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Memorandum

Date: August 10, 2017

To: Pastors & Parish Administrators

Fr: Matt Stever, CFO *MWS*

Re: *2017 Catholic Ministries Drive* Parish Progress Report

Attached is the latest progress report through August 7th. To date, 16 parishes have surpassed their targets through total gifts/pledges of which 8 qualified for refunds by amounts received. Overall receipts totaled 62% of our Diocesan target as compared to 65% received at this stage of the campaign last year. Total pledged amounts stand at 71% of target verses 76% last year.

Parish refunds accumulated through the date of this report will be distributed August 11th with future distributions scheduled at month-end thereafter.

Thank you for your continuing efforts in supporting this year's drive. As always, if you have any questions or desire additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at 695-5579 or via mobile 931-4530.

Sincerely in Christ,

Matt



**2017 Catholic Ministries Drive
Parish Progress Report**

01/01/2017 - 08/07/2017

<i>Parish</i>	<i>Target</i>	<i>Gifts/Pledges</i>	<i>Over/(Under)</i>	<i>Receipts</i>	<i>Donors</i>	<i>Households</i>	<i>Participation</i>	<i>Donor Average</i>	<i>Over-Target Receipts</i>
001-Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament	\$ 55,121	\$ 62,925	\$ 7,804	\$ 55,779	208	876	23.74%	\$ 303	\$ 658
002-Saint Mary, Altoona	\$ 31,375	\$ 28,511	\$ (2,864)	\$ 21,551	119	453	26.27%	\$ 240	\$ -
003-Saint Mark, Altoona	\$ 21,289	\$ 11,470	\$ (9,819)	\$ 9,991	52	298	20.81%	\$ 185	\$ -
004-Sacred Heart, Altoona	\$ 34,848	\$ 39,046	\$ 4,198	\$ 32,556	150	484	30.99%	\$ 260	\$ -
005-Holy Rosary, Altoona	\$ 19,147	\$ 12,710	\$ (6,437)	\$ 9,075	54	271	19.93%	\$ 235	\$ -
006-Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Altoona	\$ 39,356	\$ 42,632	\$ 3,276	\$ 38,645	239	763	31.32%	\$ 178	\$ -
009-St. John the Evangelist, Lakemont	\$ 45,713	\$ 39,945	\$ (5,768)	\$ 35,020	76	516	14.73%	\$ 526	\$ -
010-Our Lady of Lourdes, Altoona	\$ 22,820	\$ 15,552	\$ (7,268)	\$ 13,563	64	323	19.81%	\$ 243	\$ -
011-Saint Rose of Lima, Altoona	\$ 42,763	\$ 28,532	\$ (14,231)	\$ 26,307	116	584	19.86%	\$ 246	\$ -
012-Saint Therese of the Child Jesus, Altoona	\$ 24,552	\$ 26,341	\$ 1,789	\$ 22,469	138	373	37.00%	\$ 191	\$ -
014-Saint Thomas Aquinas, Ashville	\$ 10,082	\$ 3,300	\$ (6,782)	\$ 3,150	40	161	24.84%	\$ 83	\$ -
020-Seven Dolors of the BVM, Beans Cove	\$ 2,559	\$ 2,715	\$ 156	\$ 2,340	15	41	36.59%	\$ 181	\$ -
021-Saint Thomas the Apostle, Bedford	\$ 36,913	\$ 30,128	\$ (6,785)	\$ 24,290	107	397	26.95%	\$ 282	\$ -
022-Saint John the Evangelist, Everett	\$ 8,877	\$ 11,360	\$ 2,483	\$ 8,975	28	119	24.37%	\$ 392	\$ 98
023-Saint John the Evangelist, Bellefonte	\$ 53,408	\$ 53,817	\$ 409	\$ 44,199	208	898	23.16%	\$ 259	\$ -
024-Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Spring Mills	\$ 7,489	\$ 20,770	\$ 13,281	\$ 18,250	49	114	42.98%	\$ 424	\$ 10,761
025-Saint Joseph, Bellwood	\$ 17,682	\$ 24,220	\$ 6,538	\$ 20,860	106	248	42.74%	\$ 228	\$ 3,178
028-Saint Benedict, Carrolltown	\$ 40,925	\$ 39,450	\$ (1,475)	\$ 37,726	152	773	19.66%	\$ 260	\$ -
032-Saint Monica, Chest Springs	\$ 10,204	\$ 4,765	\$ (5,439)	\$ 4,565	33	162	20.37%	\$ 144	\$ -
034-Holy Family, Colver	\$ 8,996	\$ 2,875	\$ (6,121)	\$ 2,825	21	148	14.19%	\$ 137	\$ -
038-Saint Francis Xavier, Cresson	\$ 22,497	\$ 26,929	\$ 4,432	\$ 24,709	129	388	33.25%	\$ 209	\$ 2,212
040-Immaculate Conception, Dudley	\$ 8,327	\$ 3,685	\$ (4,642)	\$ 3,270	23	109	21.10%	\$ 160	\$ -
041-Saint Catherine of Siena, Duncansville	\$ 20,796	\$ 10,410	\$ (10,386)	\$ 9,950	54	290	18.62%	\$ 193	\$ -
043-Holy Name, Ebensburg	\$ 82,491	\$ 40,921	\$ (41,570)	\$ 35,152	206	1,284	16.04%	\$ 199	\$ -
051-Saint Benedict, Johnstown	\$ 126,624	\$ 59,841	\$ (66,783)	\$ 50,456	266	1,704	15.61%	\$ 225	\$ -
052-Saint Bernard, Hastings	\$ 26,836	\$ 20,375	\$ (6,461)	\$ 19,520	94	454	20.70%	\$ 217	\$ -
053-Saint Mary, Hollidaysburg	\$ 51,678	\$ 33,675	\$ (18,003)	\$ 28,810	118	673	17.53%	\$ 285	\$ -
054-Saint Michael, Hollidaysburg	\$ 46,613	\$ 30,477	\$ (16,136)	\$ 27,162	124	720	17.22%	\$ 246	\$ -
055-Saint Anne, Davidsville	\$ 14,781	\$ 3,055	\$ (11,726)	\$ 2,605	33	212	15.57%	\$ 93	\$ -
057-Holy Family, Hooversville	\$ 11,624	\$ 3,225	\$ (8,399)	\$ 3,125	18	116	15.52%	\$ 179	\$ -
058-Most Holy Trinity, Huntingdon	\$ 31,100	\$ 17,850	\$ (13,250)	\$ 14,150	80	475	16.84%	\$ 223	\$ -
059-Saint John Gualbert Cathedral, Johnstown	\$ 36,109	\$ 35,915	\$ (194)	\$ 32,145	174	563	30.91%	\$ 206	\$ -

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066-Saint Patrick, Johnstown	\$ 27,024	\$ 19,145	\$ (7,879)	\$ 16,150	73	411	17.76%	\$ 262	\$ -
069-Saint Michael, Johnstown	\$ 6,813	\$ 1,585	\$ (5,228)	\$ 1,510	16	113	14.16%	\$ 99	\$ -
071-Our Mother of Sorrows, Johnstown	\$ 73,886	\$ 33,700	\$ (40,186)	\$ 28,425	164	739	22.19%	\$ 205	\$ -
073-Saint Francis of Assisi, Johnstown	\$ 18,608	\$ 8,995	\$ (9,613)	\$ 7,893	66	288	22.92%	\$ 136	\$ -
074-Visitation of the BVM, Johnstown	\$ 27,976	\$ 7,702	\$ (20,274)	\$ 6,911	53	315	16.83%	\$ 145	\$ -
075-Saint Therese of the Child Jesus, Johnstown	\$ 21,084	\$ 14,620	\$ (6,464)	\$ 12,595	96	384	25.00%	\$ 152	\$ -
077-Saint Anne, Johnstown	\$ 7,602	\$ 3,193	\$ (4,410)	\$ 3,151	19	105	18.10%	\$ 168	\$ -
078-Saint Clement, Johnstown	\$ 43,928	\$ 23,423	\$ (20,505)	\$ 18,833	140	517	27.08%	\$ 167	\$ -
079-Saint Andrew, Johnstown	\$ 32,332	\$ 17,445	\$ (14,887)	\$ 15,695	66	519	12.72%	\$ 264	\$ -
086-Saint Michael the Archangel, Loretto	\$ 36,294	\$ 16,561	\$ (19,733)	\$ 14,191	74	427	17.33%	\$ 224	\$ -
087-Saint Stephen, McConnellsburg	\$ 6,536	\$ 6,775	\$ 239	\$ 5,925	26	61	42.62%	\$ 261	\$ -
088-Saints Philip & James, Meyersdale	\$ 6,607	\$ 3,050	\$ (3,557)	\$ 2,850	20	83	24.10%	\$ 153	\$ -
089-Saint Catherine of Siena, Mt. Union	\$ 8,558	\$ 6,890	\$ (1,668)	\$ 6,765	45	127	35.43%	\$ 153	\$ -
090-Saint John Vianney, Mundy's Corner	\$ 17,969	\$ 5,410	\$ (12,559)	\$ 4,720	42	269	15.61%	\$ 129	\$ -
091-Saint Mary, Nanty Glo	\$ 34,079	\$ 16,725	\$ (17,354)	\$ 13,865	88	444	19.82%	\$ 190	\$ -
092-Saint John the Baptist, New Baltimore	\$ 14,365	\$ 6,270	\$ (8,095)	\$ 5,520	28	170	16.47%	\$ 224	\$ -
093-Saint Gregory, MacDonalton	\$ 4,284	\$ 1,995	\$ (2,289)	\$ 1,875	10	66	15.15%	\$ 200	\$ -
094-Saint Patrick, Newry	\$ 32,179	\$ 9,707	\$ (22,472)	\$ 9,142	57	394	14.47%	\$ 170	\$ -
096-Saint Thomas More, Roaring Spring	\$ 12,537	\$ 8,515	\$ (4,022)	\$ 6,945	33	201	16.42%	\$ 258	\$ -
097-Saint Nicholas, Nicktown	\$ 29,524	\$ 15,190	\$ (14,334)	\$ 13,790	81	411	19.71%	\$ 188	\$ -
100-Saints Peter & Paul, Philipsburg	\$ 19,953	\$ 11,048	\$ (8,905)	\$ 9,473	78	249	31.33%	\$ 142	\$ -
105-Saint Joseph, Renovo	\$ 12,588	\$ 4,395	\$ (8,193)	\$ 3,345	24	224	10.71%	\$ 183	\$ -
107-Saint Mary, Orbisonia	\$ 4,949	\$ 2,250	\$ (2,699)	\$ 2,250	12	63	19.05%	\$ 188	\$ -
109-Saint Peter, Somerset	\$ 57,543	\$ 54,690	\$ (2,853)	\$ 47,060	107	603	17.74%	\$ 511	\$ -
116-Saint Augustine, St. Augustine	\$ 14,272	\$ 12,925	\$ (1,747)	\$ 12,250	48	199	24.12%	\$ 261	\$ -
119-Saint Michael, St. Michael	\$ 23,811	\$ 13,975	\$ (9,836)	\$ 12,900	85	408	20.83%	\$ 164	\$ -
120-Our Lady of Victory, State College	\$ 143,995	\$ 207,054	\$ 63,059	\$ 177,074	544	2,049	26.55%	\$ 381	\$ 33,079
121-Saint John, Summerhill	\$ 12,602	\$ 14,080	\$ 1,478	\$ 12,470	81	205	39.51%	\$ 174	\$ -
122-Immaculate Conception, New Germany	\$ 14,646	\$ 14,840	\$ 194	\$ 14,440	84	228	36.84%	\$ 177	\$ -
123-Saint Aloysius, Cresson	\$ 25,024	\$ 20,352	\$ (4,672)	\$ 18,142	144	400	36.00%	\$ 141	\$ -
126-Saint Matthew, Tyrone	\$ 32,145	\$ 38,232	\$ 6,087	\$ 35,532	115	323	35.60%	\$ 332	\$ 3,387
127-Saint Michael, West Salisbury	\$ 3,628	\$ 2,375	\$ (1,253)	\$ 1,670	9	37	24.32%	\$ 264	\$ -
128-Saint Mary, Pochontas	\$ 2,403	\$ 1,010	\$ (1,393)	\$ 810	9	29	31.03%	\$ 112	\$ -
129-Saint Joseph, Williamsburg	\$ 6,462	\$ 2,135	\$ (4,327)	\$ 1,435	13	118	11.02%	\$ 164	\$ -
130-Saint Bartholomew, Wilmore	\$ 10,410	\$ 5,190	\$ (5,220)	\$ 4,615	39	160	24.38%	\$ 133	\$ -
132-Saints Cyril & Methodius, Windber	\$ 14,767	\$ 19,495	\$ 4,728	\$ 18,115	41	208	19.71%	\$ 475	\$ 3,348

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133-Saint Anthony of Padua, Windber	\$ 24,297	\$ 8,530	\$ (15,767)	\$ 7,895	67	399	16.79%	\$ 127	\$ -
136-Good Shepherd, State College	\$ 54,629	\$ 37,708	\$ (16,921)	\$ 30,727	106	594	17.85%	\$ 356	\$ -
139-Our Lady of the Alleghenies, Lilly	\$ 22,860	\$ 21,200	\$ (1,660)	\$ 20,308	133	386	34.46%	\$ 159	\$ -
141-Most Holy Trinity, South Fork	\$ 11,737	\$ 3,395	\$ (8,342)	\$ 3,145	34	182	18.68%	\$ 100	\$ -
142-Our Lady of Fatima, Altoona	\$ 10,973	\$ 5,895	\$ (5,078)	\$ 5,050	37	150	24.67%	\$ 159	\$ -
144-Saint Joan of Arc, Fallentimber	\$ 5,904	\$ 3,156	\$ (2,748)	\$ 2,386	15	73	20.55%	\$ 210	\$ -
145-Queen of Peace, Patton	\$ 20,900	\$ 15,240	\$ (5,660)	\$ 13,370	67	287	23.34%	\$ 227	\$ -
146-All Saints, Boswell	\$ 17,217	\$ 9,225	\$ (7,992)	\$ 8,600	49	271	18.08%	\$ 188	\$ -
151-Our Lady, Queen of Angels, Central City	\$ 17,517	\$ 3,900	\$ (13,617)	\$ 3,565	21	272	7.72%	\$ 186	\$ -
152-Prince of Peace, Northern Cambria	\$ 37,919	\$ 15,995	\$ (21,924)	\$ 13,380	115	574	20.03%	\$ 139	\$ -
153-Saint Clare of Assisi, Johnstown	\$ 13,840	\$ 10,920	\$ (2,920)	\$ 10,180	74	279	26.52%	\$ 148	\$ -
154-Saint Demetrius, Gallitzin	\$ 30,376	\$ 11,767	\$ (18,609)	\$ 11,517	77	334	23.05%	\$ 153	\$ -
155-Saints Gregory & Barnabas, Johnstown	\$ 23,272	\$ 9,435	\$ (13,837)	\$ 9,335	87	396	21.97%	\$ 108	\$ -
156-Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Windber	\$ 22,007	\$ 6,220	\$ (15,787)	\$ 5,370	67	406	16.50%	\$ 93	\$ -
157-Queen of the Archangels, Clarence	\$ 13,475	\$ 7,280	\$ (6,195)	\$ 7,205	40	238	16.81%	\$ 182	\$ -
158-Transfiguration, Conemaugh	\$ 16,191	\$ 7,925	\$ (8,266)	\$ 6,708	37	222	16.67%	\$ 214	\$ -
159-Resurrection, Johnstown	\$ 40,114	\$ 13,642	\$ (26,472)	\$ 11,897	84	583	14.41%	\$ 162	\$ -
160-Holy Spirit, Lock Haven	\$ 37,374	\$ 14,280	\$ (23,094)	\$ 12,795	62	616	10.06%	\$ 230	\$ -
161-Holy Family, Portage	\$ 46,164	\$ 10,415	\$ (35,749)	\$ 9,625	79	787	10.04%	\$ 132	\$ -
150-Diocese Unrestricted	\$ -	\$ 4,329	\$ 4,329	\$ 4,329	6	59	10.17%	\$ 722	\$ 4,329
Total	\$ 2,341,744	\$ 1,658,420	\$ (683,324)	\$ 1,448,908	7,192	33,645	21.38%	\$ 231	\$ 61,049

