

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER  
**May 4, 2025**  
Mass Intentions

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**

May 5 **Monday, Easter Weekday**  
12:00PM+Christina Purcell (Greg & Karen Querry)

May 6, **Tuesday, Easter Weekday**  
12:00PM+Karl Burgmeier, Birth. (Daughter Carol Talley)

May 7, **Wednesday, Easter Weekday**  
12:00PM+David C. Hooper, Ann. (Wife & Family)

May 8, **Thursday, Easter Weekday**  
12:00PM+Earlene Keating (Bear & Patty McCloskey)

May 9, **Friday, Easter Weekday**  
12:00PM+Janice Lilly McCarthy (Paula Lilly Miller)

May 10, **Saturday, Saint Damien de Veuster, Priest**  
12:00PM+Doris Smith (Chet & Barb Kowalski)  
**Vigil : Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
5:00PM+John Conti, Ann. (Family)

May 11, **Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
8:00AM+Eddie Flanagan, Ann. (Bear & Patty McCloskey)  
10:00AM+Helen Watters (Doug & Jan Stoehr)  
5:00PM Pro Popolo/For the People  
**Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church 11:30AM**

**Additional Easter Flowers**  
Ray Kelly, Marie Kelly, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Lumadue,  
Karen Paterra  
Henry, Angelina & Joseph Mangiacarne  
Peter Rossi



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 are available at our entrances. Please be supportive.

**Christian Mothers May Tea**  
Cathedral Christian Mothers invite all women of the parish (and a friend) to a special afternoon on Sunday, May 18, 2025 at 1:00PM in the Seton Suite to celebrate our Blessed Mother Mary. Our guest speaker will be Sister Mary Joseph Calore, SSCJ.  
Sr. Mary Joseph is a perpetually professed member of the Sister Servants of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. She has over 20 years experience in administrative and business management in her assignments in province and parish work. She is the Administrator of St. John Paul II Manor in Cresson. Sister Mary Joseph will speak on St. John Paul II (on his birthday) and his connection and writings about women and our Blessed Mother. Join us as we enjoy each other’s company and feast on delicious treats and teas. Bring your own teacup and share its story.  
Reservations are appreciated. Sign-up sheets will be at each door of the Cathedral starting May 4, 2025 or call/text Carol Galioto at (814) 327-4841. Hope you will join us for a beautiful afternoon with “Mary”.



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.

**OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS**  
Sunday, April 26, 2025 \$13,801.87  
Thank you for your monetary and personal contributions to the life of our parish.

<u><b>First Holy Communion Candidates</b></u>	
Levi Eugene Ehredt	Roman Blade Forney
Zoe Abigail Kantoski	Aviana Belle Marino
Isabella Ba Nguyen	William James Riley
Jaxon Matthias Ritchey	Colleen Jessica Roland
Margaret Maureen Roland	Ella Rose Sapp
Kinsley Grace Sheeder	Cooper Matthew Yerty

We would also like to give thanks to the Second Grade teachers and catechists: Corey Craw , Dorothy Kenner, Lori Pastore, and Christinia Laraia, for their dedication to the children and love of our faith. May they continue to pass on this love to the next generation of our Catholic Faith.



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 has a collection crib 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.

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC – BENEATH THE SURFACE

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Mini Reflection: Love — again, even when it doesn’t make sense. Forgive — again, even when it doesn’t make sense. Believe — again, even when it doesn’t make sense. To follow the risen Christ, you must be willing to do what makes no sense.

The Witnesses of What Makes No Sense

It never fails to amuse me that the disciples in today’s Gospel don’t recognize Jesus until he asks them to do something that makes absolutely no logical sense.

He’s just some random stranger on the shore — until he gives them an order that, in any other circumstances, would have them rolling their eyes into the backs of their head: Drop the nets again. I know you haven’t caught anything all night. I know you’re tired. Just do it one more time. Trust me. Again.

That’s when they recognize him.

The disciples display such poor recognition of Jesus after the resurrection. I’m sure there’s a good, theologically sound reason for it, one I am not smart enough to explain. Whatever that reason is, it’s very clear that God was carefully orchestrating these moments of realization. He is trying to tell us something about how we recognize the risen Christ — the one who has conquered sin, the one whose love was stronger than death. The one who never made any sense, and never will, because his kingdom is not of this world, and to understand him — to recognize him — you have to detach from the priorities, the expectations, the limitations of this present world.

You have to be willing to do what makes no sense.

Love — again, even when it doesn’t make sense. Forgive — again, even when it doesn’t make sense. Believe — again, even when it doesn't make sense.

