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Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Aug 20, 2023

FIRST READING: — Thus says the LORD: “Stand firm in justice; do what is right” (Isaiah 56:1, 6-7).

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: — O God, let all the nations praise you! (Psalm 67).

SECOND READING — The gifts and the calling of God are unable to be revoked (Romans 11:13-15, 29-32).

GOSPEL -- Jesus told the Canaanite woman of great faith, “It shall be done as you wish” (Matthew 15:21-28).

LITURGICAL REFLECTION - WHY PRAY? The “foreigners” as Isaiah calls them, the “Gentiles” as Paul calls them, or the “Canaanites” as Matthew calls them are called to worship the one true God in prayer. As we listen to today’s readings, perhaps we are tempted to ask: Why pray? The question is rhetorical; it is tantamount to asking why should friends talk to one another or people in love kiss one another. Prayer is a way of relating to God, a way of talking to God. The apostles had the opportunity to talk to Jesus in the flesh. We have the opportunity to talk to Jesus Christ in prayer. Our relationship with him must be enthusiastic; it cannot be faint-hearted. John Donne, a fifteenth-century poet, knew what the qualities of good prayer were. Donne asks God to treat him differently from most Christians. The poet does not want God to merely “knock, breathe, shine, and seek to mend,” but also to “break, blow, burn, and make me new” (Holy Sonnets, XIV). It takes a dynamic faith on our part to come to God in prayer. As Jesus once said, “Knock and the door will be opened to you” (Matthew 7:7). It may take pounding the door down, but if we are as persistent as the woman in today’s Gospel, the results will follow. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

TODAY	8/20		
MON	8/21		
TUES	8/22		
WED	8/23		
THURS	8/24		
FRI	8/25		
SAT	8/26	3:00PM	.... Confession
NEXT SUN	8/27	6:00PM	.... CCD Faculty Meeting Church Hall

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: (Aug 21st – Aug 27th)

MON	8/21	7:50AM	.... Children of Toni Kirsch – (Mom)
TUES	8/22	7:50AM	.... Good Health for Uncle Ken – (G)
WED	8/23	7:50AM	.... + M/M Joseph Cisz – (Daughter, Joan Cisz)
THUR	8/24	7:50AM	.... + Ronald Gombar – (Marshall Family)
FRI	8/25	7:50AM	.... + Kevin Gritzer – (Jim & Marilyn Costie)
SAT	8/26	4:00PM	.... + (A) Laverne Bobby – (Brother, Jimmy)
SUN	8/27	7:30AM	.... + Frank Karmanocky – (Abe & MaryKay Skakunik)
		10:30AM	.... + Betty Quinn – (Joe & Marilyn Yeager)



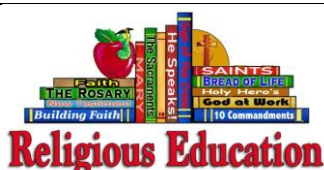
Sunday August 20, 2023

Stewardship Reflections: We have to take Jesus up on the invitation to become His disciples by the way we live our lives. God knows we will not always get this right. We may choose selfishness and stay in our comfort zones at times. But God is patient and merciful with us when we falter. He wants to lead us to the joy of heaven. We must be strong in faith and live our lives as an act of love and gratitude to Him. We must allow Him to transform us. This is what the stewardship way of life is meant to do and we must accept the difficulties and challenges that come with it. (CatholicSteward.com 7/10/2023)

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS (Aug 12th Aug 13th 2023)

Weekly \$ 3,145.00
Building Fund \$ 217.00

Thank you and May God Bless you for your continued support of St. Therese Church.



Religious Education

There will be faculty meeting in the Church Hall on **Sunday, August 27th at 6PM** for all grades. Please be present so we can discuss the up-coming year **PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE.**

Our Catholic Ministries Drive - Together We Serve-

Your sacrificial gifts of prayer and treasure will make an immediate impact on ministries that care for the poor, strengthen family life, nurture our youth, and provide leadership development for clergy and laity. 100% of your gift goes directly to these ministries! As of July 31st, we have collected **\$10,325.00** of our **\$21,083.00** Goal. Please consider making a pledge to the Ministries Drive. You have until Dec 31st 2023 to pay your pledge in full.



Dan Hutchison and his family would like to thank everyone who donated blood in his honor. A big thanks to St Therese Church and the Knights of Columbus #10409 for hosting the live saving blood drive. We would like to thank the Red Cross Staff and anyone else that we may have missed. We appreciate all of you! We exceeded our goal which was 30 units and we collected 32 units! Thanks again.

Dan & Marge Hutchison and Family.

Families and the Gospel - (MT 15: 21-28)

The mother in today's gospel persisted, even when she was ignored and insulted. She would do whatever was necessary to bring relief to her child. Parenting is more than bringing life into the world; it is also about sacrificing daily for your children.

