FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER **May 11, 2025**

Mass Intentions

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

May 12 Monday, Saints Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs; Saint Pancras, Martyr

12:00PM+Walter Beckel Jr., Birthday (Family)

May 13, Tuesday, Our Lady of Fatima

12:00PM+Dec. Members Seymour & Farber Families (Family)

7:00 PM Confirmation

May 14, Wednesday, Saint Matthias, Apostle

12:00PM+Susan Ryan Kilcoyne (Jim & Steph Kilcoyne)

May 15, Thursday, Saint Isidore

12:00PM+Souls in Purgatory (Anonymous) 7:00 PM BGA Baccalaureate Mass

May 16, Friday, Easter Weekday

10:00AM BGA May Crowning Mass 12:00PM+Dennis Blackie, Birthday (Friend) 7:00 PM BGA Graduation

May 17, Saturday, Easter Weekday

12:00PM+Leo Winkler Birthday (Family)

Vigil: Fifth Sunday of Easter

5:00PM+Frances Pagliaro, Birthday (Family)

May 18, Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:00AM+Christina Flanagan, Birth. (Bear & Patty McCloskey)

10:00AM+Deacon Bill Cronin, Ann. (Family)

5:00PM Pro Popolo/For the People

Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church 11:30AM





Beginning today, 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.



"Thank You, Mom"

From the initial wonder to the morning sickness,

From the sleepless nights to the giggles of delight,

From the first steps to the temper tantrums,

Thank you, Mom.

From school day pride to detention day disappointment.

From the big game to the big show to the big "uhoh."

With secret shared moments and home-cooked meals,

Thank you, Mom.

Through tears and laughter,

Through sorrow and joy,

For all the ups and downs,

and for the journey yet to come,

Thank you, Mom!

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Sunday, May 4, 2025 \$ 12,209.23

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

First Holy Communion Candidates

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.



GABRIEL PROJECT

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 on Thursdays from 1:30-2:30 P.M. to moms and babies in our section of the city.

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

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. Join us we enjoy each other's company and feast on delicious treats and teas. You do not need to bring a teacup to join in the fun.

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".

Welcome to our Newest Members of Cathedral Parish

At our recent Easter Vigil Mass, we welcomed the newest members of the Cathedral Parish. Stephanie Nolan and Madison Belles joined us in Full Communion by celebrating their Confirmation and First Holy Eucharist. Congratulations, Stephanie and Madison. Please keep them and their families in your prayers as they continue their journey as full members of the Catholic Church.

Stewardship Reflections

Throughout the Easter season, our readings have given us glimpses into the life of the newborn Church and the bold witness of the early disciples in spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ to all who would listen. These disciples were the first to live a stewardship way of life. Their example is as relevant it was 2,000 years ago to inspire and guide us modern day disciples.

A spirit filled and joy filled life can be available to all of us, all these years later. It can be achieved when we recognize, as Paul and Barnabas did in our First Reading, that all we have and all we are is a gift from God, meant to be shared with others for His glory. Living as stewards isn't always easy, and sometimes involves great challenges, but in the end there is simply no more satisfying way to live.



Church Cleaning

We will be cleaning the church on Wednesday, May 14, at 9:00 AM. If there is a funeral, we will meet on Thursday same time.

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. 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.



Our Parish Finance Council will meet on Tuesday, May 20, at 4:00 P.M. Our Pastoral Council will meet on the same day at 6:30 P.M.





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, \$31,165 has been either pledged or donated from 93 parishioners. Thank you for participating. If you haven't already done so, please help us reach our target.



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.

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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

WEB

www.altoonacathedral.org

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

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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: Weekday: 12:00 Noon 5:00 PM (Vigil) 8:00 AM 10:00 AM **Saturday:**

12:00 Noon 5:00 PM



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