Target Exceeded by amount "Pledged"

Target Exceeded by amount "Received"

Parish Refund - Offertory "Received" above Target



DIOCESE OF ALTOONA-JOHNSTOWN

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August 16, 2017

TO: Priests, Deacons, Religious and Parish Administrators
FROM: Rev. Msgr. Robert C. Mazur

1) ANNUAL BULK BOOK ORDERS FROM LTP

Information and Order Sheets are included.

2) SEPTEMBER 11: MASS and UNIVERSAL PRAYER

Monday, September 11, 2017, marks the sixteenth anniversary of the terrorist attacks on American soil. A possible petition for the weekend of September 9th and 10th could be:

*As we remember the loss of life sixteen years ago on September 11th,
may God protect us and keep us safe, may violence and terrorism
be replaced with forgiveness, mercy, and peace, we pray...*

3) LITURGICAL CALENDAR ADVISORIES—2017 / 2018

Wednesday, November 1, 2017 - **Solemnity of All Saints, Holy Day of Obligation**

Friday, December 8, 2017 - **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, Holy Day of Obligation**

Monday, December 25, 2017 - **Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord**

Monday, January 1, 2018 - **Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God / NO Obligation in 2018**

Thursday, May 10, 2018 - **Ascension Thursday, Holy Day of Obligation**

Wednesday, August 15, 2018 - **Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Holy Day of Obligation**

4) DATES FOR TOURS OF THE ALTOONA CATHEDRAL IN 2017:

Please print the separate form found under August 16 Diocesan Mailing—Cathedral Tours for group reservations.

Sunday, September 3rd at 1:00 P.M.

Tuesday, September 12th at 7:00 P.M.

Sunday, September 17th at 1:00 P.M.

Tuesday, September 26th at 7:00 P.M.

5) BULLETIN INSERTS

This set of bulletin Liturgical Inserts for late summer and fall conclude this year's reflections on the theme "**Order of Celebrating Matrimony**". You are asked to place these inserts in your weekly bulletin for the liturgical catechesis of our people. Thank you.

(1) ANNUAL BULK BOOK ORDER

The Diocesan Liturgy Office receives a discount on books published by Liturgy Training Publications in Chicago. Last year many parishes purchased their annual orders through this office.

The Liturgy Office will place the order **directly after the deadline date of September 15th** with Liturgy Training Publications of Chicago. **PLEASE NOTE: ALL parishes and diocesan offices are responsible to pick-up their individual orders at either the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, Altoona or at the Fall Pastoral Conference at Seven Springs Resort on Wednesday, October 18.** When the shipment arrives, you will be notified by phone or e-mail with the available day and time to pick up your orders. Thank you.

! PLEASE MAKE NOTE !: Shipping Costs (charged to us by the publisher, LTP) will need to be added to your orders. A breakdown of shipping charges are shown at the bottom of this page and on the order form.

Four publications are made available on the attached order form. **A Workbook for Lectors and Gospel Readers 2018 - Year B** may be ordered at **\$9.00 per copy** (regular price is \$14.00). This publication is a great aid to the ministry of readers and clergy. Everyone should have this workbook in order to prepare for the word's proclamation. The readings for each Sunday and Holy Day are contained with appropriate scriptural catechesis and guidelines for proper proclamation. This book is highly recommended to be placed in the hands of each reader and cleric. Copyright law does not allow this book to be duplicated.

Sourcebook for Sundays and Seasons 2018 - Year B may be ordered at **\$10.00 per copy** (regular price is \$16.00). This liturgical aid equips liturgy planners and presiders with a carefully organized and pastorally practical tool.

At Home With The Word 2018 - Year B—this is the only price change this year—is available at **\$5.50 per copy** (regular price is \$9.00). This book invites you to be at home with God's word, specifically the lectionary readings of the liturgical year. Through reflection and prayer, you can prepare to listen to the word proclaimed on Sunday. Please Note: This book is also available in the **Large Print edition at \$7.00 per copy** (regular price is \$12.00).

The Year of Grace 2018 - Year B: A Liturgical Calendar is available in **poster size** (26 x 26 inches) at **\$5.00 each** (a single poster is \$8.00); **notebook size** (11 x 17 inches) calendars come **25 in a pack at \$8.00** (a regular pack of 25 is \$13.00). The seasons are defined by colors, and the feasts of saints and other important holidays and anniversaries are noted.

An order form is enclosed with this mailing. Please remit payment (check made payable to: **Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown**) with your order form. **YOUR ORDER and PAYMENT MUST ARRIVE in the Liturgy Office by Friday, September 15, 2017.** Orders will be processed directly after the deadline date. Thank you for your cooperation.

****BREAKDOWN OF SHIPPING CHARGES**:**

Orders under \$50.00 add **\$4.00** to the total.

Orders \$50.00 to \$160.00 add **\$8.00** to the total.

ALL ORDERS OVER \$160.00 are to add **7%** of the order value to the total.



2018 BULK BOOK ORDER FORM

Quantity Cost

A WORKBOOK FOR LECTORS AND GOSPEL READERS
(2018 - Year B) **Cost is \$9.00 each.**

SOURCEBOOK FOR SUNDAYS AND SEASONS
(2018 - Year B) **Cost is \$10.00 each.**

AT HOME WITH THE WORD (regular and large print size available)
(2018 - Year B) **Cost of Regular Print is \$5.50 each.**

Cost of Large Print is \$7.00 each.

THE YEAR OF GRACE 2018: A LITURGICAL CALENDAR
Poster Size (26 x 26 inches) **Cost is \$5.00 each.**

Notebook Size (11 x 17 inches) **25 in a pack:**
Cost is \$8.00 per pack.
Number of Packs.

Please enter sub-total amount here →

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AT RIGHT:

Shipping Charges - orders under \$50.00 add \$4.00;
orders \$50.00 to \$160.00 add \$8.00; and all
orders over \$160.00 add 7% of the order total.



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PLEASE RETURN ORDER FORM and PAYMENT BY FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2017.

PLEASE MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: DIOCESE OF ALTOONA-JOHNSTOWN

SEND TO: LITURGY OFFICE, Book Orders, 925 South Logan Blvd., Hollidaysburg, PA 16648

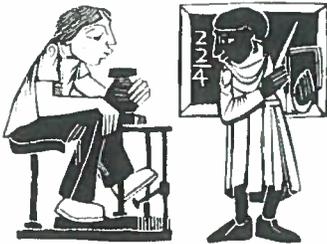
ORDINARY TIME
September—October—November

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Liturgical Reflection...

Monday, September 4, 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, full of compassion and love,
watch over our brothers and sisters who seek work
to meet the needs of their families.
Provide labor that offers just wages and dignity of life
so all may live comfortably in our day.
We pray for employers and employees.
On this Labor Day we ask your blessings
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Liturgical Reflection...

