

PASTOR'S CORNER

A NEW FACE IN OUR COMMUNITY - Beginning next weekend the parishes of St. John and St. Rose of Lima will be blessed with the priestly ministry of Father Nelson Javier, TOR, a Franciscan of St. Bernadine's monastery in Hollidaysburg. He has been serving in a parish in Florida for many years, but is being transferred here to the Altoona-Johnstown diocese, and will be residing at Mount Carmel. I know he will be given a warm welcome by our parish communities.

SURVEY THIS WEEKEND - This weekend we will be conducting an in-the-pew survey to gather additional information regarding your contact information, as well as your willingness to participate in a variety of parish ministries. The generous use of our time, talent and treasure enriches parish life!

SUNDAY EUCHARIST IS THE HEART OF PARISH LIFE! - We've mentioned that the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops will be embarking on an initiative entitled "*Created Anew by the Body and Blood of Christ: Source of Our Healing and Hope.*" To prepare us as a parish, my brother priests, deacons and I will be **preaching on the Eucharist beginning next weekend**, when Jesus' sermon on the Bread of Life will be the gospel for four consecutive weeks. It begins with the multiplication of the loaves, a gospel miracle recorded in all four gospels. As more folks are coming back to Mass after the pandemic, a good refresher can deepen our love for this most important of the Sacraments.

OUR SAINT OF THE WEEK! Mary Magdalene, whose feast we celebrate on Thursday, was one of Jesus' most loyal followers and is said to have been the first to witness his resurrection. She has often been referred to as the "Apostle to the Apostles." While the Western Christian Church portrayed her as a repentant sinner for centuries, newer research has disputed this interpretation, and the discovery of the Gnostic Gospels, including the Gospel of Mary, describes Mary as a reflective and wise woman who was a close friend of Jesus. The Catholic Church has had a growing awareness of Mary Magdalene's importance, indicated by raising the liturgical rank of the "Memorial" of Saint Mary Magdalene to a "Feast" in 2016.

RENEWAL OF LITURGICAL MINISTRIES - Now that more of the Faithful are returning to Sunday Mass, it is important for us to renew our commitment to our various liturgical ministries. We will be reaching out to those who have been lectors and Eucharistic ministers, preparing schedules for these ministries. We also invite you to participate as "Gift Bearers" and as ministers of hospitality.

MINISTRY OF HOSPITALITY – What enables a parish to grow is the spirit of hospitality that is extended to folks who come to our parish for Mass. Over the next weeks we will be soliciting people to serve as ministers of hospitality, who will also serve as those taking up the weekly collection. More information will follow.

MASS INTENTIONS - Those wishing to have Masses offered here at St. Rose are asked to make use of the special envelopes that have been placed in the vestibule. These intentions can be placed in the collection basket or dropped off at the rectory. Your use of envelopes rather than placing a phone call will help us keep accurate records!

MEMORIAL PRAYER SERVICE FOR SISTER CELESTE CIESIELKA: The Carmelite Community of the Word will celebrate a Memorial Prayer Service honoring the life of Sr. Celeste Ciesielka who died from Covid-19 on December 15, 2020. Sr. Celeste served in many roles and touched the lives of many throughout the diocese. Family, friends and co-workers are invited to join in this celebration to be held at the CCW Incarnation Center Motherhouse, 394 Bem Rd, Gallitzin, PA on Sunday, August 1, 2021. An outdoor prayer service is planned for 2PM with a reception to continue until 4PM. Attendees are asked to bring a lawn chair if possible to compliment seating within a tent. *RSVP's are requested by July 28, 2021 by emailing communityofficeCCW@gmail.com.*

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

Sun July 18 Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wed July 14 5:15-6:00 p.m. Pro-Life Rosary



Monday, July 12

8:30 a.m.

†Rosemary McConnell (*Holy Trinity Catholic School*)

Tuesday, July 13 Saint Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr

8:30 a.m.

