

SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY
April 27, 2025
Mass Intentions

April 27, **Second Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy**
8:00AM+Dec. Members of the Seymour & Farber Families (Family)
10:00AM+Patrick Miller (George & Polly Cardone)
5:00PM Pro Popolo/For the People
Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church 11:30AM

April 28, **Monday, Saint Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr, Saint Louis Grignon de Montfort, Priest**
12:00PM+John Moloney, Anniversary (Family)

April 29, **Tuesday, Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church**
12:00PM+Lavelle Family (Phyllis Lavelle Sheetz)
7:00PM Confirmation

April 30, **Wednesday, Saint Pius V, Pope**
12:00PM+Dr. Dennis Flynn (Wife Betsy)

May 1, **Thursday, Saint Joseph the Worker**
12:00PM+Linda Cacciotti, Wed. Ann. (Carl & Family)

May 2, **Friday, Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**
12:00PM+Geraldine & Fred Petrunak Wed. Ann. (Family)

May 3, **Saturday, Saints Phillip and James, Apostle**
12:00PM+Hannah Wilkens (Richard & Nanci Hall)

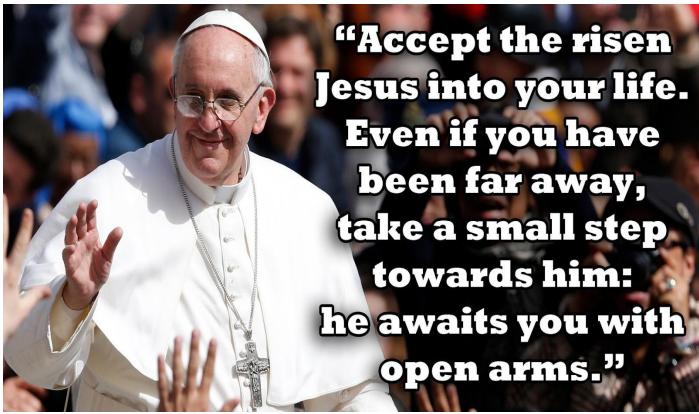
Vigil : **Third Sunday of Easter**
5:00PM+Dave Root (Friends)

May 4, **Third Sunday of Easter**
8:00AM+Jane Lutz (Bear & Patty McCloskey)
10:00AM+Etta Pastore (Family)
5:00PM Pro Popolo/For the People
Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church 11:30AM

Alleluia!



You are invited to join Bishop Mark as he celebrates a Memorial Mass for the repose of the soul of Pope Francis on Monday, April 28, at Noon. We pray that Pope Francis, called to the heavenly kingdom by the Lord, may rejoice forever at the banquet table of heaven.



OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Easter Sunday Collection \$11,909.52
Easter Flower Collection \$2,875.00
Sunday, April 20, 2025 2,910.00

Easter Sunday crowned the Triduum celebration and began a new period within the liturgical year. Easter Sunday is the pattern and purpose for all other Sunday celebrations of the year and begins a time of reflecting on how followers of Jesus came to receive and understand his resurrection from the dead. Every Sunday of the year is a commemoration of our Lord's victory over sin and death.

As we celebrate the fifty days of the Easter Season, may you and those who love come to experience more deeply the peace and joy of being a disciple of Jesus. Enlivened by the Holy Spirit dwelling with us, we are called to live as witnesses of the Risen Lord. Happy Easter, Msgr. Stan Carson



If due to age, disability, or sickness, you are not able to attend Mass, you are invited to notify the parish office. You can then be added to Msgr. Carson's visits to homebound parishioners.



The Altoona Gabriel Project is a Catholic Pro-Life ministry dedicated to helping moms and babies with supplies, as well as providing spiritual and emotional support. Cathedral parish is a part of a group effort of several Altoona area parishes.

Our parish will have a collection receptacle at the alley entrance of the Cathedral for non-perishable baby items (diapers, wipes, clothing, bibs, towels, blankets, etc.)

The Cathedral will also be a site for the distribution to moms and babies in our section of the city. The time and day of the week will soon be established.

If you would know of someone in need of support, or would like to volunteers, please call 814-440-1021.





Beginning on Mother's Day, May 11th, and continuing to Father's Day, June 15th, our parish will be participating in the Annual Precious Life Baby Bottle Campaign. The bottles will be available soon. Please be supportive.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

April 27, 2025

2nd Sunday of Easter: John 20:19-31

It's common for Catholics to hear the question, "Why do I have to go to a priest to have my sins forgiven?" I've never liked that question because not only is it clunky (confession is the ordinary way for the pardoning of serious sins, not lesser ones). But it misses the larger context: the wonderful origins of the sacrament itself. And this context is deeply Jewish.

Ancient Jews associated forgiveness of sins with priests offering sacrifices in the Jerusalem temple. It was a solemn, public, and tangible way to access God's mercy. So when the risen Jesus breathes on the Apostles and says, "Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained" (John 20:23), the upshot is remarkable: he is the new temple and his Apostles are the new priests. Jerusalem is no longer the place to find forgiveness from sin. Jesus' body, the Church, is.

So why should we go to the Sacrament of Confession? For the same reason ancient Jews went to the temple in Jerusalem: to experience the intimacy, joy, and life-giving power of God's eternal forgiveness.

Father John Muir ©LPi

Additional Easter Flowers

Deceased Members of Anthony & Schraff Families
Bearer & Kirkpatrick Families
The Farrell Families
Charles Lumadue and Irene Fischer
Mr. & Mrs. Nhut Nguyen
Thompson & Kutruff Families



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.

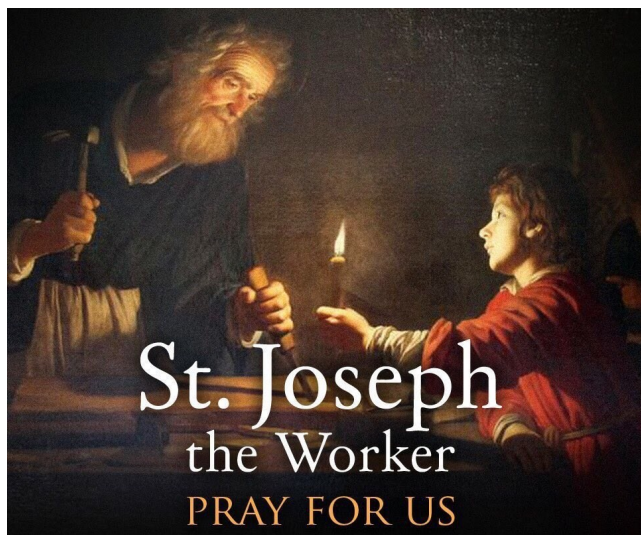
Since the diocese is extremely supportive of Cathedral parish, it is important for us to support diocesan sponsored ministries.

So far, \$8,675 has been either pledged or donated from 32 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.



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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.

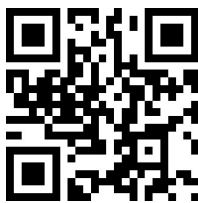
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Mass Times

Sunday:	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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