

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 3, 2025
Mass Intentions

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

August 4, Monday, Saint John Vianney, Priest

12:00PM+ Lavelle Family (Phyllis Lavelle Sheetz)

August 5, Tuesday, The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major

12:00PM+Danyll Rougeux, Birthday (Mom & Dad)

August 6, Wednesday, The Transfiguration of the Lord

12:00PM+Arthur Rosin (Friends)

August 7, Thursday, Saint Sixtus II, and Companions, Martyrs; Saint Cajetan, Priest

12:00PM+Marianna Mignogna Moffa (Estate)

August 8, Friday, Saint Dominic, Priest

12:00PM+ Jay & Sally Strawmire, Birth. (Family)

August 9, Saturday, Saint Teresa Benedicta of the cross, Virgin and Martyr

12:00PM+Verna Bell (Mr. & Mrs. Dave Hanekamp)

Vigil : Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00PM+Edgar L. Johnston, Birth (Wife & Family)

August 10, Sunday, Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM+Josephine Moloney, Birth. (Mr. & Mrs, Eric Lieb)
10:00AM+Helen Watters (Chris & Danette George)
5:00PM Pro Popolo/For the People

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

The current schedule for liturgical ministers expires at the end of August. If you have special requests for the months of September, October, and November please submit them to the office by August 15.

Thank you for your willingness to serve as a reader, extraordinary minister of Holy Communion, and server.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Sunday, July 27, 2025 \$ 10,364.18

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
EDUCATION**

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 is 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. This is a pavilion on property.



Annual Wedding Anniversary Liturgy

Bishop Mark and the Family Life Office cordially invite all couples celebrating **1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60 plus years of marriage in 2025** (and their families) to attend the **Annual Wedding Anniversary Liturgy**. Couples may attend Sunday, **September 21 in Altoona** at The Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament or Sunday, **September 28 in Johnstown** at Saint John Gualbert Cathedral. Both locations are handicap accessible. Liturgies in each location begin at 2:00 p.m. Bishop Mark will be the celebrant and homilist at each celebration. Refreshments and snacks will be available after the mass for anniversary couples and their families.

Reservations must be made through your parish for either celebration by Friday, September 12th.



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

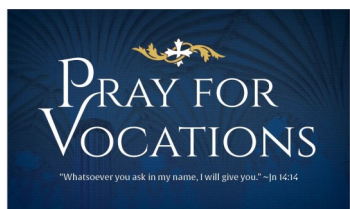
Bishop Mark will be celebrating the annual Mass for your intentions at 7:00 P.M. this Sunday, August 3, at the historic Our Lady of the Alleghenies Shrine in Loretto. Bring a lawn chair. If it rains, Mass is in the basilica.



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.



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

\$53,140 has been either pledged/donated. We have reached 103% of our target. Thank you for participating. Money donated beyond our target will be returned to our parish.

Stewardship Reflections

Today's readings come as a pat on the back from Heaven for all of us striving to live a stewardship way of life. They remind us why we live the way we do, make the choices we make, and leave other things aside. Let's face it, we truly embrace this way of life, there will be people who find our choices downright foolish.

To many people in our materialistic world, setting priorities that are not focused on earthly goals like wealth, status and power is foolish and naïve. But look at what Jesus has to say about priorities in today's Gospel passage from Luke. He makes it clear that life is not about 'stuff'. "Take care to guard against all greed, for though one maybe rich, one's life does not consist of possessions." Don't be ashamed of living differently from the people around you. Be confident as you set priorities based on what is above. You are wise in God's eyes, