

**Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**July 13, 2025**  
Mass Intentions

July 13, **Sunday, Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
8:00AM Living and Deceased Members of Michael & Ida Seymore Family (Seymore Family)  
10:00AM+Etta Pastore (Family)  
5:00PM Pro Popolo/For the People  
**Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church 11:30AM**

July 14, **Monday, Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin**  
12:00PM+ Nicholas John Moffa (Estate)

July 15, **Tuesday, Saint Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**  
12:00PM+Our Grandparents (McNelis All Stars and Friends)

July 16, **Wednesday, Our Lady of Mount Carmel**  
12:00PM+Dec. Members Seymour and Farber Families (Family)

July 17, **Thursday, Weekday**  
12:00PM+Charles Brady, Birthday (Joe & Dee Shellenberger)

July 18, **Friday, Saint Camillus de Lellis, Priest**  
12:00PM+ John Kirsch, Birthday (Marlene Kirsch and Family)

July 19, **Saturday, Weekday**  
12:00PM+Fred Petrunak Sr Birthday (Family)  
Vigil : **Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
5:00PM+Josephine Moloney (Bob & Jean Jones)

July 20, **Sunday, Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
8:00AM+Denis Burns (M/M Dave Hanekamp)  
10:00AM+Frederick Martynuska (Joe and Bonnie Russo)  
5:00PM Pro Popolo/For the People  
**Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church 11:30AM**

**Outdoor Mass for Married Couples**

Bishop Mark will be celebrating an outdoor Mass for married couples at the Our Lady of the Alleghenies Shrine in Loretto on Sunday, July 20, at 7:00 P.M. Couples will be invited to renew their sacramental commitment to each other. Bring your own lawn chair. If it rains, the Mass will be celebrated in the Basilica.

**OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS**

Sunday, July 6, 2025 \$10,336.84

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

**Basket Bingo Tickets**

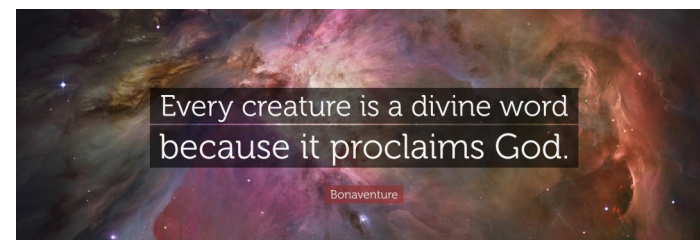
We are going to start selling Basket Bingo tickets starting Saturday, July 12 after all Masses and in the office, Hours are 9:00AM-4:00PM, Monday thru Thursday and Friday 9:00AM to 3:00PM at 1405-13th Avenue. They are \$25.00 per person, and also a value pack can be bought for an additional \$30.00. 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.

**Journey Through Loss**

Is a nine-week program for those who have lost a loved one through death recently or in the past. The Christian based program provides the opportunity to share or to listen and offers positive ideas for coping. **The next sessions begins on Tuesday, July 22.** We will meet weekly from 6:30 to 8:00 PM in the Parish Center at St. John the Evangelist Church in Lakemont. All faiths are welcomed. For more information or to register contact Mary Petrak at 814-502-6076, or mfpetrak@hotmail.com.

**Outdoor Mass for High School Graduates**  
**Entering or Returning to College, University, Trade School, Workforce, or Military**

Bishop Mark will be celebrating the annual Mass for your intentions at 7:00 P.M. at the historic Our Lady of the Alleghenies Shrine in Loretto. Bring a lawn chair. If it rains, Mass is in the basilica.



We have a block of 40 tickets for a Curve game this Friday, July 18, at 6:30 P.M. Call the office (814-944-4603) to find out if tickets are still available.



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.

**Training Session**

CPR and AED Training sessions coming soon. If interested please contact Paula in the office at 814-944-4603 with your name and phone number it will be added to the list. Karen Isenberg will get in touch with you.

**Knights of Columbus Fundraiser**

Knights of Columbus, Bishop Garvey Assembly #916, are having a fundraiser this Sunday, July 13, from 7 AM-7PM at the Valley Dairy Restaurant at 2724 Plank Road in Altoona. 20% of the cost of your meal will directly benefit the Knights. The flyer that must be presented to your server when you pay is available at the cathedral's 13th avenue entrance. A form on the flyer needs to be completed during your visit.

