

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

March 16, 2025

Mass Intentions

March 16, Second Sunday of Lent

8:00AM+Jim Weaver (Ed Stoltz)

10:00AM+Patricia Vargo, Birthday (Family)

5:00PM Pro Popolo/ For the People

Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church 11:30AM

March 17, Monday, Saint Patrick, Bishop

12:00PM+Patrick Duffy, Birth. (Toots & Family)

March 18, Tuesday, Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

12:00PM+Kirk Kling (Mother and Sisters)

March 19, Wednesday, Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

12:00PM+Beth Kilcoyne (McNelis All Stars and Friends)

March 20, Thursday, Lenten Weekday

12:00PM+Henry & Charlotte Shields (Greg & Karen Querry)

March 21, Friday, Lenten Weekday

12:00PM Special Intention Mary Hanley, Birth. (Family)

March 22, Saturday, Lenten Weekday

12:00PM+Souls in Purgatory (Anonymous)

Vigil: Third Sunday of Lent

5:00PM+Marti Stefanon (Husband)

March 23, Third Sunday of Lent

8:00AM+Gerri Rose, Ann. (Kathleen Davies)

10:00AM+Susan Bauer (Regina Damiano)

5:00PM Pro Popolo/ For the People

Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church 11:30AM

Cathedral Christian Mothers

On April 6th, the Cathedral Christian Mothers will present the Sight and Sound version of "Queen Esther" in the Seton Suite at 1:00PM. Joining us will be Clark & Kim Adelman for a short discussion about the Jewish-Christian connection of this female biblical character. Join us as we enjoy the sights and sounds of this beautiful story and learn about our ties to the Jewish community. All are welcome.

For more information contact Carol Galioto (814) 946-3769.

Liturgical Ministers Schedules

The schedule and assignment of liturgical ministers will be done by our parish office.

FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION

All meetings/sessions will be held in the Cathedral basement from 6:30-8:00PM. A parent must accompany your child to the meetings. Please contact Chris Laraia if you are unable to attend a meeting so that make up work can be assigned.

PARENTS / STUDENT SESSION:

April 8th, 2025

First Communion will be celebrated at the 10:00AM Mass May 4, 2025. If you have any questions please call Chris Laraia, 814-312-7317 or email me at claraia@dioceseaj.org

A "Warm" Parish Thank You

Our annual parish "Winter Coat Drive" was overwhelmingly successful! The past few months have been extremely cold. With your help many in our community were able to receive such a "gift of warmth" this year. Over 2 dozen women were gifted new coats at a Christmas Party at the local women's shelter and 50 coats were given to 2 warming centers locally. Additionally, dozens of jackets and coats were given to the project "Ben Blessed", a non-profit ministry focused on meeting the basic needs of people who are homeless in Altoona. Thank you Cathedral family for helping those most in need.



Our parish's Pastoral Council will be meeting on Tuesday, March 18, at 6:30 P.M.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Sunday, March 9, 2025, \$ 9,721.53

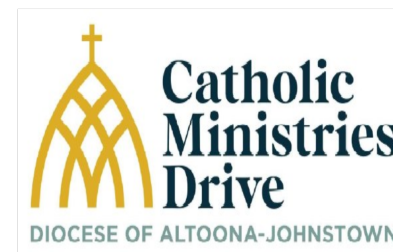
Thank you for your monetary and personal contributions to the life of our parish.

Stewardship Reflections

In last week's Gospel, we followed Jesus into the desert where He fasted and prayed. This week, He leads us up the mountain to witness His Transfiguration. Why these experiences? Because he is preparing us to go with Him in a few short weeks to a hilltop, Golgatha, where He will lay down His life for our sake and finally He will take us to the empty cave where He triumphed over sin and death once and for all.

Jesus perfectly understands our humanity. He knows that we need to experience times of self-denial and testing, in order to arrive at the mountaintop moments when we see and feel His glorious presence in our lives. The reasons for all of our fasting and prayers and almsgiving during lent is to be reawakened to all God has done for humanity and to all that He has done for us personally. While there is nothing sinful in complacency in our daily routine, as Christian stewards we are called to so much more!

We need to train ourselves, or allow Jesus to train us, to say "Yes" to His will and to offer our lives back to Him. In doing so, we too become "transfigured." This is what it means to live fully awake; this is a stewardship way of life and it is glorious indeed.