†Jean Lane (*M. Letitia Harris*)

Wednesday, July 14 Saint Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church

8:30 a.m.

†LTJG William F. Kohlrusch, USN (*Jim Trexler*)

Thursday, July 15 Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene

8:30 a.m.

†Members of the Altar Rosary Society

Friday, Saint Bridget, Religious

8:30 a.m.

†Paul Dixon (*Dean, Gina, Alexandra & Aaron Miller*)

Saturday, July 17

4:00p.m.

†William Luther (*Katie Tremmel & Heide*)

Sunday, July 18 Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Mass For the People

10:30 a.m. †Eugene Stoltz (*Rita & Jerry Kibler*)

CANDLES: For the intentions of Mary Jo Geishauser
 by Linda Zakrzewski

For Olive Savino by Irene Mishock

OUTDOOR MASS FOR MARRIED COUPLES:

All married couples and their families are invited to the annual Outdoor Mass for Married Couples this Sunday, July 18 at 7:00 p.m. at the Our Lady of the Alleghenies Shrine in Loretto. Bishop Mark will celebrate the Liturgy, during which married couples will have the opportunity to renew their commitment to each other. The Rosary will be prayed beginning at 6:30 p.m. Bring your own lawn chair, and if it rains, Bishop will celebrate Mass inside the Basilica of Saint Michael the Archangel next to the shrine. The Mass is sponsored by the Family Life Office of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown.

PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING-JULY 3-4, 2021

Regular	\$7,817.75	Children's	\$33.00
Loose	\$249.25	Vigil Light	\$10.00
Parish Life	\$33.00	Christmas Club	\$41.00
		Total	\$8,184.00

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

The theme of "shepherds" and "shepherding" flows through all our readings. It is the Gospel that summarizes best what the Lord did for us, and what He continues to do for us. The disciples have just returned from mission work in several communities and villages. They are tired and Jesus recognized that His disciples needed to rest and recover. However, when He saw the crowds He was "moved with pity for them," and His compassion outweighed everything else because they were truly "sheep without a shepherd."

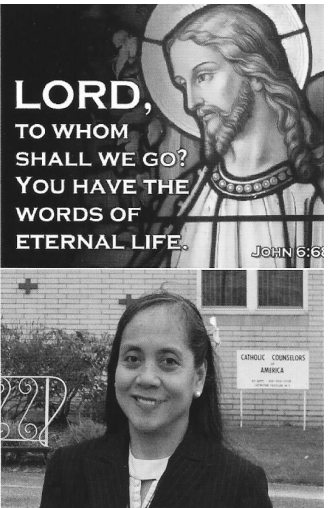
If we are dedicated to being a disciple of Jesus Christ, and live our lives as good stewards, there are going to be times when we, too, are weary, and may feel like we can do no more. Like the Lord, we must learn to gather our strength through Him, to place our trust in Him, and to take the next steps in our faith journeys by doing more, by responding to the needs we see around us. (*Stewardship Reflection*, Catholic Stewardship Consultants, Inc. 2015/7/01)

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- ✓ Are your thoughts trying to control you?
- ✓ Do you harbor an angry and unforgiving heart?
- ✓ Are you anxious about what others think or say?
- ✓ Are you feeling down most of the day?
- ✓ Are you afraid, worried, and have no peace?

God, Our Father, is the source of all Wisdom through Our Lord Jesus Christ. The Most Holy Spirit is our Counselor. Our Blessed Mother Mary and all the holy angels and saints are our intercessors and protectors. "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, on your own intelligence rely not" Prov. 3:5. Come! There is help for you. Call Leorose (Rose) Trexler
 St. Aloysius Faith Education and Community Center, 7911 Adm. Peary Hwy., Cresson, PA

Tel. No. 814-505-7178



Deacon Jim's "A Moment with Our Lady"

July 18, 2021

The Shrine of Lourdes was chosen by the Congregation for the Clergy to host an important international convention on July 4-5, 2016, under the chairmanship of Cardinal Beniamino Stella. "The priest, witness of Mercy" is meant to give priests the opportunity to experience mercy for themselves in the context of the Jubilee year of Mercy. All priests were invited to participate.

