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August 20, 2023

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's Scripture Readings

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

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: Recognizing the Canaanite woman's great faith, Jesus told her, "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.

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

MON	08/21	NO MASS
TUES	08/22	7:00AM. . . + Michael J. Beblar - (Bryan & Susan Ryba)
WED	08/23	NO MASS
THURS	08/24	NO MASS
FRI	08/25	NO MASS
SAT	08/26	5:30PM. . . Pro Populo
SUN	08/27	9:00AM. ..+ Holy Souls of Purgatory - (Bob Kuhns)



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 & 13th, 2023

Collection:

Weekly	\$ 1,650.00
Monthly	\$ 15.00
Assumption	\$ 45.00
Fuel	\$ 10.00
Flowers	\$ 10.00
All Saints	\$ 5.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 5.00
Christmas	\$ 10.00

*Thank you for your continued support of St. Anne's Parish!
Please remember in your prayers the deceased parishioners
and benefactors of our parish. God Bless!*

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE – Daily mass this week will be offered on Tuesday.

No Mass will be offered on Friday.



Coffee and Cake...will be served in the Church Basement after both Masses this weekend, Aug 19 & 20. Everyone is welcome to

stop down for a delicious treat and to enjoy friendly conversation and fellowship.

Be sure to stop down~!!!!



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 that 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.

Religious Ed Registration News

Children entering grade 1 will need a registration form completed and must provide a copy of their baptismal certificate.

Any other students entering our program will also need to complete a registration form and provide a copy of their baptismal certificate.

In the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown the sacrament of Confirmation is a three-year program in preparation for receiving the sacrament. This will include **all students in the ninth grade – those in our Religious Education Program, students enrolled in Bishop McCort High School, and home-schooled children.** Bishop McCort students and home-schooled children will need to complete a registration form.

If your child is entering second grade at Divine Mercy or is home schooled, they are required to participate in the 2nd Grade religious education program to make their First Confession & Holy Eucharist.

Registration forms are in the back of the church. They can be put into the collection basket or returned to the rectory by the end of August.

Any student leaving our Religious Education Program is asked to notify the Rectory.

Community News & Events

St Patrick Church Fall Fundraiser: Basement & Bake Sale - Sept 8th & 9th

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



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



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.

Wedding Anniversary Liturgy -- 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.

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 St. Benedict Rectory at (814) 266-9178 or Deacon Michael Russo at 814-288-3036 or email at michael.russo@atlanticbb.net.

Pilgrimage to Rome, Assisi & Orvieto -- Fr. John Slovickovski, Pastor of Visitation parish, as part of the celebration of the Jubilee 2025, is promoting and coordinating a pilgrimage to Rome, Assisi, and Orvieto, Italy, which is open to the entire diocese in the month of June 2025. This pilgrimage will include visitations to the 4 Major Basilicas of Rome (The Vatican {with an audience with the Pope}, Saint Mary Major, Saint John Lateran, and Saint Paul outside the Walls.) We will also visit the Spanish Steps, the Catacombs, Trevi Fountain, and the Coliseum as well as the basilicas of St. Francis and Saint Clare in Assisi. All of our tour will be guided by a native who is fluent in Italian. If you are considering joining our group, you are asked to contact the Visitation Parish office @ 814-536-6110. **THERE IS NO OBLIGATION (financial or otherwise) BEFORE WE MAKE OUR COMMITMENT WITH THE PILGIMMAGE TOUR COMPANY IN EARLY, 2024** when we will meet with our Pilgrimage tour company. 2025 is an exceptional time to be in Rome since it will be during a Jubilee Year which is a very special time for a Jubilee occurs only once every 25 years.

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- Sept 3, 2023. Please bring a lawn chair. In the event of inclement weather, the Mass will be celebrated in the Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel.

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 Sept 3rd in the Basilica of St. Michael from 3:00-6:30PM prior to outdoor Mass.



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.

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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ABORTION: Abortion is inherently different from other medical procedures because no other procedure involves the purposeful termination of a potential life.



"Some of the littlest things take up the most room in your heart"