



Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown

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TO: All Pastors, Principals and Business Administrators

RE: Annual Financial Reports

FR: Kerry Capelli, Comptroller 

DT: June 26, 2017

The **Annual Financial Report, Parish Budget, Cemetery Report, Finance Council Membership List and School Annual report** for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017 are available on the Diocesan Website to print or download the electronic version.

Please have those completed copies sent to the Finance Office no later than **Wednesday, August 17, 2017**. Please also return the **Membership List** of the Current Finance Council with **each** member's signature. Each member is to receive a copy of the **Parish Finance Council Directives**.

Also available for reference on the Diocesan website:

- Parish Report Classifications - This guide is a set of account descriptions for each line item in the Parish Report to use as a reference when completing.
- School Report Classifications - This guide is a set of account descriptions for each line item in the School Report to use as a reference when completing.
- Parish Finance Council Directives - This is a directive on the mission and responsibilities of the parish council.

The revised Annual Parish Report and the account descriptions are presented to provide for more guidance for classifying receipts and expenditures and to provide for more consistency from parish to parish. This is the product of several committee meetings and feedback from pastors and bookkeepers.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Kerry Capelli or Mary M. Rogal.

***Stewardship Reflections
for the Sunday Bulletin***

July 2017 (Cycle A)

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time (July 2)

It has been said that as we become more affluent, our hospitality lessens. Regardless of how wealthy you perceive yourself to be, make time this week to building the Kingdom in our midst by being spontaneously hospitable to someone who cannot return your kindness.

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time (July 9)

Today's psalmist sings with joy "Let all your works give you thanks, O Lord, and let your faithful ones bless you." A steward's way of life is grounded in giving thanks, living with an "attitude of gratitude."

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time (July 16)

By living as good stewards of God's many gifts, we have the capacity to harvest an abundant crop of "faith" that nourishes ourselves and others we encounter.

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time (July 23)

When each of us shares our time, our talents, and treasure through the parish, the faith community thrives as our example inspires others to become good stewards. May your good stewardship of free will cause you to bear much fruit as a disciple of our Risen Lord.

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time (July 30)

Good stewards treasure the kingdom of heaven regardless the cost to themselves.

August 2017 (Cycle A)

Feast of the Transfiguration (August 6)

Summer is a wonderful time to focus on God's bounty and promise. When we are genuine stewards as disciples of Jesus we can reflect on the goodness of all of God's children as we transform the world by sharing our time, our talents, and treasure

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time (August 13)

Even the apostles doubted Jesus. Yet, he assuredly calmed their fears, as He calms yours today, with "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid." We can stay on course as a keeper of all God's gifts when we stay focused on God.

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time (August 20)

Saint Paul reminds us that "the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable." How will you use these gifts God entrusted you to carry out your personal vocation? Let the depth of faith God has given you continue to "walk the stewardship walk."

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time (August 27)

Christian stewards come to see everything in their midst as awesome gifts. May you use these gifts "through Him and for Him" to build up the kingdom of God on earth.



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2017 Wedding Anniversary Celebration Information

Family Life Office
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Facsimile (814) 886-7697
familylife@dioceseaj.org
www.dioceseaj.org

July 5, 2017

TO: Clergy of the Diocese

RE: **Annual Wedding Anniversary Liturgies**
for couples celebrating 1, 5, 10, 25, 40, 50, 55, 60+ years of marriage in 2017

ALTOONA Liturgy—Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament—Sunday, September 10—2:00 p.m.

JOHNSTOWN Liturgy—Saint John Gualbert Cathedral—Sunday, September 17—2:00 p.m.

Couples and their families may attend either location. It is not necessary that they live in a particular geographical area. Indicate the celebration they will attend on the reservation form included with this letter.

WHO MAY ATTEND

Couples celebrating 1, 5, 10, 25, 40, 50, 55, 60+ wedding anniversary in 2017 and their families.

Couples (including interfaith marriages) must be in good standing and be certified by their parish priest. (*See reservation form*)

COST

\$10.00 a couple (*enclose with reservation form*)

PRIEST AND DEACONS INVITED

Bishop Mark will be the Celebrant and Homilist. Priests who wish to concelebrate have permission to trinate. Priests and deacons should wear the Diocesan Chasuble.

RESERVATIONS (*Forms enclosed*)

Family Life Office Reservation deadling
(*early deadlines necessary in order to prepare invitations, certificates, and mass book*)

For Johnstown and Altoona,
no later than **Thursday, Aug. 24**

Type or print all reservations. Please be careful of spelling. Use correct spelling the couple desires, especially with family names that may have changed through the years.

