

**TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME  
September 15, 2024**  
Mass Intentions

September 15, Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
8:00AM+Donna Pagliara Ruggery, Ann. (Mom & Siblings)  
10:00AM+Helen Laraia, Ann./Birth. (Donna Long and Bob Laraia)  
5:00PM Pro Popolo/For the People  
**Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church 11:30AM**

September 16, Monday, Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs  
12:00PM+Mike Wolf, Anniversary (Wife Jennie)

September 17, Tuesday, St. Robert Bellamine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church; St. Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin and Doctor of the Church  
12:00PM+Donnie Rabine (The Cleaning Buddies)

September 18, Wednesday, Weekday  
12:00PM+Jane Byrne (McNelis All Stars and Friends)

September 19, Thursday, St. Januarius, Bishop and Martyr  
12:00PM+Billy Scholz (Jim & Steph Kilcoyne)

September 20, Friday, Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest, and Paul Chong Ha-sang and Companions, Martyrs  
12:00PM+Kathleen Bollinger, Ann. (Husband & Family)

September 21, Saturday, Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist  
12:00PM Rev. Paul Turnbull (Dave & Maureen Hanekamp)

Vigil: Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
5:00PM Special Intention Rosemarie Fedeli (Anonymous)

September 22, Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
8:00AM+Anna Gioiosa, Birth. (Tim & JoAnn Bettwy)  
10:00AM+Betty Dobbins & Judy Weise (Don Johnston Family)  
5:00PM Pro Popolo/For the People  
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**Cathedral Parish Catechists**

**Bishop Guilfoyle Academy**

Danielle Akins **Confirmation Prep**  
Gretta Levine Msgr. Stanley Carson

**Religious Ed Pre K-8-11**  
Chris Laraia, Director Phyllis Baker  
Brandon Solnosky

Gabrielle Cronin  
Beth Moore **Marriage Prep**  
Lori Pastore Clark & Kim Adelman  
Helen Carper Bob & Chris Laraia  
Roberta Burns Tom & Beth Moore

Carol Galioto  
Darlene Sinisi **OCIA**  
Nicole Burkle Jeanne Thompson,  
(Diocesan Director)  
Phyllis Baker Carol Galioto, Director  
Karen Isenberg Barb Rossi  
Brandon Solnosky Tony Kibelbeck  
Angela Blough

**Baptismal Prep**

Chris Laraia

**First Reconciliation/First Eucharist**

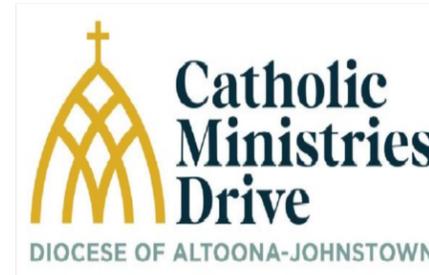
Msgr. Stanley Carson  
Chris Laraia  
Lori Pastore

**PILGRIMAGE**

**Msgr. Stan Carson, along with 30 other people, will leave for pilgrimage to Fatima (Portugal), Burgos (Spain), Lourdes (France), and Barcelona (Spain) on Sunday afternoon, September 15, and return on Tuesday, September 24. Coverage has been arranged for all regularly scheduled Masses and Confessions.**

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION**

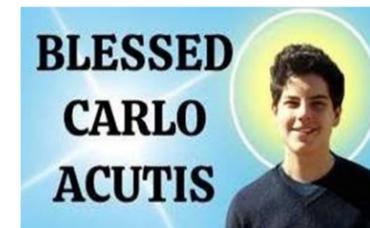
Sunday, September 8, 2024 \$ 9,307.32  
Thank you for your financial and spiritual support.



Our parish's target is \$45,930. All contributions beyond our parish goal will remain for use within our parish. **\$52,694 has been pledged. (The pledge balance is \$4,350.)** If all pledges are paid, we will have reached 114% of our target. Thank you.



Angela Marie Igou, Vocation and Novice Director, for the Sister Servants of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, will be the guest speaker at the Tuesday, September 17th Night of Worship sponsored by Holy Spirit Ministry. The Evening of prayer will begin at 7PM, at St. Michael's Church Holidaysburg. Praise and worship music will precede Sr. Angela Marie's talk. Sister will share her own vocation story and share her life as a Sacred Heart Sister. Everyone is encouraged to come and learn about vocations, as well as to pray for vocations. All ages are welcomed.



Our parish has the entire exhibit of Eucharistic miracles prepared by Blessed Carlo Acutis (1999-2006). Portions of the exhibit are displayed in the side chapels of the cathedral. Blessed Sacrament.

**"Lord, when did we see you hungry"-Matthew 25:37**

**CATECHETICAL SUNDAY 2024**

The theme reflects our call to missionary discipleship. As St John Paul II reminded us: The universal call to holiness is closely linked to the universal call to mission. Every member of the faithful is called to holiness and to mission. We are called to be eucharist by word and action to our brothers and sisters in Christ. Our times cry out for this kind of holiness, one inflamed by the ardent determination to bring as many of our brothers and sisters as possible to Christ. Gratitude is extended to the volunteers who help our children, teenagers, and parents grow in their understanding and appreciation of our faith.

**Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)**

Do you know someone who might be interested in seeking information about our Catholic faith? Are you interested in the Catholic Church? Starting on September 15th, the Cathedral Christian Initiation Team will begin weekly meetings in the Church from 11:00AM to 12:00 Noon (after the 10:00AM Mass) for all those seeking information on the Catholic Church. No commitments are made at this time. These are informal Inquiry Sessions to discuss aspects of our faith with anyone who might be thinking of joining the Catholic Church. All are welcome; bring a friend. If you are interested in joining or would like more info, please contact Carol Galioto at (814)-327-4841.