**Christian Mothers**

On Sunday July 13th, the Cathedral Christian Mothers will host the showing of the **Sight and Sound version of "Jesus"** in the Seton Suite at 1:00PM. Join us as we enjoy the sights and sounds of this beautiful story. **All are welcome.** For more information contact Carol Galioto at (814) 946-3769.

The feast of Saints Anne and Joachim, who were Mary's parents and Jesus's grandparents, is celebrated annually on July 26th. On **Sunday July 27th, which is The World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly**, we will be celebrating our parish grandparents and their grandchildren after the 10:00AM Mass. A light reception and some fun games are planned. More information will be posted in next week's bulletin.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

July 13, 2025

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

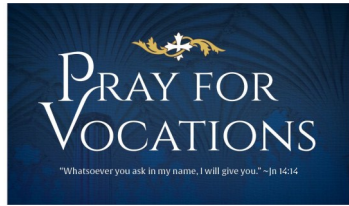
Luke 10:25-37

I used to be a bad neighbor. I'd get wrapped up in my life and ignore those around me. Then I found sage advice from Benjamin Franklin to this effect: to be a better neighbor, ask someone to do a favor for you. It's counterintuitive, isn't it? Tell strangers that I need their help? Yuck. I'll risk looking needy. Worse, I'll be indebted to them. But I tried it, and it works like a charm. Recently I asked my neighbor Alan for a hacksaw, and Inga for an egg. They kindly obliged, and our friendship is growing.

This week we hear a scribe of the law cynically ask Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" (Luke 10:29). Like him, we prefer to keep the list of our "neighbors" as short as possible. It requires less interruption and inconvenience. But when Jesus tells the parable of the Good Samaritan, he exposes the lonely, cold-heartedness tendency of the scribe's (and our) heart. My "neighbor" is anyone I encounter who manifests a concrete need. There isn't time to require any other credential because human need opens us to the happy reciprocity which is love.

Jesus' words challenge us this week to ask a neighbor for help in some small way. How marvelous that God himself shows us how. He moves into our world and asks us to love Him with small deeds of love. Maybe that's where Ben Franklin got the idea.

— Father John Muir      ©LPi



O God, Father of all Mercies, Provider of a bountiful harvest, send Your graces upon those You have called to gather the fruits of Your labor; preserve and strengthen them in their lifelong service of you.

Open the hearts of Your children that they may discern Your holy will; inspire in them a love and desire to surrender themselves to serving others in the name of Your son, Jesus Christ.

Teach all Your faithful to follow their respective paths in life guided by Your Divine Word and Truth.

Through the intercession of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, all the Angels, and Saints, humbly hear our prayers and grant Your Church's needs, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.



The Altoona Gabriel Project would like to thank the Cathedral Parish for helping to supply area moms and babies with supplies via our collection crib. Thanks is also extended to the Cathedral Christian Mothers for their recent monetary donation. The Gabriel Project, a Catholic Pro-Life Ministry, helps with temporal, emotional, and spiritual support for moms in need. Please continue to help by filling the crib with diapers, wipes, blankets, and other baby items. If you know of anyone who needs assistance, please call 814-440-1021.

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

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

\$39,850 has been either pledged/donated from 118 parishioners. We have reached 78% of our target. Thank you for participating. If you haven't already done so, please help us reach our target.



2031 will mark the 100th anniversary of our cathedral's dedication. The diocese has a local engineering firm coordinating the evaluation, by several additional firms, the extensive work that needs to be done: to the dome, roof, exterior masonry, stained glass windows, accessibility issues, general improvements, mechanical and electrical, painting, and eventual organ repairs.

The Church of Altoona-Johnstown  
**THE CATHEDRAL OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**  
ONE CATHEDRAL SQUARE, Altoona, Pennsylvania 16601-3315  
**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JULY 13, 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
- DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRY**  
Leslie C. Thayer, MM, CAGO  
Music Ministry Office - 814-944-2044  
E-mail: lthayer@dioceseaj.org
- 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  
**Fax:** 814-942-4337

**Mass Times**

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