

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
June 1, 2025
Mass Intentions

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

June 2, **Monday, Saints Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs**
12:00PM+ Mark Burns (Dave & Maureen Hanekamp)

June 3, **Tuesday, Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs**
12:00PM+Regina Kutruff, Birth. (Family)

June 4, **Wednesday, Easter Weekday**
12:00PM+Billy Scholz (Steph & Jim Kilcoyne)

June 5, **Thursday, Saint Boniface, Bishop and Martyr**
12:00PM+Jerry Rose, Birthday (Kathleen Davies)

June 6, **Friday, Saint Norbert, Bishop**
12:00PM+Charles Brady, Ann. (Joe & Dee Shellenberger)

June 7, **Saturday, Easter Weekday**
12:00PM+Stanley Galant (Kathy & Terry Tomassetti)
Vigil : **Pentecost Sunday**
5:00PM+Raymond Seymour (Bob & Jean Jones)

June 8, **Pentecost Sunday**
8:00AM+Jean Sheehan (John & Becky Bettwy)
10:00AM+John & Patricia Vargo, Wed. Ann. (Family)
5:00PM Pro Popolo/For the People
Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church 11:30AM



Stewardship Reflections

This week was the Feast of the Ascension, when we celebrate Christ’s triumphant return to the Father after perfectly accomplishing His mission on earth. But we can also view this Feast as a celebration of the “launch day” of our commissioning as Christ’s disciples.

Embracing a stewardship way of life, with its emphasis on the use of time, talent, and treasure, helps us to live in such a way that our very lives speak as a witness of the Good News of the Gospel. While we take time to reflect and renew our commitments in these three areas annually as a parish family, it is a great benefit to take some time individually throughout the year to take stocks of the commitments we have made, looking at both our strengths and our need for continued growth in each area.

During this week, and the Feast of the Ascension, let’s take the time to celebrate our victories as Christ’s disciples and to renew our commitment to remain faithful to Him and the unique mission He has entrusted to us!

Basket Bingo

SAVE THE DATE! And mark your calendars for **Sunday, September 28, 2025.** for our basket bingo at Father Kelley Hall. Donations are being accepted and are appreciated.

Basket Bingo Tickets

Tickets are on sale now, **Just in the Parish Office.** Hours are 9:00AM-4:00PM, Monday thru Thursday and Friday 9:00AM to 3:00PM at 1405-13th Avenue .They are \$25.00 per person, and also a value pack can be bought for an additional \$30.00. If you have any questions call Paula at the Parish Office at 814-944-4603. Her cell # 814-215-5949, or Lorraine Beck cell at 1-240-676-6704.



Our Eucharistic Day of Adoration is this 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 25, 2025 \$ 7,672.67

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

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

June 1, 2025

7th Sunday of Easter

John 17:20-26

The famous 20th century St. Padre Pio said once that he would wait outside the gates of heaven until the people in his life had entered. I’m not sure that I, or frankly many people I know, would say that and mean it. Yet that is precisely the kind of attitude we see in Jesus as he prays for us in the Gospel today. Having celebrated the Ascension of the Lord just a few days ago, we now hear the Son of God at the Last Supper pray to his Father “that they may be brought to perfection as one” (John 17:23). What does this mean for us?

I’d wager that we are not surprised that Jesus wants to make us perfect — that is, happy, whole, and healed. The shocker is that he desires this for us collectively and not just individually. Perfection is a team sport. We need each other to be perfect. Jesus is like a mother longing for her adult children to learn how to be in loving support of one another. He wants the perfection of his disciples to be not some individualistic plan of moral uprightness, but a loving communion of brothers and sisters.

Let’s apply this practically. Do I see my participation at Mass as something I do merely for my own peace and edification, or as something I do with and for the people around me? Do I see my ongoing need for forgiveness as something that simply makes me feel better, or as a task that heals those around me, too? Is my dearest hope to individually get to heaven when I die, or is it to be part of the great procession of souls, together marching towards the heavenly Jerusalem? Do I want to be in heaven with people I currently find difficult? How would my life change if I did?

— Father John Muir

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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.

Gabriel Project Donation

At the 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.



SAVE THE DATE!

A block of tickets will be available for a Curve game on Friday, July 18. Call the office (814-944-4603) to reserve your ticket/s.

Our parish will have a picnic on Sunday, August 17, at The Catholic War Veterans Club from 1-4 P.M. The parish will provide chicken and hot dogs. You’ve invited to bring a covered dish.



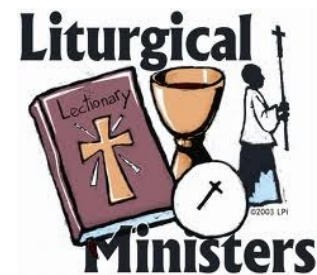
VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD

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.

\$34,465 has been either pledged or donated from 99 parishioners. We have reached 67% of our target. Thank you for participating. If you haven't already done so, please help us reach our target.

"In her voyage across the ocean of this world, the Church is like a great ship being pounded by the waves of life's different stresses. Our duty is not to abandon ship but to keep her on her course."

ST. BONIFACE

The Church of Altoona-Johnstown **THE CATHEDRAL OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

ONE CATHEDRAL SQUARE, Altoona, Pennsylvania 16601-3315

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER JUNE 1, 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

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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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