The *Order of Celebrating Matrimony* offers three distinct rituals for celebrating the Sacrament of Matrimony. First, there is the order of celebrating Matrimony with Mass; second, there is the order of celebrating Matrimony without Mass; and the Church presents a third ritual for celebrating Matrimony between a Catholic and a Catechumen or a Non-Christian. All three orders contain: scripture and homily, questions of intent addressed to the bride and groom, consent between the man and woman, blessing and giving of rings, universal prayer, Our Father, and Nuptial Blessing. It is the usual custom to have two Catholics married within Mass.

**ORDER OF
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Order of Celebrating Matrimony, Chapters I, II, and III, 2016.

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Liturgical Reflection...

When celebrating the Sacrament of Matrimony with Mass, the order of the rite is: Liturgy of the Word, the Celebration of Matrimony, and the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Once the celebration of Matrimony is completed, the preparation of the altar and gifts follows. The rite suggests that the bride and bridegroom may bring the bread and wine to the altar. Other possibilities would be family or friends. The couple can ask their godparents to bring up the gifts. Once all is ready on the altar, Mass proceeds in the usual manner.

**ORDER OF
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Order of Celebrating Matrimony, Number 70.

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ORDINARY TIME

September—October—November

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Liturgical Reflection...

Tomorrow marks the sixteenth anniversary of the terrorist attacks on American soil. Many lives were lost, many were injured, and still many continue to mourn that painful September day. Take time for special prayer: participate at Mass, pray the rosary, read scripture, take time before the Blessed Sacrament and silently reflect on God’s love. Ask the Blessed Mother, patroness of our country, to intercede that peace prevail among the nations and for an end to terrorism and violence. God bless our country and all the peoples of the world.

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**ORDER OF
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Liturgical Reflection...

During the Liturgy of the Eucharist at the celebration of Marriage, a commemoration of the husband and wife is provided in Eucharistic Prayers I, II, and III. The Church encourages the use of these special prayers that specifically name the newly married man and woman. All three follow the consecration and precede the Great Amen. The couple is invited to choose which commemoration they would like prayed at Mass. The Church gathers at the altar asking God to bless this bride and bridegroom. The whole Church celebrates their married love and commitment.

Order of Celebrating Matrimony, Numbers 71A, 202, 203, and 204.

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**ORDER OF
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Liturgical Reflection...

After the Our Father at the Mass celebrating Matrimony, the prayer “Deliver us” is omitted and the couple receives the Nuptial Blessing. The priest, standing and facing the bride and bridegroom, invokes upon them God’s blessings. The Nuptial Blessing is never omitted at Mass. There are three different blessings to choose. The engaged couple in planning the celebration of Matrimony is invited to select one of the three Nuptial Blessings. This is an ancient prayer for the newly married bride and bridegroom in the Christian tradition.

Order of Celebrating Matrimony, Numbers, 72-73, 206-207, 208-209.

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Liturgical Reflection...

The sign of peace follows the Nuptial Blessing. This sign expresses peace and charity; the exchange should be confined as it is not a reception line. The Church encourages the reception of Holy Communion under both kinds at Mass celebrating Matrimony. Both the consecrated Bread and Wine can be offered to the bride and bridegroom, their parents, witnesses, relatives and friends who have gathered at this Mass. Formally commissioned Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion can help with the distribution of the Body and Blood of Christ in the absence of priests and deacons, perhaps family members who assist with the distribution of Holy Communion at their parish.

Order of Celebrating Matrimony, Numbers 75 and 76.

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Liturgical Reflection...

Following the Prayer after Communion, the bride may wish to take a flower before the image of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This is a popular local custom in the Diocese. Assisted by her husband, the bride goes before the image of Our Lady and prays for Mary's aid in her new marriage. As Mary was the mother of God and Saint Joseph was the spouse of the Virgin Mary, this new bride prays to be a holy wife and that God bless her marriage with children so she may love them as deeply as Mary loved her family. Following the placement of the flower before the image of God's mother, the bride and groom may give flowers to their mothers.

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Liturgical Reflection...

At Mass celebrating Matrimony, the rite concludes with the solemn blessing provided in the ritual. There is no dismissal. Another local custom which is popular in the Diocese is to introduce the newly married couple to those gathered in the church. The priest presents the new husband and new wife to the Christian assembly. Now married in Christ, this man and woman assume mutual fidelity, as Christ, the Bridegroom, is ever faithful to his bride, the Church. The Church celebrates and supports this couple as they begin their new life together.

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Liturgical Reflection...

With the Order of Celebrating Matrimony without Mass, the rite consists of the Liturgy of the Word and the Celebration of Matrimony. There is no penitential rite or Glory to God. The regular scripture readings offered for the celebration of Matrimony are selected. There is always a homily. Following the Universal Prayer, the concluding prayer is the Lord's Prayer. Omitting the "Deliver us," the Nuptial Blessing is prayed over the newly married couple. When two Catholics are married, there may be Communion outside Mass. Also, the local customs of placing a flower before the image of the Blessed Mother, giving flowers to the mothers of the bride and groom, and introducing the newly married couple may take place.

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Liturgical Reflection...

With the Order of Celebrating Matrimony between a Catholic and a Catechumen or a Non-Christian, the rite consists of the Liturgy of the Word and the Celebration of Matrimony. There is no penitential rite, no Glory to God, and no Collect (opening prayer). The Liturgy of the Word consists of the variety of readings offered by the Church. The Gospel proclamation is followed by the homily. The Lord's Prayer is prayed with the gathered Christians. The Nuptial Blessing may be omitted and replaced with the prayer provided in the rite. Regarding local custom, the Catholic bride may opt to take a flower to the image of the Blessed Virgin Mary, flowers may be presented to both mothers, and the couple can be introduced.

Order of Celebrating Matrimony, Number 138-139 and 140.

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**HOLY
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Liturgical Reflection...

This Wednesday, November 1, is a Holy Day of obligation. Catholics are expected to participate at Mass on the Solemnity of All Saints. The Church keeps festival with all the men, women, and children who have entered the kingdom of God and are seated as saints in the glory of the triune God. It is our humble prayer that someday this will also be our feast day. Check the Mass schedule for Wednesday. Remember on Thursday the Church commemorates All Souls Day.

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Liturgical Reflection...

In the 2016 ritual *Order of Celebrating Matrimony*, the Church offers the Order of Blessing an Engaged Couple. The honorable betrothal of Christians is a special occasion for two families to observe with some ceremony and with common prayer the joyful beginning of the couples' engagement. A selection of scripture readings are provided along with appropriate prayers. A priest or deacon would preside when possible. Otherwise, one of the parents may appropriately preside at this blessing. A betrothal or a special blessing of an engaged couple is never to be combined with the celebration of Mass.

Order of Celebrating Matrimony, Numbers 218, 219, and 221.

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Liturgical Reflection...

The 2016 ritual of the *Order of Celebrating Matrimony* offers the Order of Blessing a Married Couple within Mass on the Anniversary of Marriage. Special readings may be selected and the homily should expound on the mystery and grace of Christian married life. After the homily, there is an address to the couple(s) to pray in silence and renew before God their commitment to live Marriage in holiness. There is a Renewal of Commitment (done quietly or publicly): the husband prays; the wife prays; husband and wife pray together; and the priest prays a prayer of blessing. The Church provides a special Universal Prayer. The rings may be blessed. Following the Our Father, the "Deliver us" is omitted, there is a special prayer of blessing for the anniversary couple.

Order of Celebrating Matrimony, Numbers 237-239, 240, 242, 243, 245-246, and 248.

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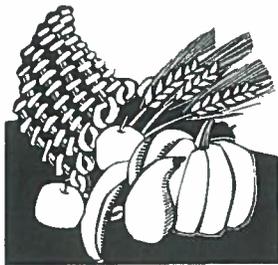
Liturgical Reflection...