The priest occupies a central place in the history of Lourdes—a reminder that the priesthood is at the heart of the universal mission of the Apostolic Church. Mary told Bernadette: "Go and tell the priests to build a chapel here." With these words, she confirmed that the Church, symbolized by the construction of a chapel, is built through the intermediary of priests.

The first person informed of the apparitions in Lourdes was Father Pomian, Bernadette's confessor. In 1858, the combined efforts of the pastor of Lourdes, Rev. Peyramale, and Bishop Laurence, were decisive to discerning the authenticity of the apparitions. In 1866, the first chaplains promoted the presentation of the message of Lourdes. Thousands of priests visit Lourdes each year.

IS GOD CALLING YOU TO BECOME A DEACON?

Do you believe that God might be calling you to discern the Ordained Ministry of Christ the Servant, as a Permanent Deacon in the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown? If so, you and your wife (if married) are invited to join Bishop Mark and Deacon Michael Russo at the "Bishop's Night of Vocations" on Tuesday, September 21 at 7 p.m. at the US Hotel Tavern, Hollidaysburg. Reservations for this event are required and can be made by contacting Marybeth at (814) 361-2000. The deadline for reservations is August 20th. For more information on the Permanent Diaconate please visit us online at www.dioceseaj.org/Diaconate/ or by contacting Deacon Michael Russo, Director at (814) 288-3036. All are welcome!

FLEA MARKET: St. Therese Conference /St. Vincent de Paul Society will hold a Flea Market on Fri. Aug. 6th and Sat. Aug. 7th from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm in Fr. Kelley Hall on the corner of 25th Ave. and 5th St., Altoona.

ANNUAL CHURCH FESTIVAL at Saint Benedict Church in Carrolltown on July 23, 24 and 25.

Friday, July 23rd – Basket Auction and Take-Out Only Ethnic Dinner from 4 to 8 p.m.

Saturday, July 24th – Basket Auction and Take-Out Only Ethnic Foods from 3-8 p.m.

Sunday, July 25th – Basket Auction from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Take-Out Only Turkey Dinner beginning at 11 a.m. - \$12.00

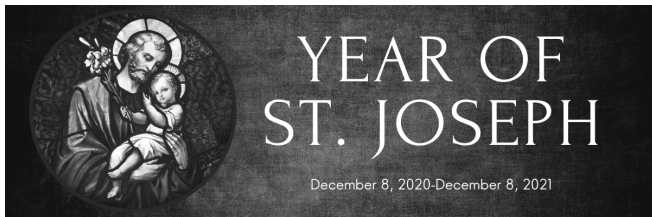
ETHNIC FOOD FESTIVAL: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church 605 Graham Ave in Windber will have a three day Ethnic Food Festival starting on Friday 7/30 12:00pm - 7:00pm, Saturday 7/31 11:00am - 7:00pm and on Sunday 8/1 12:00 - 5:00pm.

Take out only. HALUPKI, HALUSZKI, HOME-MADE PIEROGI, PAGACZ, KIEBASSA, HOT SAUSAGE, PIZZA, CHURCH BAKED GOODS AND MORE.

ST. AUGUSTINE ANNUAL PICNIC: St. Augustine Church, 803 St. Augustine Road, Dysart, will hold their Annual Church Picnic on Sunday, August 1st. The picnic features BBQ Chicken Dinner with homemade noodles. Dinners available from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Dinners are \$12 and will be carry-out only. There will be seating available throughout the picnic grounds and in the church hall. Basket raffle, fancy booth, bingo, children's games, etc. will be held throughout the day.

