spiritually, meet new people, improve our relationship with Christ, and put our faith into action. Season 3, "In the Footsteps of Christ" will focus on the key themes of Catholic social teaching. Please consider participating in this program beginning on Sunday, October 6th. Sign-up weekends will be held at the Our Lady of Fatima door beginning September 14th.

Religious Education

Registration for Grades PK-11 will be held in the Parish Center Education floor, 14th St. entrance, before and after all masses on August 17 and 18. If you are new to the program please bring a copy of your child's baptism certificate. All students must be registered before the start of classes on September 8th. Please call Chris Laraia (312-7317) for PK/8, or Jean Koury (934-7316) for 9-11.

F.I.R.E Classes

Sunday September 8th,, and September 22nd, 6:15-8:15 PM.

Confirmation Prep for September

Confirmation prep for ALL students seeking Confirmation. (AAHS, BG, HLBG, Home schooled) First class is September 8th, 2019. (ALL) Ninth and Tenth Grade Candidates and Parent meeting. Following the 10:00 AM Mass in the Cathedral Hall. We will begin 11:05 AM lasting about 30 minutes.

September 15th Sunday 6:15-7:30 PM

Confirmation prep 11th Grade (only). Candidate/ Parent/Sponsor meeting. Please have at least a parent or your sponsor with you.

Catholic Ministry Drive Goal = \$9,271.00

Report for EOM July, 2019. - We received \$4,790.00 in one time gifts and pledges. Still owing is \$4,481.00

Aug 25th Weekly Collection \$1,582.00

BIRTHDAYS: Corinne Baker 9/1; Joe Pufka 9/3; John Kasun 9/4; Janice Frucella 9/5; Kevin Byrne 9/8; Kathy Kasun 9/8;

ANNIVERSARIES: Patty & Joe Pufka 9/5; Dana & Ron Smith 9/9;

SARA QUINLAN WILL CELEBRATE HER 96TH BIRTHDAY ON SEPT 14TH

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**OUR LADY URGES US TO PRAY THE HOLY ROSARY
FOR
PEACE AND OFFER
SACRIFICES BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE!**

CATHOLIC CHARITIES, INC. OF THE DIOCESE OF ALTOONA-JOHNSTOWN--DONATIONS NEEDED

Every day, people walk into the Catholic Charities Altoona Office seeking help--help with a bill or a place to stay, a cup of coffee and listening ear, or just a place to sit out of the summer heat or winter cold. All are welcome. In each one we see the face of Jesus.

Our office always tries to have free nonperishable food and personal/household supplies available for those that need it. Everything is given freely.

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- Pop tarts/Toaster Pastries
- Canned Beefaroni / Spaghetios / Raviolis / Lasagna
- Cleaning Supplies - Spray Cleaners / Disinfectant Wipes

Your donations will help us bridge the gap between the summer and when the students at Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School do a major food drive for us right before Thanksgiving.

(September 1) Twenty-second Sunday of Ordinary Time

Jesus' parable today highlights humility as one of the key qualities of discipleship.

Our model for this life of stewardship is Jesus Christ. He is the faithful and loving teacher who embraced the world and gave his life to humanity. By placing others before ourselves, we find that there is no room for a sense of "entitlement" in the life of a Christian steward.

Padre Pio Family Fest at Saint John the Baptist New Baltimore

All are invited to Saint John the Baptist Parish and Retreat Center in New Baltimore on Sunday, September 8 for an exciting program of prayer, music, games and food. There will be an outdoor Mass at noon. During the afternoon there will be music and games. At 5PM there will be a healing prayer service in honor of Padre Pio. Relics of Padre Pio, including a glove he wore and blood from his stigmata will be available for veneration. The Fest is sponsored by the Capuchin Franciscan Friars. Padre Pio who died in 1968 had on his body the wounds of Christ. Padre Pio is well known as an intercessor. God has granted many healings and miracles through Padre Pio's prayers. At 5 PM there will be a special prayer service where all are invited to ask for healing and for other favors.

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---From the National Directory for Catechesis

The Office of Adult Enrichment and Lay Ecclesial Ministry has announced classes for 2019-2020 which begin this fall. For class information and registration forms please visit us online at www.dioceseaj.org/lay-ecclesial-ministry/ or contact us directly at (814) 361-2000 or by email at mheinze@dioceseaj.org. All are welcome!

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