**Strength In Christ -Trust-Surrender-Joy**

**Third Annual Women's Conference**

Saturday, 12 October, 2024  
Check-in begins at 7/7:30am  
9:00 am - 4:00 pm  
9:00am Mass w/Bishop Mark Bartchak  
4:00p.m. Closing Remarks  
Lunch Included  
Sacrament of Reconciliation Available  
Mount Aloysius College: Bertschi Center  
7373 Admiral Peary Hwy, Cresson, PA 16630  
Registration forms are at our entrances.

**GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEP-ER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE**

September 15, 2024

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

This morning I received a text message that a member of my extended family will likely die of cancer within the next few hours. His name is Luke. He is a 45-year-old husband and father of six. Though I am not as close to him as my sister (she is his sister-in-law and knows him well), I wonder: how can we, including Luke himself, manage such a terribly awful and unfair situation?

The words of this Sunday's Gospel offer a powerful and challenging path. Jesus says, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me" (Mark 8:34). Today I see with new freshness the starkness and strangeness of the words take up. The cross stands for suffering which is unjust, absurd, seemingly hopeless, and humiliating. Jesus doesn't say "accept" or "endure" or "tolerate," but "take up." Embrace it, actively. Choose it and lift it up for others to see what terrifies and sickens us. But somehow, for Jesus, this is the path to "saving one's life." A new world is breaking in, one in which love is everything, when no relationship can be wounded or die. I trust that in the embraced suffering of Luke and his loved ones, Jesus is taking up his cross and saving us all.

**Reverence in Taking Holy Communion to Homebound People**

When Holy Communion is taken to homebound people it should be carried close to the heart by using either a blouse or **shirt pocket, or by using a burse.** **The host should** not be placed in a pants pocket or purse. If you don't have a burse and you plan to take Holy Communion to someone regularly, you are asked to wear or purchase a shirt or blouse with a pocket. Burses are available in the clergy sacristy.



**Basket Bingo**

Our Basket Bingo is being held on Sunday, September 29, 2024 at the Father Kelley Hall, 5th Street and 25th Avenue. We are taking donations of gift cards, monetary gifts, or if you have a theme basket that you would like to do or donate for, we can always add to it. We are also taking donations of water, and soda, that can be dropped off at the Parish Office, between 9:00 AM- 4:00 PM. If you have any questions please feel free to call Paula at 814-944-4603 the Parish office, or Lorraine Beck 1-240-676-6704 or Paula's cell 814-215-5949.

**Basket Bingo Tickets**

**WOOHOO! Only 2 weeks left to get your TICKETS!** Basket Bingo tickets are on sale at the 13th Avenue door after all masses and at the Parish Office: \$25.00 per person, a value pack may be bought for an additional \$30.00. If you have any question call the Parish Office at 814-944-4603, Paula Clemens 814-215-5949 or Lorraine Beck 1-240-676-6704. Tickets will also be available at the door on the day of the event.

**Students that need service hours you can have your parents call the Office at 814-944-4603 or join us on Friday, September 27, at the Father Kelley Hall at 5th Street and 25th Avenue at 6:00PM to help set up, and or on Sunday September 29th at 11:00AM. There will be a sign in sheet please make sure that you sign in and the time that you had arrived. And when you get your service hour sheet, make sure that you get it signed by one of us. Thank you in advance for all your help and support.**

**JESUS NEEDS YOU,  
DON'T SAY NO!**  
*Vocations Are  
Everybody's Business*

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**CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS:**

The process of formation for those seeking God through membership in the Catholic Christian community.

**INFANT BAPTISM:**

Arrange in advance for pre-baptismal instructions.

**CONFIRMATION:**

Ninth, tenth and eleventh grade students are invited to participate in the Confirmation Preparation Process.

**RECONCILIATION:**

Wednesday: 7:00 PM, Saturday: 12:30 PM.  
By appointment, by texting or calling 814-937 8240 Communal Penance Services: Advent and Lent.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK:**

Upon Request and Communal celebration

**MARRIAGE:**

Arrange nine months in advance. Couples expected to participate in pre-marriage preparation program.

**DEVOTIONS:**

Eucharistic Adoration - Normally, the First Wednesday 12:30 PM - 6:45 PM  
Eucharistic Day - Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ.

**PRO-LIFE ROSARY**

Sponsored by the Christian Mothers on Thursdays after the noon Mass.

**Most Reverend Mark L. Bartchak, J.C.D., Bishop**

**Reverend Monsignor Stanley Carson, Administrator**

**Paula Clemens, Parish Secretary**

**DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Chris Laraia - Pre-K thru 12 - 814-312-7317  
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E-mail: claraia@dioceseaj.org

**DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRY**

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E-mail: lthayer@dioceseaj.org

**CHRISTIAN INITIATION TEAM - 814-944-4603**

**CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME - 814-944-4603**

**MAIL MINISTRY TO ELDERLY, HOMEBOUND, SERIOUSLY SICK, AND GRIEVING - 814-944-4603**

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM:**

September through April: Pre-Kindergarten thru 12.  
Sunday morning 8:30 AM - 9:45 AM Pre-Kindergarten thru 8. Grades 9-11 Sunday Evening at 6:15.

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**Mass Times**

**Sunday:** 5:00 PM (Vigil) 8:00 AM 10:00 AM 5:00 PM  
**Weekday:** 12:00 Noon  
**Saturday:** 12:00 Noon

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