MOUNT CARMEL CHURCH HANDMADE

GNOCCHI SALE: From the Kitchen of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, the Parish is sponsoring a Handmade Gnocchi Sale. On the weekend of August 14—15, you may purchase packages (single serving) of frozen handmade gnocchi freshly made by the ladies of the Parish under the direction of Rosa of the former Aldo's. They will be available on August 14th from 4:30—6:00 pm and August 15th from 9:00 am—12:30 pm in the School Cafeteria (8th Avenue) for \$5.00/package. All you will have to do is take them home, boil the water, cook the gnocchi, and add your favorite sauce. This will make a delicious meal for the "famiglia." The proceeds will benefit the Parish.



Patris Corde, 2. A Tender and Loving Father, Strength in the midst of Fear

An angel told Joseph in a dream that King Herod was searching for the Child to kill him. As an obedient man, Joseph takes the child and his Mother and leaves for Egypt. It is a new departure, a new exodus. In letting himself be led by God, Joseph becomes the guide of the Holy Family. As every good father of a family, he risks his life for his Son.

“Even through Joseph’s fears, God’s will, his history and his plan were at work. Joseph, then teaches us that faith teaches us that amidst the tempest of life we must never be afraid to let the Lord steer our course. At times, we want to be in complete control, yet God always sees the bigger picture.”

St. Joseph, a tender loving father, strength in the midst of fear, pray for us.

(Pope Francis Apostolic Letter *Patris Corde*, 2. Dec. 8, 2020; Jacques Gauthier, Catholic Book Publishing, N.J., 2014) **2021, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown Liturgy Committee, Liturgy Office, Mary, Mother of the Church Pastoral Center, 2713 W. Chestnut Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601.**

Readings for the Week of July 18, 2021

Sunday	Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Jer 23:1-6; Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6; Eph 2:13-18; Mk 6:30-34
Monday	Ex 14:5-18; Ex 15:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 12:38-42
Tuesday	Saint Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr Ex 14:21—15:1; Ex 15:8-9, 10 and 12, 17; Mt 12:46-50
Wednesday	Saint Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28; Mt 13:1-9
Thursday	Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17 or Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 or Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15 and 17; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Friday	Saint Bridget, Religious Ex 20:1-17; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Mt 13:18-23
Saturday	Saint Sharbel Makhlūf, Priest Ex 24:3-8; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Mt 13:24-30
Sunday	Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 2 Kgs 4:42-44; Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18; Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15

St. Rose of Lima’s St. Vincent de Paul Conference Weekly Reflection for July 18 - Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

In this Sunday’s Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples to “Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while.” Vincent de Paul, a great man of action was also a contemplative. His contemplation of God’s love overflowed into practical love for the poor.

Please say a special prayer for the poor and forgotten, knowing that your ongoing generosity to our SVDP Conference enables us to answer some of their prayers.

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!

FAMILIES AND THE GOSPEL (Mark 6:30-34) In today’s gospel “the apostles gathered around and told Jesus all they had done.” Listening allows the other person to express, understand and appreciate their experiences. Whether it is the excited chatter of young child or the repetitious stories of an aging grandparent, listening is important. It is not just time well spent, it is sacred time. *Reprinted with permission: A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar.*

A SUMMER TRADITION CONTINUES: Outdoor Masses will be celebrated at the Our Lady of the Alleghenies Shrine in Loretto every Sunday night at 7:00 p.m. through Labor Day weekend, September 5. Those attending are asked to bring their own lawn chair. In the event of inclement weather, Mass will be celebrated inside the Basilica of Saint Michael the Archangel next to the Shrine. Faithful are invited to come early to the outdoor Masses and visit one of the most historic sites in the diocese. The Prince Gallitzin Chapel House, located next to the Shrine, will be open for self-guided tours from 3:00-6:00 p.m. on July 18; and August 1, 15, and 29. The humble structure was the home and personal chapel of the Prince-Priest and Servant of God Demetrius Gallitzin. Today, it stands as a museum, which contains artifacts from Father Gallitzin’s personal life.