This year the liturgical inserts have reviewed the 2016 rite of the *Order of Celebrating Matrimony*. The new ritual possesses an expanded introduction. And there is an expanded set of scripture readings. The introductory rites state there is no penitential rite and the Glory to God is always used for a Ritual Mass. There are expanded and retranslated orations. All in the assembly are invited to stand as the couple exchanges vows. An acclamation is to follow the consent of the bride and groom. The local customs in the Diocese include the bride taking a flower to the image of the Blessed Virgin Mary, flowers given to the mothers of the bride and groom, and introducing the newly married couple at the end of the rite. The Church rejoices with this man and woman now married in the name of Jesus Christ.

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Liturgical Reflection...

This Thursday, November 23, is Thanksgiving Day and a special Day of Prayer in the Diocese. We pray in thanksgiving for the **Harvest and Fruits of the Earth**. As our country pauses to give thanks to God, Catholics are encouraged to participate at Mass and give thanks for all the gifts we have received. Please join in praying the following:

God, your gifts of love are countless and your goodness infinite.
On Thanksgiving Day we come before you
with gratitude for your kindness.
Open our hearts to concern for our fellow men and women,
so that we may share your gifts in loving service.
We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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Liturgical Reflection...

The Church is grateful to the men and women who celebrate the Sacrament of Matrimony in our community. God has raised the indissoluble conjugal contract between husband and wife to the dignity of a Sacrament so that it may signify more clearly and represent more easily the model of Christ's own nuptial covenant with the Church. We offer our support, prayers and love to all these men and women who continue to live out their lives of fidelity and love as husband and wife. In good times and in bad, in sickness and in health, they continue to love and honor one another all the days of their lives.

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Tour of the Altoona Cathedral

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This September the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament will sponsor four tours of the Altoona Cathedral. This is the month in which the Diocesan Cathedral was formally dedicated in 1931. The Altoona Cathedral Parish is offering tours of this magnificent house of worship.

Faith Communities from throughout the Diocese are invited to the Altoona Cathedral for guided one-hour tours throughout the month of September. There will be light refreshments served following the guided tour. Any questions can be directed to the Cathedral secretary, Sue Cronin at 814-944-4603.

Please fill in the information below: 1) Date of tour; 2) Parish name; 3) Contact person with telephone number; 4) Approximate number in group.

SEPTEMBER TOUR DATES AND TIMES:



Sunday, September 3rd at 1:00 PM: _____

Tuesday, September 12th at 7:00 PM: _____

Sunday, September 17th at 1:00 PM: _____

Tuesday, September 26th at 7:00 PM: _____

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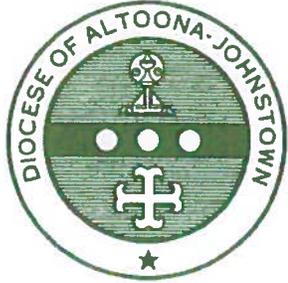
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Bulletin Insert



The Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Altoona is conducting tours during the month of September. This is the month in which the Cathedral was formally dedicated in 1931. Parishes and groups from throughout the Diocese are invited to come for a one-hour guided tour. Plan to take part in one of these tours during September. Please call your Parish Office for further information.



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TO: All Pastors and Parish Bulletin Editors
FROM: Deacon Michael Russo, Ministerial Coordinator
RE: The Shroud of Turin Talk
DATE: August 16, 2017

~Bulletin Announcement~

Please run this announcement in your bulletins as space permits.
Thank you!

SAVE THE DATE!

The Shroud of Turin Talk will be held once again at St. Benedict Parish, 2310 Bedford St., Johnstown, **Sunday, October 29th at 3:00 PM.** In 2013 Bill Wingard established “**Shroud Talks**” to present the history and science of the **Shroud of Turin** and tackle the biggest mystery...**Is the shroud the actual burial cloth?** Personal research coupled with the knowledge and help of the original photographer, Barrie Schwartz, for scientific evaluation in 1978 make for a powerful and comprehensive presentation that will not disappoint. **You are invited to hear the talk and see the full size replica of the Shroud of Turin.** Attendees are encouraged to bring their cameras. Priests will be available after the presentation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. No tickets are required; a love offering will be collected. For more information contact Deacon Michael at 814- 288-3036. **All are welcome!**



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RE: Upcoming Classes
DATE: August 16, 2017

~Bulletin Announcement~

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Adult Faith Formation

Faith formation is a life-long endeavor. By virtue of our baptism, we are called to continually grow closer to Christ through a life of prayer, service, and knowledge of our faith. The Office of Adult Enrichment and Lay Ecclesial Ministry has announced the following classes for the 2017 fall schedule: *Heart of Faith, Old Testament, New Testament, Wisdom Literature and Psalms, The Writings of John and Ecclesiology*. For a description of classes, locations, times, registration forms and to learn more about our program visit: www.dioceseaj.org/lay-ecclesial-ministry/ or contact Marybeth at (814) 361-2000. **All are welcome!**

Attention: Parish Priest

All priests of the Diocese to concelebrate for the 100th Anniversary of Fatima, Birth of Mary celebration with Bishop Mark on Friday, September 8th at Saint Catherine of Siena Shrine, Duncansville, Mass at 5:30pm. We hope your schedule permits.

Enclosed is a bulletin announcement for the weekend of August 27 and September 3.



100th Anniversary of Fatima, Birth of Mary Celebration, Friday, September 8th at Saint Catherine of Siena Shrine, Old Rt. 22, Duncansville, PA 16635

7:45am Mass and 12:05pm Mass, Celebrant: Monsignor Robert Saly

8:15am – 11:30am – Holy Rosary, commences in the church 1:00pm – 5:00pm Rosary in the church and shrine. 5:30pm Mass, Celebrant/Homilist Most Rev. Bishop Mark

Bartchak, Rosary procession, food available from 11:00am – 5:00pm. Come see displays

of Our Lady of Fatima Apparitions, Rosary Makers and more. Bring a lawn chair.

Plenary indulgence: Participation in this celebrations are in keeping with the ways in which the faithful may obtain a plenary indulgence during the Centennial Fatima Observance as announced by Pope Francis. To obtain the plenary indulgence, the faithful must fulfill the ordinary conditions: Go to confession and Communion, be interiorly detached from sin, and pray for the intentions of the Holy Father.

Thank you,

Birth of Mary Committee
Darlene Harella



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36th Anniversary
Birth of Mary Celebration

100th Anniversary of Fatima



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Coffee and Cake after the evening Mass

Church hall: Displays of Our Lady of Fatima Apparitions, Rosary

Makers and more. Bring a lawn chair.

Address petitions to: Birth of Mary Celebration, P.O. Box 88, Duncansville, PA 16635

Donations Welcome

Stewardship Reflections
for the Sunday Bulletin

September (2017) Cycle A

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (September 3)

Jesus calls on us to deny ourselves and follow him. Perhaps he is trying to help us see that everything we *think* we own is really a gift from God. Good stewards recognize this and strive to use all of their gifts responsibly.

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (September 10)

Am I my brother's keeper? All three readings today suggest the answer is "yes" for the Christian steward. We will be rewarded by the Lord if we follow his directives.

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time (September 17)

Those who practice stewardship see themselves as God's gifts. They are grateful and are eager to share their gifts out of love of God and one another.

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time (September 24)

The vineyard owner in today's Gospel asks, "Am I not free to do as I wish with my own money?" We are likewise free. Is a generous return to the Lord, in thanksgiving for his many blessings, among the choices we have made?

October (2017) Cycle A

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time (October 1)

If we give ourselves to God and let him use our talents to humbly serve others instead of ourselves, we will be amazed at His results. Not only will our lives be changed, but so too will the lives of others.

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time (October 8)

Have consumerism and materialism stolen your claim to the vineyard that is the Kingdom of God here on earth? Jesus calls each of us to share fruit, our God-given talents, with others.