Community News & Events

Swiss Steak Dinner

Come to the **Church of the Transfiguration on Sunday, August 27** and enjoy a delicious Sunday Dinner. We open our doors at the parish hall at 10AM to 1:30PM. Come into our parking lot at 219 Third St Conemaugh. It is #13 a meal that includes hot Swiss Steak, in its own gravy, green beans, bun, salad and dessert. You will enjoy your dinner and relax and have fun.

2023 Outdoor Masses: All the faithful of the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese are invited to our **outdoor Masses every Sunday evening at 7 PM at the beautiful Shrine of Our Lady of the Alleghenies!** Outdoor Masses will continue through Labor Day weekend- September 3, 2023. Please bring a lawn chair. of St. Michael the Archangel



Bishop Mark Bartchak and the Family Life Office cordially invite all couples celebrating 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60+ years of marriage in 2023 (and their families) to attend the **Annual Wedding Anniversary Liturgy.** Couples may attend **Sunday, September 10 in ALTOONA at Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament** or **Sunday, September 17 in JOHNSTOWN at St. John Gualbert Cathedral.** Both locations are handicap accessible. Liturgies in each location begin at 2:00 p.m. Most Rev. Bishop Mark will be the celebrant and homilist at each celebration.

Refreshments/snacks will be available after the mass for anniversary couples and their families. Reservations must be made through your parish for either celebration by **Tuesday, August 29.**

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT -

Father John D. Byrnes and the Basilica of St. Michael parish family invite all in the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese to Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament before the **final outdoor Mass** of the summer, in Loretto. **Adoration will be on September 3rd in the Basilica of St. Michael from 3:00-6:30PM prior to outdoor Mass.**



Mom's House Weeklong Garage Sale

Monday, August 21st - Friday, Aug 25th

10AM -2PM

Rear 1325 Frankling St.

Clothes, shoes, household, books, decorations and many other items.

Proceeds Benefit the Mom's House Scholarship Program

Call 814-535-4848 for details



**St Matthew's Anglican Church
Spaghetti Dinner/ Basket Party**

Saturday, Sept 9th

1-3PM

St Therese Social Hall

Includes Spaghetti Dinner
and 25 Basket Tickets



ST. ROCHUS SOCIETY CROATION HALL LODGE

5 will offer traditional Kolo dance lessons beginning Aug. 30 at Croatian Hall, 612 Broad St. in the Cambria City section of Johnstown. Classes on the traditional Croatian, Serbian, and other ethnic dances will be offered from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM. Aug. 30-31. and Sept. 6, 7, & 13 Classes are being offered in anticipation of Johnstown Slavic Fest, which will be taking place Sept. 15 and 16 at the Heritage Discovery Center on Broad Street. There is no fee to attend classes. Enter via alley door. For more information or to register for a class, call Jim 814-421-4958.

A Women's Day of Reflection: St. Benedict Parish, Johnstown will be hosting Inspirational Speaker, Ximena DeBroeck, STL, Ph.D. for A Women's Day of Reflection, "Called and Anointed for Mission" This one-day event will be held from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM September 30, 2023. The day will start off with a walk with the 'Women of the Old and New Testament' as you discover the meaning of being called. The day will include Mass, adoration, opportunities for confession and fellowship and the opportunity to strengthen the tether between your heart and the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This event is free and open to all. A lunch and refreshments will be served so an RSVP is required. A love offering will be taken. For more information contact the St. Benedict Rectory at (814) 266-9178 or Deacon Michael Russo at 814288-3036 or email at michael.russo@atlanticbb.net.

**St Patrick Church Fall Fundraiser:
Basement & Bake Sale - September 8th & 9th**
Come one, come all, search for treasures!
Sale hours: **8am to 4pm** in the basement.
Carry out food & bake sale - 10am to 4pm.
St. Patrick's famous gobs will be available



**St. John Gualbert Cathedral Activities Center
Spaghetti Dinner**

Sunday, September 10, 2023

110 Adams St. Johnstown, PA - at the corner of Adams and Railroad Streets.

Doors open 11AM - serving till 3PM.

Adult - \$10.00 Children 4 - 12 \$7.00 Ages 3 and under free, take-outs available.

Tickets can be purchased at the door or at the St. John Gualbert Rectory prior to the event.

Basket Party and 50/50 tickets will be available for an additional charge at the dinner, and you do not need to be present to win.

Hope to see you there!

*3 things you cannot recover in Life:
The Word after its said,
the moment after its missed
and the Time after its gone.*

Strengthen Your Family

A strong family does not just happen, but is built over time of many little parts. Most of these are simply everyday occurrences, things we share with one another within our families. Doing things together helps us share ourselves with others in our family. Too often we think that by keeping older family members busy, providing entertainment or supplying other diversion, we are meeting their needs. But most people want to be heard and sustained, rather than distracted or entertained. To allow genuine closeness to happen, we must open ourselves to the experience of growing old and become comfortable with our own aging. Then we will be able to listen carefully to an older person's concerns as well as joys.

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