

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 30, 2025

Mass Intentions

March 30, Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:00AM+Steve Pellegrine (Ruth Slippey)

10:00AM+Helen Watters, Birthday (Children)

5:00PM Pro Popolo/ For the People

Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church 11:30AM

March 31, Monday, Lenten Weekday

12:00PM+Sr. Rose Tomlinson (Kathleen Davies)

April 1, Tuesday, Lenten Weekday

12:00PM+Ken Luke, Anniversary (Wife)

April 2, Wednesday, Saint Francis of Paola, Hermit

12:00PM+Naomi Long, Anniversary (Family)

April 3, Thursday, Lenten Weekday

12:00PM+Nancy Moffa Jenaway (Estate)

April 4, Friday, Saint Isidore, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

12:00PM+Helen Watters (Dave & Karen Rhoa)

April 5, Saturday, Saint Vincent Ferrer, Priest

12:00PM+John Vargo, Birthday (Family)

Vigil: Fifth Sunday of Lent

5:00PM+Jim Weaver, Birthday (Elaine & Daughters)

April 6, Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:00AM+Geraldine Petrunak (Richard & Dottie Gonsman)

10:00AM+Rita McCloskey (Jerry & Fran Fulare)

5:00PM Pro Popolo/ For the People

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Easter Egg Hunt

Our parish's Easter Egg Hunt is on Sunday, **April 13th, beginning at 2:00P.M.**, in the lower parking lot. Bring your own basket. There will be a special appearance by the Easter Bunny. Hop on over for egg-cellent fun! Anyone wishing to donate candy for the Easter Egg Hunt may drop off their donations at the Church Office Monday-Thursday 9:00AM-4:30PM, and Friday 9:00AM-3:00PM.

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

Christian Mothers Up Coming Event

On Sunday, April 6th, "Queen Esther" A Sight and Sound production with intermission. Clark & Kim Adelman to speak about the Jewish connection (biblically and today). In the Seton Suite at 1:00PM. With refreshments. All are welcome. For more information about events Carol Galieto at 814-327-4841.

Bishop Guilfoyle Academy

Bishop Guilfoyle Academy invites you to attend our Open Houses, Open Houses, Monday, April 7th from 5:30-7:30PM at our PreK3 through grade 5 campuses: Hollidaysburg (321- Spruce Street), Eldorado (5519-6th Avenue) and Fairview (424 Wopsononock Avenue).

Spend some time with us, meet our teachers and administration, tour our facilities, and discover how we personalize instruction for each child.

RSVP at bishopguilfoyle.org/open house call 814-942-7835. RSVP's not required, but encouraged. BG also offers individual tours, as well as shadow days to fit your schedule.

Catholic students receive special scholarships. See how affordable a BG education can be by looking at our household income chart to see tuition ranges. Visit: bishopguilfoyle.org.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Sunday, March 23, 2025, \$ 10,878.83

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

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

When a church is raising funds for a new building or a diocese is launching a stewardship appeal, there is usually someone — or several someone's — who serves as the face of the campaign. Maybe it's a married couple, or a family, or a group of folks who have been particularly active in the community and can speak to the worthiness of whatever endeavor is being undertaken.

Oftentimes, for better or worse, we fill that role for God. We are the face on the front of His promotional brochure. If we call ourselves Christians, that means that people will meet Christ through us. That's what being an Everyday Steward is — a steward, everyday; someone who conducts his Master's business when the Master is not seen.

It can be intimidating because we have so much baggage and no capabilities of our own. But then we remember that we are offered reconciliation through Christ — that "the old things have passed away, (and) new things have come" (2 Corinthians 5:17). We remember that we are the prodigal sons, and the fattened calf has been slaughtered on our behalf.

But it's a role that requires commitment. The story of the prodigal son is only compelling and only means something because the son, presumably, embraced his reconciliation to his father. He didn't go on to abandon him again.

So let us think to ourselves each day, "Whoever I encounter will meet Christ's ambassador. I was dead and have come to life again. How can I speak to the worthiness of that reconciliation? How can I make others desire it?" — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

SPECIAL NOTE

Due to the concert this Thursday, February 3rd, the cathedral will be closed from 1:00 P.M. until 6:15 P.M.

Our Lady of Fatima Church is open during the daytime for those who would like to spend time in prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.



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 doors will open at 6:15 P.M.**

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 2025 Catholic Ministries Drive target for Cathedral is \$51,400. Please be supportive. This year's Theme is "Follow Me" (Mt. 16:24).

Our sacrificial gift of prayer and treasure will make an immediate and lasting impact on our ministries that focus on evangelization, serving those in need, and the formation of our priests and deacons.

Since the diocese is extremely supportive of Cathedral parish, it is important for us to support diocesan sponsored ministries.

COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Shroud of Turin Lenten Day Retreat

St. Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church, Ramey, PA, Saturday, April 5, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The day begins with coffee and donuts and lunch will be served. A donation of \$10.00 would be appreciated. RSVP by calling Darlene Davidson at 814-592-8321 The speaker is Bill Lauto, a Shroud of Turin Scientist certified by the Science and Faith Institute in Rome. Divine Liturgy will be at 5:00 p.m.

An Update and Special Thank You

The Gabriel and Levine Families are happy to share that Gwendolyn Gabriel, our brave little heart warrior, has successfully received her 2nd heart transplant after one year of waiting. The surgery took place on March 2nd and was a complete success thanks to the incredible team of surgeons, doctors, and nurses who have been caring for Gwen every step of the way.

Though Gwen is still in the early stages of recovery, the family is hopeful and optimistic that her biopsy, which will take place soon, will show no signs of heart rejection and she can come home within a month of so.

Gwen's families wish to thank all who have prayed for Gwen and her family, expressed words of kindness, kept her in her in their thoughts, donated money, gift cards, and household items, participated in fundraising and simply supported them during this challenging time. They would especially like to thank the 7th grade CCD students for their time, energy, and creative fundraising effort as well as the facetime! Thank you for being a part of their journey and continue to keep Gwen and her family in your prayers.



Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lord's Supper-6:00 P.M.

Good Friday, Commemoration of the Lord's Passion-1:00 P.M.

Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil Mass-8:30 P.M.

Easter Sunday Masses-8:00 A.M. and 10:00 A.M.



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

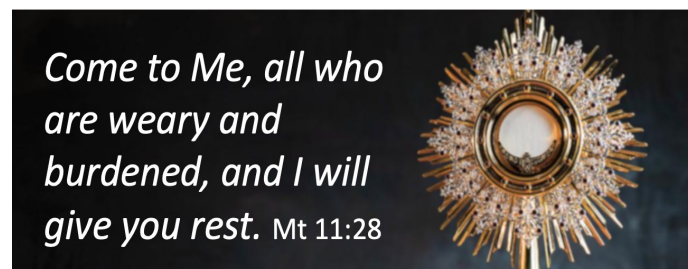
Drive-thru Fish Fry Luncheons on Fridays, except Good Friday, from 10:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. Only \$10.00 for a Fish Sandwich, M & C, and Coleslaw.

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 obligations, additional forms of fast and abstinence may be observed.



This Wednesday, April 2, is a Eucharistic Day of Prayer. We will have exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from after the noon Mass until Benediction at 6:45 P.M.

The Church of Altoona-Johnstown THE CATHEDRAL OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

ONE CATHEDRAL SQUARE, Altoona, Pennsylvania 16601-3315

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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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Leslie C. Thayer, MM, CAGO

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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

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| 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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