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time (October 15)

Stewardship is opening our hearts, hands, and schedules to others. Being available and willing to listen and give our time and love to others, also shows our willingness to prepare others to join in the feast in God's Kingdom.

Stewardship Reflections
for the Sunday Bulletin

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time (October 22)

Each year at tax time, we conscientiously give to “Caesar what belongs to Caesar.” Does my stewardship indicate that I am also as faithful about giving “to God what belongs to God?”

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time (October 29)

We fulfill the commandment to love our neighbor when we exercise good stewardship, joyfully sharing our gifts of life, abilities, and resources to meet our neighbor’s needs.



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IDEAS FOR LIVING BETTER FROM THE FAMILY LIFE OFFICE

Family Ritual

Have an Attitude of Gratitude!

- For all those who labor, **we thank you Lord.**
- For grandparents' loving and caring ways, ...
- For the opportunity to learn new things, ...
- For farmers who grow and harvest our food, ...
- For all the beauty the Fall season brings, ...
- For nature walks and hayrides, ...
- For apples, cider, and pies, ...
- For Fall sports and safely for those playing ...

Practice thanking and trusting God as you walk through times of change in the seasons of your life.

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People are unreasonable, illogical, and self-centered.

Love them anyway!

If you do good, people will accuse you of selfish ulterior motives. Do good anyway!

If you are successful, you will win false friends and true enemies. Succeed anyway!

The good you do today will be forgotten tomorrow.

Do good anyway!

Honesty and frankness make you vulnerable. Be honest and frank anyway!



The biggest person with the biggest ideas can be shot down by the smallest people with the smallest minds. Think big anyway!

People favor underdogs but follow only top dogs.

Fight for some underdogs anyway!

What you spend years building may be destroyed overnight. Build anyway!

People really need help but may attack you if you help them. Help them anyway!

Give the world the best you have and you'll get kicked in the teeth. Give the world the best you've got anyway!

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Families and the Gospel

September 3

Mt. 16:21-27

Relationships live in a careful balance. If a person changes, the balance is altered requiring a shift in the relationship. In today's gospel Jesus announced a change and Peter resisted. Sometimes those we count on for support may actually get in the way. Jesus told Peter: "You are an obstacle to me."

September 10

Mt. 18:15-20

The key word in today's gospel is "listen." We cannot change another person; not alone, not with others and not with a whole Church. All we can do is state our position and "if he listens to you" then he/she can take the steps necessary to change themselves. Change comes from within.

September 17

Mt. 18:21-35

Forgiveness is critical to a healthy life. By holding on to an injury, we are hoping for a better past which will never happen. Forgiveness recognizes that we were unjustly treated and that it will not be corrected. Forgiveness does not condone the injustice. It is a decision to not let the injustice control our lives any longer.

September 24

Mt. 20:1-16a

Today Jesus is saying to us: "Why are you idle? Go into my vineyard." Family, where "the last will be first," is the "vineyard" entrusted to us in today's gospel. Successful families are constructed by "laborers" who work hard on family relationships and not by couch potatoes.



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A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

September 8—Feast of the Birth of Mary

Special days should be celebrated in special ways. Have a Birthday party and say a "Hail Mary."

Volunteering—Giving and Growing

What we get:

- ◆ An opportunity to grow as a person
- ◆ A chance to give in gratitude for all that has been given to us—kind of a thank you gift to God
- ◆ A way to use skills or pursue specific interests not used in our work or at home
- ◆ The joy of giving of one's self
- ◆ Sometimes frustration at all that needs to be done
- ◆ A reality check: not everyone's life is as easy as ours

What we give:

- ◆ Companionship to another
- ◆ Hope
- ◆ Expanding someone else's world



How much is too much?

- ◆ When we do it because we can't so "no"
- ◆ When volunteering helps us avoid issues or relationships that deserve our attention
- ◆ When we think no one else can do it as well as we can
- ◆ When it hurts our marriage
- ◆ When it leaves our children or teens unsupervised
- ◆ When it leaves us without time to relax and time to pray

Keeping it family friendly:

- ◆ Some parents include a child or two in their volunteer efforts
- ◆ Many spouses volunteer as a couple
- ◆ Volunteering with a niece/nephew, godchild, grandparent can deepen those relationships
- ◆ Have we ever asked our family members for honest feedback on how our volunteering affects them? (Are they just being selfish about wanting us for themselves or are they telling us something we need to hear?)

Helpful phrases:

- ◆ "I've grown from this volunteer activity, but now it's time for someone else to take it."
- ◆ "Yes, I can do it if some training is available. I will commit to it for a year."

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Exploring Our Heritage

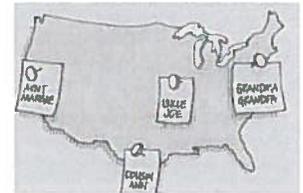
Families come in all sizes. Some children live with two parents, some with one; or a child may be loved and cared for by people who are not their parents. Grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins are part of everybody's family.

Each family has a heritage, its own special people, background, events, places, and stories. Find out about your family's heritage by asking older friends and members of your family.

Do you know the names of your grandparents and great-grandparents? Do you know what kind of work each of them did or does? Try to find out from your family.

Do you know where each person was born? Mark on a map or make a list of the places your parents and grandparents have lived that your family knows about. Are all the places on a map of the United States or do you need a world map?

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Tame the Sleepover

Sleepovers can be great fun but they can also pose risks, as children may have unsupervised access to the Internet, phones, TV, or movies while parents sleep.

Here's what some parents say:

Enforce house rules: "I collect all phones and electronic devices early in the evening and power down our computers," says one mom. "I do it in a lighthearted way, and I tell the girls, you're here to have fun with each other—not to text kids who are not here."

Make sure they're old enough: "Parents in my children's school were having sleepovers in kindergarten," says a mom of five. "I thought that was too young. My kids had to wait until fourth grade, when they were old enough to call me if something was wrong."

Try a sleepunder instead: "I am not a fan of sleepovers," says a dad of two. "The kids are exhausted and cranky the next day. The parents in our class have agreed to 'sleepunders.' Kids go to the host's house in their pajamas, then they have pizza, watch a movie, and parents pick them up at 10 pm or so."



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M E M O

TO: Diocesan Clergy
FROM: Jeanne L. Duffy
DATE: August 14, 2017
RE: Diocesan Calendar

Attached is a copy of the year 2017-2018 calendar of diocesan sponsored meetings, programs and workshops. This information might be helpful to your ministry. An update will be sent out in January, 2018.

August 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6 Bishop's Outdoor Mass with College Students, Loretto, 7 pm	7	8 Building Commission 1:30-4:30 pm, Chancery Conf. Room	9 Mutual Aid Plan Council 9:30-12:00, Conf. Room, Chancery	10	11	12
13	14	15 Assumption of the B.V.M. Diocesan Offices Closed	16 Teacher Induction, Holy Trinity Middle School, 9am - 3 pm	17 Elementary Principal Meeting, Holy Trinity Middle School, 9am - 3 pm	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

September 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3	4 Labor Day Diocesan Offices Closed	5	6 Finance Council Meeting 9:30 am, Chancery Conf. Room	7 Christian Initiation/Lay Min., Part I, 6:30-9 pm, FLO, Lilly (4 wks)	8 Diaconate Academic Wknd, Antiochian Village (Sept. 8-10)	9
10 Wedding Anniversary Mass, Cathedral, Altoona, 2pm	11	12 Building Commission 1:30-4:30 pm, Chancery Conf. Room	13 Presbyteral Council, 1:30 pm, Chancery Conf. Room	14	15	16 Rite of Candidacy, SS Peter & Paul, Philipsburg, 4 pm Mass
17 Wedding Anniversary Mass, Cathedral, Jtown, 2pm	18 Gathering of Deacons & Wives, 5:30 pm, Evening Payer, 6:00 pm, Dinner, OLOA, Lilly	19 Elementary Principal Meeting, IU 8 Ed. Tech Center, Duncansville, 9:30 am - 3 pm	20	21	22 Diocesan Teacher In- Service Mass, 8:30 am, BGCHS, Altoona	23
24 Priests Medical/Retirement Collection	25	26	27	28	29	30 Catholic Life Conference, 9 am - 3 pm, Mt. Aloysius College