Invitations will be mailed to each couple and certificates will be prepared with the Bishop's signature. **Couples cannot receive a certificate from the Bishop unless they attend one of the celebrations.**

You can recommend a couple as a reader, gift bearer, or altar dresser. Indicate names and phone number on their reservation form. Our office will contact the couple if chosen so please do not ask them ahead of time.



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(Please note that 5th and 10th Wedding Anniversaries are again being added to the celebration because of requests we have had at our office to include couples who want to celebrate before 25 years. We feel if we have requests there is a need to include these couples.)

BULLETIN/PULPIT ANNOUNCEMENT

Publish the weekends of August 6, 13, 20

(Please publish all three weekends so couples who may be on vacation will see the announcement)

**All
areas
of the
Diocese**

Bishop Mark Bartchak and the Family Life Office cordially invite all couples celebrating 1, 5, 10, 25, 40, 50, 55, and 60+ Wedding Anniversary in 2017 (and their families) to attend the **Annual Wedding Anniversary Liturgy**. Couples may attend Sunday, Sept. 10 in ALTOONA at Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament or Sunday, Sept. 17 in JOHNSTOWN at St. John Gualbert Cathedral. Both locations are handicap accessible. Liturgies in each location begin at 2:00 p.m. Bishop Mark will be the celebrant and homilist at each celebration. Punch and cookies will be available after the mass for anniversary couples and their families. **Reservations must be made through your parish for either celebration by Tuesday Aug. 22.**

1—5—10—25—40—50—55—60+ WEDDING ANNIVERSARY RESERVATION

Please print or type names as they will appear on the certificate

Husband's First Name _____ Wife's First Name _____ Last Name _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Present Parish Name and Town _____

Marriage Date _____ Anniversary: (circle one) 1 5 10 25 40 50 55 60 6 _____

Will attend in: (circle one location)
Altoona 9/10/17 Johnstown 9/17/17

I certify that the above-mentioned couple belongs to this parish and are in good standing.

Mail form & \$10.00 payment to:
Family Life Office, 5379 Portage St., Lilly, PA 15938

Parish Priest _____

I recommend this couple as _____ readers _____ gift bearers _____ altar dressers Couple's phone number _____
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**PROCLAIM! 10:30 am; Live Mass Telecast 11:00 am - Noon
Every Sunday on WATM-TV ABC 23**

Live Mass Also Airls on Cornerstone Faith and Family Channel

The Minute-a-Month Electronic Ministry

Proclaim! TV Newsletter

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Newly Ordained Priests Invited To Celebrate TV Mass

***Congratulations, Jordan Barzensky
For Your Exceptional Academic
Achievements & TV Team Service!***

We congratulate **Jordan Nicole Barzensky**, a veteran TV teen who was selected as Valedictorian of the 2017 graduating class of Bishop McCort Catholic in Johnstown.

Jordan, also a member of the National Honor Society, has received a full Scholarship to Seton Hill University in Greensburg, where she will major in Biology and Mathematics.



This exceptional young woman has been a valued member of our TV team who is a role model for her peers in every sense of the word. Jordan's enthusiasm for her chosen Ministry has inspired all of our volunteers to do their very best in bringing the live Mass telecast into the lives of thousands of grateful viewers every week. Our prayers and best wishes go with Jordan and all of our volunteers for helping to spread Good News!

As the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown continues to celebrate the ordination of two men to the diocesan priesthood, we have invited both of the newly ordained to serve as Guest Celebrants of our Sunday TV Mass.

Father Peter Crowe and **Father Jonathan Dickson** received the Sacrament of Holy Orders from Bishop Mark L. Bartchak on May 27 at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Altoona.

The day marked the 116th anniversary of the founding of the diocese and the feast day of the Diocese's principal patroness: Mary, Mother of the Church.

The Ordinations were the first to the Diocesan Priesthood in Altoona-Johnstown since 2011.

Father Crowe, 30, a member of Our Lady of Our Lady of Victory Parish in State College, has been appointed as Parochial Vicar at Saint Benedict Parish in suburban Johnstown and Chaplain at DLP Conemaugh.

Both assignments are effective June 28.

Father Dickson, 37, belongs to Saint Therese of the Child Jesus Parish in Altoona. He has been appointed as Parochial Vicar at Our Lady of Victory Parish in State College and Chaplain at the Mount Nittany Medical Center in State College.