“We are the witnesses of these things,” Peter tells the Sanhedrin (Acts 5:32). Peter, who was so full of joy when he recognized Jesus that he leapt into the sea, fully clothed, desperate to be near him.

It makes no sense, and that’s okay. That’s kind of our whole thing, as Christians. We are the witnesses of the things that make no sense. ©LPi

### Mass for Widows and Widowers to be Televised

Remember your loved ones on **Sunday, May 25, 2025** with a televised Mass Celebrated by Bishop Mark Bartchak at 11:00AM on WATM ABC 23 and will be rebroadcast at 9:00PM on Breezeline channel 9. All spouses will be acknowledged and remembered at Mass. All persons who have lost a spouse throughout the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese are invited to register by contacting the Family Life Office at 814-317-2643 or email [familylife@dioceseaj.org](mailto:familylife@dioceseaj.org). When registering, please give **name, address, phone number, and the name of the spouse who has passed away**. The last day to register is **Wednesday May 21, 2025**. The event is sponsored by the Diocese Family Life and the Catholic Ministries Drive.

Please be advised a special broadcast of a sporting event on **WATM ABC 23** may delay this broadcast. All names will be seen during Communion.



### Fish Fry Volunteers

We would like to thank the volunteers who worked many hours to make our Lenten Fish Fry Luncheons such a big success: Mary Ann Bell, Bob Borant, Jim Dixon, Anna Rose & Tony Eckenrode, Randy Isenberg, Bob Jones, Mike Kuny, Anna Marie Longwill, Peachy Medley, Kim McNelis, Beth & Tom Moore, Mark & Carol Sanker, Mark Talasky, Lee Truby, Butch Winkler, Linda Yaskow.



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, flash-lights with batteries, etc.

Collection Boxes are available at our entrances.

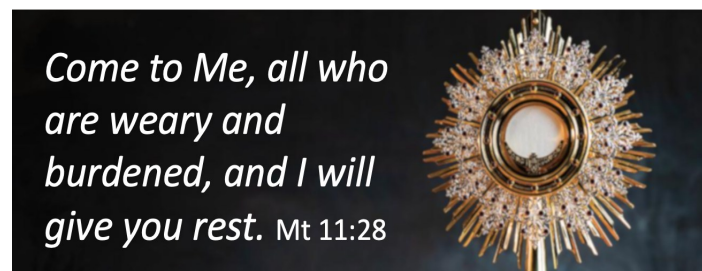


The 2025 Catholic Ministries Drive target for Cathedral is \$51,400. Please be supportive. This year's Theme is "Follow Me" (Mt. 16:24).

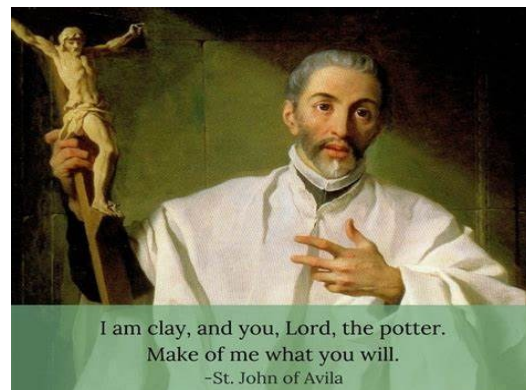
Our sacrificial gift of prayer and treasure will make an immediate and lasting impact on our ministries that focus on evangelization, serving those in need, and the formation of our priests and deacons.

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

As of April 30, \$24,910 has been either pledged or donated from 76 parishioners. Thank you for participating. If you haven't already done so, please help us reach our target.



Our Eucharistic Day of Adoration will be on Wednesday, May 7. There is a sign-up sheet in the cross aisle. Adoration will take place 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

**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 4, 2025**

### **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

Religious Education Office: Sundays - 814-943-7424

E-mail: [claraia@dioceseaj.org](mailto:claraia@dioceseaj.org)

### **DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRY**

Leslie C. Thayer, MM, CAGO

Music Ministry Office - 814-944-2044

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**CHRISTIAN INITIATION TEAM** - 814-944-4603

**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.

**Church Office:** 814-944-4603

**E-MAIL:** [altcathedral@dioceseaj.org](mailto:altcathedral@dioceseaj.org)

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### **Mass Times**

<b>Sunday:</b>	<b>Weekday:</b>
5:00 PM (Vigil)	12:00 Noon
8:00 AM	
10:00 AM	<b>Saturday:</b>
5:00 PM	12:00 Noon

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