October 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Marian Celebration, 3 pm, St. Benedict, Jtown	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 K of C Gathering, 2 pm, Basilica, Loretto	9 Columbus Day Diocesan Offices Closed	10 Building Commission 1:30-4:30 pm, Chancery Conf. Room	11	12 Lay Ecclesial Certification Ceremony - 7:00 PM, Cathedral, Altoona -hristian Initiation/Lay Min., Part II, 6:30-9 pm, FLO, Lilly (4 wks)	13	14 Scout Mass, 12 noon, Cathedral, Altoona
15	16 Fall Clergy Gathering, Seven Springs, (Oct. 16-18)	17 Elementary, Principal Meeting, IU 8 Ed. Tech Center, Duncansville, 9:30 am - 3 pm	18	19	20	21 Ministries of Lector & Acolyte, St. Mary, Hlbg, 4 pm Mass
22 SHYCON, St. Francis, Loretto	23	24	25	26	27 Diaconate Academic Wknd, Antiochian Village (Oct. 27-29) -Elementary Teachers In- Service, St. Michael School, Loretto, 9 am - 3 pm	28 Patriotic Rosary, 2 pm, Cathedral, Altoona
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November 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 All Saints Day Diocesan Offices Closed	2	3	4 Annulment Process Workshop, St. Michael School, Loretto
5	6	7 Personnel Board Meeting, 10 am, Chancery Conf. Room	8 Presbyteral Council, 1:30 pm, Chancery Conf. Room	9	10 Veteran's Day Holiday Diocesan Offices Closed -Diaconate Academic Wknd, Antiochian Village (Nov. 10-12)	11
12	13	14 Building Commission 1:30-4:30 pm, Chancery Conf. Room -Elementary Principals Meeting	15 Mutual Aid Plan Council 9:30-12:00, Conf. Room, Chancery	16 NCYC, Indianapolis (Nov. 16-18)	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 Thanksgiving Day Diocesan Offices Closed	24 Thanksgiving Holiday Diocesan Offices Closed	25
26	27	28	29	30		

December 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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	4	5 Personnel Board Meeting, 10 am, Chancery Conf. Room	6 Finance Council Meeting 9:30 am, Chancery Conf. Room	7	8 Immaculate Conception Diocesan Offices Closed	9
10	11	12 Building Commission 1:30-4:30 pm, Chancery Conf. Room	13 Presbyteral Council, 1:30 pm, Chancery Conf. Room	14	15	16
17	18	19 Elementary Principal Meeting, IU 8 Ed. Tech Center, Duncansville, 9:30 am - 3 pm	20	21	22 Christmas Holiday Diocesan Offices Closed	23
24	25 Christmas	26 Christmas Holiday Diocesan Offices Closed	27	28	29	30
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January 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 New Year's Holiday Diocesan Offices Closed	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11 Christian Int./Lay Min, Part III, 6:30- 9:00 pm, FLO, Lilly (4 wks)	12	13
14	15 Martin Luther King, Jr. Diocesan Offices Closed	16	17 Mutual Aid Plan Council 9:30-12:00, Conf. Room, Chancery	18	19 Diaconate Academic Wknd, Antiochian Village (Jan. 19-21)	20
21 Ecumenical Prayer Service, 2 pm, Cathedral, Altoona	22	23 Elementary Principal Mtg, 9:30 am - 3 pm	24 Presbyteral Council, 1:30 pm, Chancery Conf. Room	25	26	27
28 Ecumenical Prayer Service, 2 pm, Christ the Saviour, Jtown -Catholic Schools Week (Jan. 28-Feb. 3)	29	30	31			

February 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life, 11 am Mass, Cathedral, Jtown	5	6 Personnel Board Meeting, 10 am, Chancery Conf. Room	7 Finance Council Meeting 9:30 am, Chancery Conf. Room -Presbyteral Council, 1:30 pm, Chancery Conf. Room	8	9 Diaconate Academic Wknd, Antiochian Village (Feb. 9-11)	10
11	12	13	14 <i>Ash Wednesday</i> <i>Mandeville Collection</i>	15	16	17
18 Rite of Election: 2:00 p.m. Cathedral, Jtown 7:00 p.m. Cathedral, Altoona	19 Presidents' Day Diocesan Offices Closed	20 Elementary Principal Mtg, IU 8 Ed. Tech Center, Duncansville, 9:30 am - 3 pm	21	22	23	24
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March 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
4	5	6 Personnel Board Meeting, 10 am, Chancery Conf. Room	7 Presbyteral Council, 1:30 pm, Chancery Conf. Room	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 Mutual Aid Plan Council 9:30-12:00, Conf. Room, Chancery	15	16? Quad High Day, BGCHS, Altoona -Diaconate Academic Wknd, Antiochian Village (Mar. 16-18)	17
18 Diaconate Canonical Retreat (Mar. 18-22) -Junior High Youth Day, BCCHS, Ebensburg, 11 am	19	20 Diocesan Penance Service, State College, 7 pm	21 Diocesan Penance Service, Altoona, 6:30 pm	22 Diocesan Penance Service, Jtown, 6:30 pm	23	24 Christian Initiation Retreat/ Anointing, OLOV, State College 9 am — 2 pm, Anointing Service 10:45 am
25 Christian Initiation Retreat/ Anointing, Cathedral, Jtown, 1:30 pm — 5:30 pm, Anointing Service 1:30 pm -St. Catherine, Duncansville 2 pm — 6:30 pm, Anointing Service 4:45 pm	26 Chrisn Mass, 11 am, Cathedral, Altoona	27 Elementary Principal Mtg, IU 8 Ed. Tech Center, Duncansville, 9:30 am - 3 pm	28 Christian Int., PSU, 4:30 pm	29 Holy Thursday Diocesan Offices Closed	30 Good Friday Diocesan Offices Closed	31 Easter Vigil Mass 8:30 pm

April 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <i>Easter</i>	2 Easter Holiday Diocesan Offices Closed	3	4 Finance Council Meeting 9:30 am, Chancery Conf. Room	5 Christian Initiation/Lay Min., Part IV, 6:30-9 pm, FLO, Lilly (4 wks)	6	7
8	9	10 Personnel Board Meeting, 10 am, Chancery Conf. Room (if needed)	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 Elementary Principal Mtg, IU 8 Ed. Tech Center, Duncansville, 9:30 am - 3 pm	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 Christian Initiation Neophyte Mass, 5:00 pm, Cathedral, Altoona
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May 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 Personnel Board Meeting, 10 am, Chancery Conf. Room	9	10 Ascension Thursday Diocesan Offices Closed	11	12
13	14	15 Elementary Principal Mtg. IU 8 Ed. Tech Center, Duncansville, 9:30 am - 3 pm	16 Presbyteral Council, 1:30 pm, Chancery Conf. Room	17 Baccalaureate-BGCHS, 7 pm, Cathedral, Altoona	18 Commencement-BGCHS, 7pm, Cathedral, Altoona	19? Baccalaureate - 11 am and 2 pm Commencement-St. Joseph Catholic Academy, Pasquerilla Center, PSU
20	21 Baccalaureate-BCCHS, 5 pm, Holy Name, Ebens- burg	22? Commencement-BCCHS, 7 pm, St. Francis Univ. Kennedy Center, Loretto	23	24 Mutual Aid Plan Council 9:30-12:00, Conf. Room, Chancery	25 Ordination Practice, 2 pm, Cathedral, Altoona	26 Permanent Deacon Ordina- tion, Cathedral, Altoona, 10 am
27	28 Memorial Day Diocesan Offices Closed	29	30	31 Baccalaureate-BMCHS, 6 pm, St. Benedict, Jtown		

