

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
April 13, 2025
 Mass Intentions

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
Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church 11:30AM

April 14, **Monday, of Holy Week**
 11:00AM CHRISM MASS +Deceased Clergy
 12:00PM NO NOON MASS

April 15, **Tuesday, of Holy Week**
 12:00PM+Mike Luther (McNelis All Stars and Friends)

April 16, **Wednesday, of Holy Week**
 12:00PM+Leo Winkler, Anniversary (Family)

April 17, **Thursday of Holy Week-Holy Thursday**
 6:00PM Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

April 18, **Passion of the Lord, Good Friday**
 9:00AM Morning Prayer
 1:00PM Commemoration of the Lord's Passion

April 19, **Holy Saturday**
 9:00AM Office of Readings
 8:30 PM **Easter Vigil**
 Parishioners and Benefactors

April 20, **Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**
 8:00AM Parishioners and Benefactors
 10:00AM Parishioners and Benefactors
NO 5:00PM MASS
Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church 11:30AM



Easter Egg Hunt

Our parish's Easter Egg Hunt is this 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!

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.



Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lord's Supper-6:00 P.M. (Adoration until 11:00 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.)

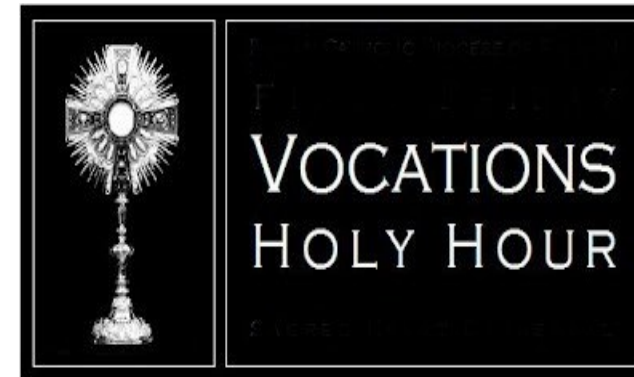
Easter Sunday Masses-8:00 A.M. and 10:00 A.M.

(There is no 5:00 P.M. Mass on Easter Sunday.)

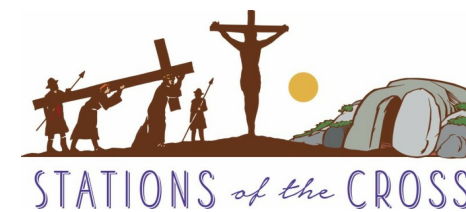
OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Sunday, April 6, 2025, \$ 9,927.00

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



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.



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

Sung Evening Prayer and Benediction will take place on Palm Sunday at 6:30 P.M.

Day of Fasting and Abstinence

Good Friday is a day 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.

THE BLESSING OF EASTER FOOD BASKETS

The traditional blessing of Easter Food Baskets will take place at Our Lady of Fatima Church at Noon on Holy Saturday. A handout is available at the 13th Avenue entrance describing the symbolic value of different Eastern European food.

Easter Water/Holy Water

A limited number of bottles of Blessed Easter Water will be available for use in the home. They will be near the baptismal font.

Visiting Seven Churches on Holy Thursday Night

There is a custom of visiting 7 churches on Holy Thursday night in commemoration of the seven final stops/ places in our Lord's life: 1) Garden of Gethsemane, 2) Before Annas, 3)Before Caiaphas, 4)Before Pilate, 5) Before Herod, 6)Before Pilate again, and 7)Jesus crucifixion and death. The custom is credited to St. Philip Neri and is practiced by Catholics around the world, especially in Poland, Mexico, Italy, and the Philippines. Pilgrims are encouraged to spend some time in prayer. A handout is available at the 13th avenue entrance.



Prior to the Holy Triduum, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available this week on Tuesday and Wednesday at 12:30 P.M. , Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock, and on Thursday morning at 8:30.

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.



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.

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.

A Christian Mothers Thank you

Last Sunday the Christian Mothers hosted the showing of the Sight and Sound production of "Queen Esther." A big thank you to all who attended and to those members who helped make the afternoon a wonderful treat. A special thank you to Clark and Kim Adelman. By sharing their knowledge of the Jewish connection to Esther, they gave us more insight into this biblical story. We look forward to sharing future movies with our parish family.



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, \$7,995 has been either pledged or donated from 27 parishioners. Thank you for participating.



Catholic Charities has asked Catholics to join in their spring product drive to support local families in need: paper products like tissues, toilet paper, paper towels, wipes, soap/hygiene products, laundry products, travel size toothpaste, mouthwash, deodorant, socks, flashlights with batteries, etc.

Collection Boxes are available at our entrances.

The Church of Altoona-Johnstown
**THE CATHEDRAL
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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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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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