The 2025 Catholic Ministries Drive target for Cathedral is \$51,400. We'll be receiving a letter from Bishop Mark this week. Please be supportive. This year's Theme is "Follow Me" (Mt. 16:24).



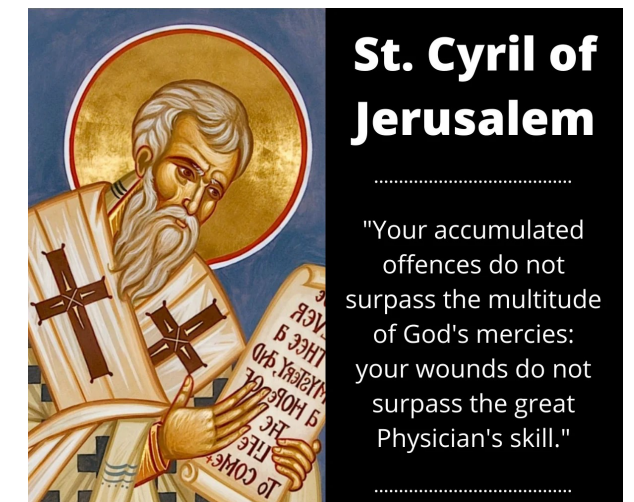
Be Sure To Attend!

The world-famous Westminster Cathedral Choir of Boys & Men, London, England will present a concert here in the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament on Thursday, April 3, 2025, 7:00 pm.

The concert is free, but tickets are required. They will be available following weekend Masses and in the office during the week, from Monday– Friday until all tickets are gone. This is an official Jubilee 2025 event!



The current ICF newsletter is available at our entrances. The ICF stewards our parish's three endowments (Cathedral Parish, Music Ministry, and Education) and provides long-term financial support to parishes, schools, cemeteries, and ministries throughout the diocese.





In addition to the regularly scheduled weekly opportunities and the Lenten Communal Reconciliation Services, during this Jubilee Year parishes have scheduled additional Confessions at various times this week.

Sunday, March 16, at Our Lady of Fatima Church from 12:30-1:00 P.M.

Monday, March 17, at Mt. Carmel Church from 5:00-6:30 P.M. and at St. Rose Church from 5:00-7:00 P.M.

Tuesday, March 18, at Holy Rosary Church from 6:00-8:00 P.M. and at St. Therese Church from 8:00-10:00 P.M.

Wednesday, March 19, at St. John the Evangelist Church from 5:30-6:00 P.M., at St. Mary Church, Hollidaysburg from 5:30-6:00 P.M., at St. Catherine Church from 6:30-8:00 P.M., and at Cathedral from 7:00-8:00 P.M.

Thursday, March 20, at St. Mary Church, Hollidaysburg from 12:00-1:30 P.M., at Sacred Heart Church from 4:00-6:00 P.M., and at St. Mark Church from 6:00-8:00 P.M.

Friday, March 21, at St. John the Evangelist Church from 5:00-6:00 P.M. and at St. Michael Church in Hollidaysburg from 7:00-9:00 P.M.

ADDITIONALLY

This week, Msgr. Carson will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation following the noon Mass on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday and from 8:00-9:00 A.M. on Tuesday and Thursday.



Stations of the Cross will be prayed at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament on the Fridays of Lent at 5:30 P.M.

Drive-thru Fish Fry Luncheons on Fridays, except Good Friday, from 10:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. Only \$10.00 for a Fish Sandwich, M & C, and Coleslaw.

The Cathedral Communal Penance Service is on Wednesday, April 8, at 6:00 P.M.

Sung Evening Prayer and Benediction will take place on Sundays during Lent at 6:30 P.M.

Day of Fasting and Abstinence

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. All Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence. Abstinence refers to not eating meat at all on those days. Persons 14 years of age and older are to abstain. Fasting refers to one full meal, with two small meals, no eating between meals. People who have reached their 18th birthday and up to their 59th birthday are obligated to fast. In addition to these ob-



Men's Conference: Strength in Christ!

Sunday, March 30, from 11:30 AM to 5:30 PM at Mount Aloysius College, Cresson. The day includes lunch, talks from local priests, personal testimonies, a panel discussion, and Sunday Mass. There is no cost to attend. Visit www.dioceseaj.org to register online. Paper registration forms are also available at our entrances. The deadline to register is March 21st.

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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

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

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