

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
May 25, 2025
Mass Intentions

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

May 26 **Monday, Saint Philip, Priest**
Memorial Day
9:00 AM For the People and Deceased Veterans

May 27, **Tuesday, Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop**
12:00PM+Alex Taylor (Anonymous)

May 28, **Wednesday, Easter Weekday**
12:00PM+Anna Orr (Tom & Beth Moore)
5:30PM+Tom Boslet (Wife)

May 29, **Thursday, The Ascension of the Lord**
8:00AM Danyll Rougeux, Ann. (Mom & Dad)
12:00 PM Pro Popolo/For the People

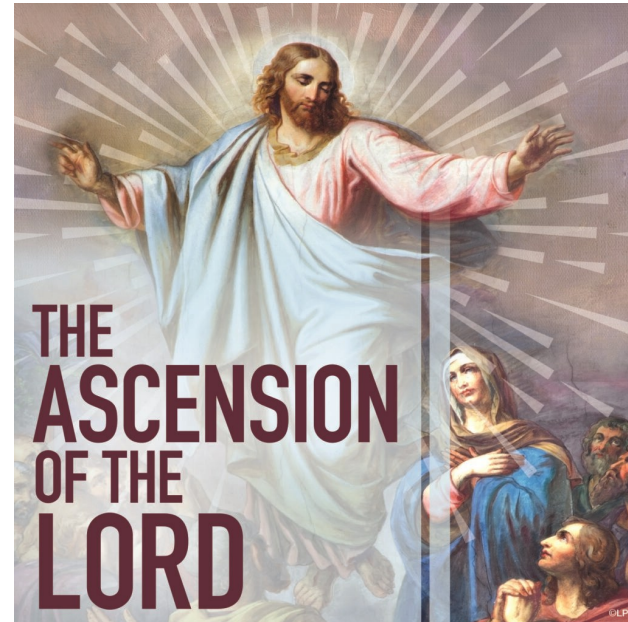
May 30, **Friday, Easter Weekday**
12:00PM+Margaret Weakland (Brian & Louann Weakland)

May 31, **Saturday, The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
12:00PM+Nancy Sassana Mignogna (Estate)
Vigil : **Seventh Sunday of Easter**
5:00PM+Dennis Donley (Mary & Joe Smithmyer)

June 1, **Seventh Sunday of Easter**
8:00AM+Dolly Wesner (Winkler Family)
10:00AM Living and Deceased Deacons (Cronin Family)
5:00PM Pro Popolo/For the People
Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church 11:30AM



Bishop Mark will be the Celebrant and Homilist for our Memorial Day Mass at 9:00 A.M.



The Solemnity of our Lord's Ascension celebrates Jesus' return to the Father. Since this Thursday is a holy day of obligation, we will have a Mass at the cathedral on Wednesday, May 28, at 5:30 P.M. Masses on Ascension Thursday, May 29, will be at 8:00 A.M. and Noon. Bishop Mark will be the celebrant of the 8 o'clock Mass.

There will be a Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church at 5:30 P.M. on Ascension Thursday.



Our Eucharistic Day of Adoration will be on Wednesday, June 4. There will be a sign-up sheet in the cross aisle. Adoration will take place from after the Noon Mass until Benediction at 6:45 P.M.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Sunday, May 18, 2025 \$ 7,758.28

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

A Day to Celebrate Mary

A gracious thank you to all the women who joined with the Christian Mothers last Sunday for an afternoon of friendship and enlightenment. The food was delicious and the atmosphere was heartwarming. A huge thank you to our friend Sister Mary Joseph, SSCJ. She put the words of St. John Paul II regarding women into an enjoyable afternoon of scripture and stories. But this gathering could not have happened without the help of many hearts and hands. First thank you Msgr. Carson for your blessing on this special day. From setting the tables, baking goodies, making centerpieces, and wrapping gifts, then clearing the tables and washing the dishes, many Christian Mothers made this day special for everyone. With heartfelt gratitude I thank Mary Ann Bell, Mary Boslet, Peggy McLucas, Paula Miller, Lorraine Beck, Roberta Burns, Paulette Farabaugh, Mary Gene Vogel, Marie Bettwy, Maryann Bistline and Barabara Rossi for their part in this wonderful day. We are looking forward to the next one.

Gabriel Project Donation

At last Sunday's Christian Mother May Tea, the attendees and members donated \$100.00 to support The Altoona Gabriel Project. These funds are joined with other monetary donations used to purchase items that are not donated such as car seats, cribs and other larger items. Thank you everyone.

Stewardship Reflections

The concept of hospitality is fundamental to a stewardship way of life. When we envision hospitality, we naturally think of offering a sincere and warm welcome to those new to our parish, for instance. We picture inviting them in and making them feel at home and at ease in our presence, communicating to them that they are highly valued.

But if we want our parish to be a place of genuine Christian hospitality, we must be sure that our own hearts are hospitable dwelling places for the Blessed Trinity. Then our smiles and words, our greetings and ministries will radiate with the warmth of God's love. And our parish family will become at least a little bit like Heaven on earth. This is simplicity and glory of a stewardship way of life.



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.

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.



Beginning on 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. There are a few bottles still available.



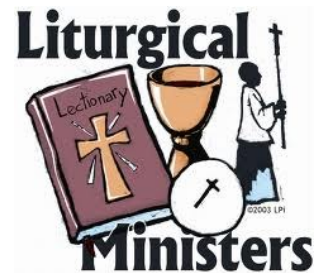
VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD

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



Msgr. Carson will have training/refresher sessions for Liturgical Ministers on Sunday, June 8: 1:00 PM for Readers, 1:30 PM for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, and 2:00 PM for Altar Servers.

The sessions will be repeated on Sunday, June 29: 1:00 PM for Readers, 1:30 PM for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, and 2:00 PM for Altar Servers.



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.

\$33,965 has been either pledged or donated from 98 parishioners. We have reached 66% of our target. 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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