

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

April 6, 2025

Mass Intentions

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

Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church 11:30AM

April 7, Monday, Saint John Baptist de la Salle, Priest

12:00PM+Terry Smith (Birthday (Family))

April 8, Tuesday, Lenten Weekday

12:00PM+Deacon John Rys, Anniversary (Family)

April 9, Wednesday, Lenten Weekday

12:00PM+Sr. Rose Tomlinson RSM (Diana Fanale)

April 10, Thursday, Lenten Weekday

12:00PM+Etta Pastore, Anniversary (Family)

April 11, Friday, Saint Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr

12:00PM+Souls in Purgatory (Anonymous)

April 12, Saturday, Lenten Weekday

12:00PM+Mildred Mazur (Anonymous)

Vigil: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

5:00PM+Mary Martha Kilcoyne (Jim and Steph Kilcoyne)

April 13, Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

8:00AM+Pete & Jimmy Banholzer (Peggy & Bernie Joyce Family)

10:00AM+Ruth Novack (Vicki DeStefano)

5:00PM Pro Popolo/ For the People

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Easter Egg Hunt

Our parish's Easter Egg Hunt is next 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.



No other Sunday in the liturgical year reflects such dramatic contrast as Palm Sunday. What begins with songs of triumph quickly shifts into remembrance of the Lord's passion.

Depending on the weather, we will gather either on the portico or in the narthex/ vestibule for the blessing of palms and then process into the body of the cathedral.

Palm Sunday ushers in Holy Week.

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 30, 2025, \$ 9,267.43

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

Basket Bingo

SAVE THE DATE! And mark your calendars for **Sunday, September 28, 2025**, for our basket bingo at Father Kelley Hall. We are in need of medium and large basket does not have to be Longaberger Baskets. It is never too early to drop off donations for the baskets at the Parish Office.



Cleaning Team

Church Cleaning

We will be cleaning the church on Wednesday, April 9, at 9:00 AM. If there is a funeral, we will meet on Thursday same time.

Fiftieth Anniversary Celebration of Ordination

You are invited to join Father Dennis Kurdziel for the celebration of his Fiftieth Anniversary. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, the 4th of May, 2025 at three o'clock in the afternoon, at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, 2700- Broad Avenue, Altoona Pa 16601. A buffet reception will follow at Our Lady of Lourdes Church Hall immediately following Mass. Please RSVP by April 21st to dmkurdziel50@aol.com or text 814-931-2971.

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

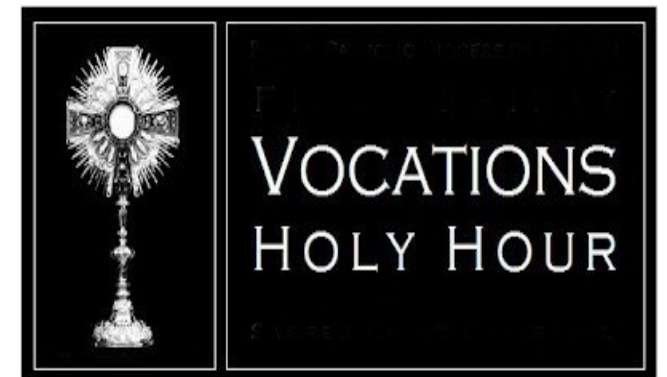


The 2025 Catholic Ministries Drive target for Cathedral is \$51,400. Please be supportive. This year's Theme is "Follow Me" (Mt. 16:24).

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.

So far, \$3,525 has been either pledged or donated from 5 parishioners.



You are invited to pray A Eucharistic Holy Hour for Vocations at noon on Thursday, April 17. Since the only Mass celebrated on Holy Thursday will be the Mass of the Lord's Supper at 6:00 P.M., the Holy Hour will replace the noon Mass.

7th Grade Religious Education, Community Service Update

This is an update for Sophia Riggleman our little one with spina-bifida. She is approaching another surgery, but still has a smile on her face through the past few months in spite of this news. The day after her 5th birthday, on March 20, 2025, her father, William Riggleman unexpectedly passed away. When the family was presented with your generous donations in December Bill was overwhelmed with gratitude and had quiet tears running down his face. Sophia, her older brother Elijah and her Mom Katie, will surely miss him and would appreciate some encouraging cards of sympathy and encouragement. Please contact Jeanne Thompson at jthompson@dioceseaj.org if you would like their mailing address.



Gratitude is extended to the benefactors and volunteers who were so generously involved in preparing for and hosting the Westminster Cathedral Choir Concert on Thursday, April 3.



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

Good Friday, Commemoration of the Lord's Passion-1:00 P.M. (Morning Prayer at 9:00 A.M.)

Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil Mass-8:30 P.M. (Office of Readings at 9:00 A.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's Communal Penance Service is this Wednesday, April 9, at 6:00 P.M. Confessions at 7:00 P.M. are cancelled.

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.



Thanks to our Master Gardeners, garden volunteers, and benefactors, the planters in front of the cathedral are filled with a beautiful assortment of pansies.

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

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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

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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