

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
May 18, 2025
Mass Intentions

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

May 19 **Monday, Easter Weekday**
12:00PM+John Kirsch, Ann. (Marlene Kirsch & Family)

May 20, **Tuesday, Saint Bernadine of Siena, Priest**
12:00PM+Our Mothers (McNelis All Stars and Friends)

May 21, **Wednesday, Saint Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs**
12:00PM+Lavelle Family (Phyllis Lavelle Sheetz)

May 22, **Thursday, Saint Rita of Cascia, Religious**
12:00PM+Harry & Elizabeth Smith (Daughter)

May 23, **Friday, Easter Weekday**
12:00PM+Mike Kling (Mom & Sisters)

May 24, **Saturday, Easter Weekday**
12:00PM+Patricia Dennis, Ann. (Mary Ellen Burke)

Vigil : **Sixth Sunday of Easter**
5:00PM+Richard Letrent (Bill & Tonya Letrent)

May 25, **Sixth Sunday of Easter**
8:00AM+Janice Lilly McCarthey (Elaine Weaver)
10:00AM+Donna Hall (Family)
5:00PM Pro Popolo/For the People
Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church 11:30AM

Christian Mothers May Tea

This weekend, Cathedral Christian Mothers invites all women of the parish (and a friend) to a special afternoon on this Sunday, May 18th at 1:00pm in the Seton Suite. Our guest speaker will be Sister Mary Joseph Calore, SSCJ.

No reservation is necessary. Come join us as 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.

Hope you will join us for a beautiful afternoon with "Mary."



Beginning last weekend, Mother's Day, 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. If you haven't already done so, be sure to pick up a bottle.



THE
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.)

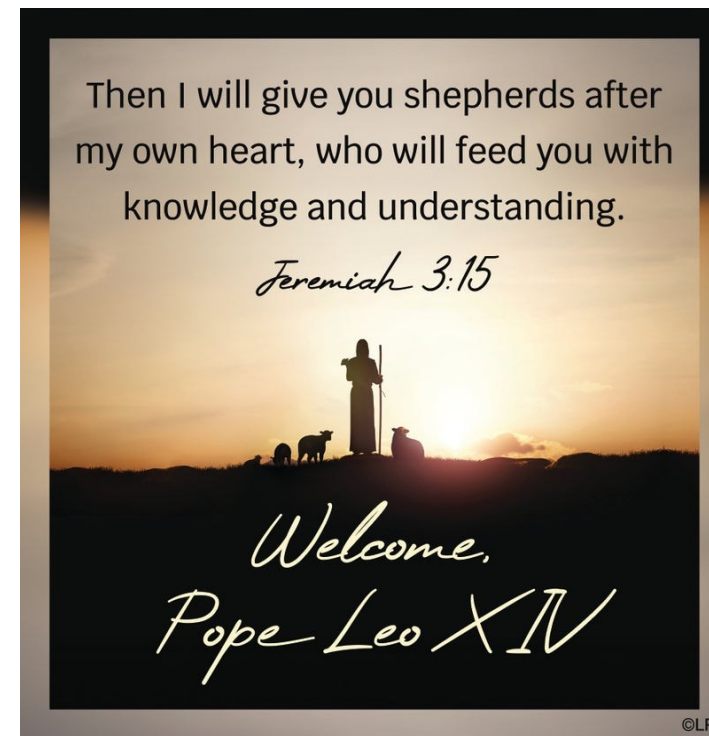
The Cathedral will also be a site for the distribution on Thursdays from 1:30-2:30 P.M. to moms and babies in our section of the city.

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

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Sunday, May 11, 2025 \$ 7,779.42

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



Stewardship Reflections

Today's readings on this Fifth Sunday of Easter contain inspiring but challenging messages for us Christian stewards. The Gospel from John includes the well known verse: "My Children I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another." What a succinct description of a stewardship way of life: "love one another as I have loved you." It sounds so simple, but simple does not necessarily mean easy.

Living a life of service and self-sacrifice is not easy because it requires us to continuously fight against our selfish inclinations. But the more we empty ourselves of "self" by serving others, the more room we make in our hearts for God to pour His grace into us. Amazingly, the more we give our lives away to others, the more He fills us up with Himself.