June 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Commencement BMCHS, 6 pm, Penn Highlands College	2
3 Diaconate Retreat, Antio- chian Village, June 3-7	4	5 Personnel Board Meeting, 10 am, Chancery Conf. Room (if needed)	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 Finance Council Meeting 9:30 am, Chancery Conf. Room	21	22	23
24 Faith Day at DelGrosso Park	25	26	27	28	29	30

July 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 Independence Day Diocesan Offices Closed	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 Bishop's Mass for Married Couples, Loretto, 7 pm	16	17	18 Presbyteral Council, 1:30 pm, Chancery Conf. Room	19	20	21
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August 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5 Bishop's Outdoor Mass with College Students, Loretto, 7 pm	6	7	8 Mutual Aid Plan Council 9:30-12:00, Conf. Room, Chancery	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 Assumption of the B.V. M. Diocesan Offices Closed	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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September 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2	3 Labor Day Diocesan Offices Closed	4	5 Finance Council Meeting 9:30 am, Chancery Conf. Room	6	7 Diaconate Academic Wknd, Antiochian Village (Sept. 7-9)	8 Blue & White Mass, 5 pm, Cathedral, Altoona
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19 Presbyteral Council, 1:30 pm, Chancery Conf. Room	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 Marian Celebration, 3 pm, St. Benedict, Jtown -Priests Medical/Retirement Collection						

October 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 K of C Gathering, 2 pm, Basilica, Loretto	8 Columbus Day Diocesan Offices Closed	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19 Diaconate Academic Wknd, Antiochian Village (Oct. 19-21)	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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November 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
4	5	6 Personnel Board Meeting, 10 am, Chancery Conf. Room	7 Presbyteral Council, 1:30 pm, Chancery Conf. Room	8 1 All Saints Day Diocesan Offices Closed	9 Dioconate Academic Wknd, Antiochian Village (Nov. 9-11)	10
11	12 Veteran's Day Holiday Diocesan Offices Closed	13	14 Mutual Aid Plan Council 9:30-12:00, Conf. Room, Chancery	15 16	17	
18 Catholic Charities Collection	19	20	21	22 Thanksgiving Day Diocesan Offices Closed	23 Thanksgiving Holiday Diocesan Offices Closed	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

December 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4 Personnel Board Meeting, 10 am, Chancery Conf. Room	5 Finance Council Meeting 9:30 am, Chancery Conf. Room	6	7	8
9	10	11	12 Presbyteral Council, 1:30 pm, Chancery Conf. Room	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas	26 Christmas Holiday Diocesan Offices Closed	27	28	29
30	31 New Year's Eve Diocesan Offices Closed					

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Making Our TV Mass Worldwide Through the Internet!

***Our Live TV Mass: Being Watched
 By Thousands of Grateful Viewers,
 Spreading Good News Far & Wide!***

Our live Sunday Mass telecast continues to bring the Good News into the homes thousands of viewers as we work to expand the Mass to a much larger audience. (See the adjacent story on this page)

As we complete our 29th year of telecasting the live Mass, we continue to be impressed with the many and varied locations from which we receive expressions of thanks in the form of letters, e-mails, and phone calls telling us of how much the Sunday telecast means to them.

We are ever grateful to the many members of our Minute-a-Month Ministry who support our telecast with their gifts and prayers. (See page 2 for another example of an anonymous gift from a grateful viewer)

Without the support and prayers of our loyal donors and the efforts of our volunteer technical crew our telecast would not be possible. Please pray for more laborers in the field!

Plans now underway soon will result in our live TV Mass being available worldwide to anyone having a home computer or handheld device and an internet connection.

The extension of our Sunday morning Mass into the realm of social media will provide us with the opportunity to send the Mass well beyond our present service area and into the lives of many more thousands of appreciative viewers. The potential for our project is limitless and exciting as we continue one of our fundamental objectives of bringing Mass to the masses.



The project is being spearheaded by our Chief Engineer Joe Delso and Becky Wicks of WIX PIX Productions, Inc

An exact timeline has not been established for the debut of our telecast on the worldwide web, but the essential components have been ordered to begin the process and we hope to launch our testing procedures in the near future

WATM-TV ABC 23 and the Cornerstone TV Faith and Family Channel in Pittsburgh will continue to be our primary affiliates in bringing the TV Mass into the homes of our loyal viewers, but the new initiative will present us with an unprecedented opportunity to bring the live Mass into the lives of so many not presently served. In addition, there exists the possibility of archiving some of the Masses for future viewing.

It's all part of our long-range plan to spread the Good News far and wide! With the help of God and your support we will make it happen!

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Mission Fr. Arulappan Jayaraj & Very Reverend Daniel O'Neill VF Pastor, Saint Peter, Somerset, Our Guest Celebrants for August

Our Guest Celebrant and homilist for August 6 is **Father Arulappan Jayaraj**, Mission Superior, Mary Queen of Apostles Province, Atmore, Alabama, who will deliver the Mission Awareness message on the Feast of The Transfiguration of the Lord.

Very Rev. Daniel J. O'Neill VF, Pastor of Saint Peter Parish in Somerset and Dean of the Southern Deanery will be our Guest Celebrant and homilist for August 20, the Annual Mass for the Ancient Order of Hibernians.

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 August:

Sunday, August 6 Rev. Arulappan Jayaraj
Mission Superior, Mary Queen of Apostles Province, Atmore, Alabama

(The Transfiguration of The Lord and Mission Awareness Sunday)

Sunday, August 13 Very Rev. James F. Crookston
Pastor and Rector, Saint John Gualbert Cathedral
(The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Sunday, August 20 Very Rev. Daniel J. O'Neill, VF
(Pastor, Saint Peter Parish, Somerset. and Dean of the Southern Deanery)

(The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Annual Mass for the Ancient Order of Hibernians
Sunday, August 27 Very Rev. James F. Crookston
(Pastor and Rector, Saint John Gualbert Cathedral)
(The Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Minute-a-Month Mass August 6

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, August 6**, the Feast of the Transfiguration of The Lord. The celebrant and homilist will be **Father Arulappan Jayaraj** the Mission Superior of Mary Queen of the Apostles Province in Atmore, Alabama.

Keeping the Faith Aug. 2017 Guests

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

Our complete lineup of guests for August:

Sunday, August 6: Deacon Sam Albarano, Dorothy Baron, and Mary Beth Schmidhammer, representatives of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society, join Bishop Mark to celebrate the 400th anniversary of the Vincentian charism.

Sunday, August 13: Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament parishioners **Gerald and Rita Kibler** share the touching story of how a North Carolina woman managed to reunite them with their marriage license in time for their 65th anniversary.

Sunday, August 20: Individuals who traveled to the Altoona-Johnstown's sister diocese of Mandeville, Jamaica, this summer reflect on the trip with Bishop Mark.

Sunday, August 27: A pastor, teacher, and student from Diocesan schools offer their thoughts as they get ready for the start of a new academic year.

Our Viewers Write, E-mail, and Call!

Dear Proclaim!

Please send me your TV Newsletter!

Thank you for the beautiful Mass on Sundays. I watch it every week

Thank you,

--NLA, Gallitzin, PA (Cambria County)

Dear Father Chuck,

Please add my name to your mail list to receive the TV newsletter every month.

--JC, Altoona

Our Generous Anonymous Donors: Playing a Major Role in Our Telecast

We wish to acknowledge our many donors who wish to remain anonymous.

A recent example is a grateful viewer's gift of a large collection of silver coins to our TV Ministry.

The total value of the coins: \$645.00, all of which will be used to help keep us on the air!

The donor of this generous gift does not wish to be identified, but this marks the second time he has contributed a part of his collection for the benefit of our telecast.