

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 27, 2025
Mass Intentions

July 27, **Sunday, Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8:00AM+Rita Kibler (Jess & Kathleen Winters)
10:00AM+Regis McCloskey (Dick & Carol Hollingshead)
5:00PM Pro Popolo/For the People
Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church 11:30AM

July 28, **Monday, Weekday**
12:00PM+ Paul Rose, Ann. (Kathleen Davies)

July 29, **Tuesday, Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus**
12:00PM+James Conrad (Georgie Corso)

July 30, **Wednesday, Saint Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**
12:00PM+Gene Boyle (Mary Lysinger)

July 31, **Thursday, Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest**
12:00PM+Susan Wahl D'Ambrosio (Dixon, Behe, and Seidel Families)

August 1, **Friday, Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**
12:00PM+ Regina Kutruff (Tom and Ada Oertheck)

August 2, **Saturday, Saint Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop; Saint Peter Julian Eymard, Priest**
12:00PM+Paul & Edith Weible (Sandra Hankinson)

Vigil : **Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
5:00PM+Jean Fornwalt (Ed and Kat Zeak)

August 3, **Sunday, Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8:00AM+Christina Flanagan, Anniversary (Mom)
10:00AM+Marlene Schraff (Weaver Family)
5:00PM Pro Popolo/For the People

Christian Mothers: Grandparents and Elderly Event

The feast of Saints Anne and Joachim, who were Mary's parents and Jesus's grandparents, is celebrated annually on July 26th. Today, **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. Come join us.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Sunday, July 20, 2025 \$ 7,186.80

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

Basket Bingo

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

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.



Religious Ed and Sacrament Prep Registration

Registration will take place at the Religious Education Center on Saturday, August 23rd, before and after the 5:00PM Mass, and on Sunday, August 24th, 2025 before and after all the Masses. Please use the 14th street entrance to the Religious Education Center. Please bring a copy of Baptism Certificate if you are new to this program.



Our Eucharistic Day of Adoration is Wednesday, August 6th. 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.

Church Picnic



FUN...FOOD...FELLOWSHIP...AND GAMES FOR KIDS

Our parish will have a picnic on Sunday, August 17, at The Catholic War Veterans Club, 290 Valley Avenue, from 1-4 P.M. The parish will provide chicken and hot dogs, water and soda. Other beverages are available for purchase. You've invited to bring a covered dish. Please contact the Parish Office at 814-944-4603, or call or text Roberta Burns (301-741-6467) There are sign-up sheets at the cathedral's entrances. Please RSVP by August 10.

Stewardship Reflections

The teachings of our Catholic faith are inexhaustibly deep, but they are amazingly simple. Today's readings take us back to the basics, reminding us how we as Christian stewards are to approach our relationship with God and others. The Gospel reading from Luke takes us back to the basics of prayer. In this passage, some of Jesus' disciples ask our Lord to teach them how to pray. Jesus offers them the beautiful prayer which we call the Our Father. This prayer is so rich that it still forms the basis of our approach to God the Father over 2,000 years later. At the same time, it is so simple, we teach it as a first prayer to young children.

The Our Father is truly a steward's prayer. In it, we call upon God in an intimate way, as Father. We ask that His will be done (not ours) and that His kingdom come (not ours). In other words, we remember that He is our Creator, everything is His, and our focus in life should be on His priorities, not our own.

At the end of the Gospel passage, Jesus offers one more "basic" for us stewards about our relationship with the Father: Ask Him, seek Him, knock on His door. He can hardly wait to bless us, His children. Remember that this week, then go and be a blessing to others. Stewardship is really just that simple.



DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE BUS TRIP TO WASHINGTON,DC

The Diocese is having a bus trip for a Jubilee Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception on Friday, October 17, 2025. The trip will include a tour of the Shrine, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and Mass with Bishop Mark. You can purchase lunch at the Shrine cafeteria or bring your own lunch. There will be a rest stop on the way to Washington and a stop for supper on your own on the way home. To make reservations beginning August 4th, please call Paula Clemens at 814-944-4603. The cost is \$60.00 per person which includes a gratuity for the bus driver. Please make checks payable to the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, and in the memo put Bus Trip. The bus will leave at 7 A.M. from PNC Field (Altoona Curve) parking lot.



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. on Sunday, August 3, at the historic Our Lady of the Alleghenies Shrine in Loretto. Bring a lawn chair. If it rains, Mass is in the basilica.



A Spaghetti and Meatball Fund Raiser

The Newburg Fire Hall, 2808— Washington Avenue Altoona, will be sponsoring a Spaghetti and Meatball Dinner fundraiser and basket raffle, for one of their members on Sunday August 10, 2025 from 11:00am— 5:00pm or sold out. The cost is \$12.00 a meal, \$10.00 12 years of age and younger. This is a benefit for Wesley Clemens, our Parish secretary Paula and Randy's son. He has been in the hospital in Pittsburgh since June 16th, he was air-lifted June 17th. He was diagnosed with necrotizing pancreatitis and has suffered many set backs, including sepsis and multiple organ failures, and septic shock. They just need a little help with medical bills that are adding up everyday. We also need prayers. He is making improvements everyday.

Tickets are available at our parish office and at the Newburg Firehall.



“Blessed are those who have not lost hope” (cf. Sir 14:2). These words, taken from the Book of Sirach, express the blessedness of the elderly and highlight the hope placed in the Lord as the path to a Christian and reconciled old age.



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.

\$49,760 has been either pledged/donated.
We have reached 96% of our target. Thank you for participating. If you haven't already done so, please help us reach our target.



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 Church of Altoona-Johnstown THE CATHEDRAL OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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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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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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