As we face the hardships that come with living as Christian stewards, we can continue to rejoice in the wonder of the Resurrection this Easter season, finding great joy in following in our Lord's footsteps and in loving as He loves.

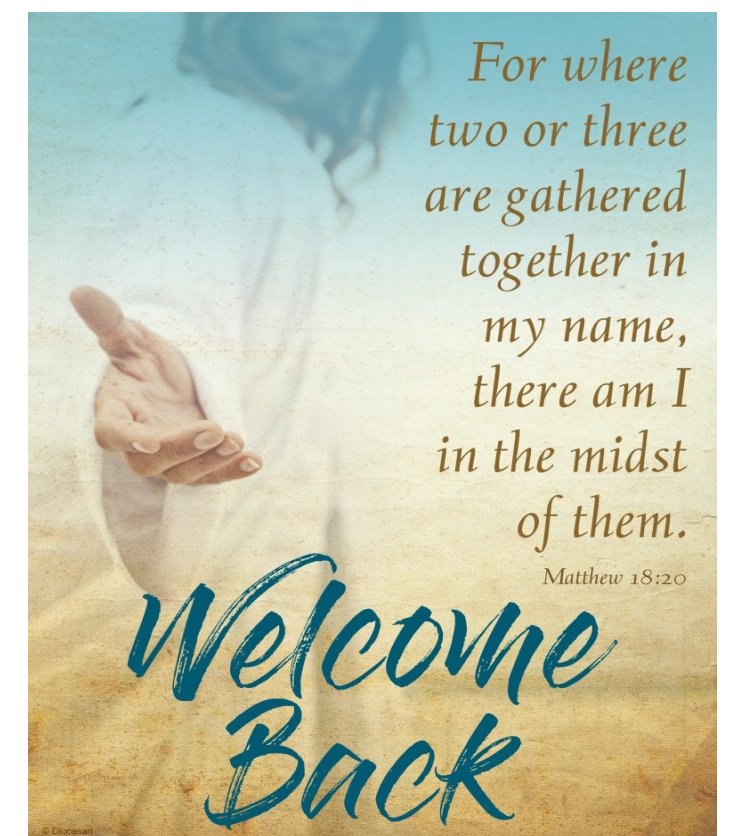
Coming Back to Church

Question:

I have been away from the Church for a few years and really want to get active again, not so much for me, but for my children. Is this a bad reason to come back to Church?

Answer:

If you are on your way to the supermarket, and you are forced to detour from your usual route because of road work, does the food you buy taste different? Is the meal less filling? Are the vegetables less tasty? Of course not. In our faith journey, there are many detours called sin. Some are greater than others, some are even a bit longer. But God's grace comes to us in ways we understand and recognize and need. Your children leading you back to the Church is not as important as the fact that you are back. This is an opportunity for you to renew, strengthen, and deepen your faith. Regardless of how we get to Church, or what draws us closer to God, the fact is we are there. Do what you need to do to get right with God and the Church. Go to confession, begin good family religious practices, and be involved in the ministries your parish offers. Be more than a lukewarm parishioner. Be the kind of Catholic you want your children to be. ©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 them at 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 broadcast during Communion.



VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD

God our Father, from eternity You appointed Your only begotten Son to be the High Priest of the human race.

Pour forth, we beseech You, Your Holy Spirit upon our families, that vocations to the priesthood may be multiplied.

Lord Jesus, give us holy priests:
To offer up the sacrifice of the Mass;
To lead the little ones to You;
To strengthen the faith of believers;
To preach the Gospel to all peoples;
To bring forgiveness to sinners;
To feed souls the Bread of Life;
To comfort the suffering & dying, and
To spread Your Kingdom in our midst.

Mary, Mother of our High Priest, pray for us and obtain for us an increase of holy priests.
Amen



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.

Do you have a Jubilee Passport? Would you like to visit other "Holy Site" parishes?

A Pilgrimage Bus Trip to visit several parish churches listed as Holy Sites in our diocese is being organized. On Sunday June 1st, a bus with "Pilgrims of Hope" will visit churches in the Northern Deanery. Leaving the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament at 2:00pm and visit Our Lady of Victory, State College, and Queen of Archangels, Clarence. If you are interested in participating in this Sunday pilgrimage, please contact Carol Galioto at (814)327-4841. Seats are limited. A sign-up sheet is located at each parish entrance.

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:	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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