We have extended an invitation to both of the new priests to function as Guest Celebrants for our live TV Mass in the near future.

As they settle into their new assignments we pray for the very best for them and we hope to be able to establish dates for their first appearances on the televised Mass so our thousands of viewers will have the opportunity to share in the joy we all feel. Stay tuned for the Good News!



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**Very Reverend Neil R. Dadey, VF
Pastor, Our Lady of Victory,
State College, Centre County,
Our Guest Celebrant for July 30**

Our Guest Celebrant and homilist for the July 30 live TV Mass is **The Very Rev. Neil R. Dadey VF** Pastor of Our Lady of Victory Parish in State College and Dcan of the Northern Deanery.

Father Dadey will celebrant the Mass for the Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

The Sunday Mass is telecast live from Saint John Gualbert Cathedral in Johnstown from 11:00 am until noon on WATM-TV ABC 23 and the Faith and Family Channel of Cornerstone TV. The Mass is also rebroadcast at 9:00 pm Sundays on the Atlantic Broad band Public Access Cable Channel 9.

Our complete list of celebrants for July:

Sunday, July 2 Very Rev. James F. Crookston
Pastor and Rector, Saint John Gualbert Cathedral
(The Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Sunday, July 9 Very Rev. James F. Crookston
Pastor and Rector, Saint John Gualbert Cathedral
(The Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Sister Helen will speak at this Mass on behalf of the Mission Appeal

Sunday, July 16 Rev. Chuck Bridges
(Parochial Vicar, Saint John Gualbert Cathedral)
(The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Sunday, July 23 Very Rev. James F. Crookston
(Pastor and Rector, Saint John Gualbert Cathedral)
(The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time/
and Annual Bishop McCort Alumni Mass)

Sunday, July 30 Very Rev. Neil R. Dadey, VF
*Pastor, Our Lady of Victory, State College, and
Dean of the Northern Deanery*
(The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Minute-a-Month Mass July 2

The Minute-a-Month TV Ministry Mass for July will be celebrated as the 11:00 am TV Mass from Saint John Gualbert Cathedral on **Sunday, July 2, the Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time.**

Dear Proclaim!

Please send us the TV newsletter. We go to St. John the Evangelist in Everett Saturday nights and enjoy watching the Mass Sunday mornings. Thank you,

--C&M W, Bedford, PA

Keeping the Faith July 2017 Guests

Keeping the Faith, hosted by Bishop Mark Bartchak, airs at 10:30 am Sundays on WATM-TV preceding the live TV Mass.

Our complete lineup of guests for July:

Sunday, July 2: Prince Gallitzin Cross 2017 honorees **Irene Matse** of Holy Family Parish in Hooversville and **Donna Stoy** of Saint Thomas Aquinas Parish in Ashville discuss their service to their parish.

Sunday, July 9: Catholic Charities 2017 honorees **Mary Lou Waugerman** of Saint Thomas Aquinas the Apostle Parish in Bedford and **Marissa Smilnak** of Saint Mary Parish in Hollidaysburg share what motivates them to help people in need.

Sunday, July 16: Michael Simanski, a member of Saint Rose of Lima Parish in Altoona and a 2017 graduate of Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School in Altoona, talks about his years of Catholic education and a prominent award for his role in the BGCHS musical.

Sunday, July 23: Our "People from the Pew" series spotlights **Anna Kelly**, a member of Saint Benedict Parish in Carrolltown. Anna talks about how her Catholic faith has sustained her throughout her life.

Sunday, July 30: Father and son **Pat and Marco Pecora**, members of Saint Benedict Parish in Johnstown, explain how their Catholic faith guides them in their careers in college athletics.

Our Viewers Write, E-mail, and Call!

Dear Proclaim!

Thank you for the TV Mass that you bring to my home every Sunday. I've been watching for years. Thank you!
--Anon, Northern Cambria (Cambria County)

Dear Proclaim!

Just wanted to let your know how much my late mother appreciated the live Mass telecast. It meant so much to her and the thousands of others who watch every Sunday.
--Anon, Johnstown.

Dear Father Chuck,

I just want to offer my congratulations to you for being one of this year's recipients of the Prince Gallitzin Cross. Your continued dedication to the development, promotion, and improvements to the television ministry certainly qualify you to be a member of those who have been awarded this honor.
--CY, Sidman (Cambria County)

See Page 3 for Compliments to Our TV Team from a Grateful Viewer of Our Mass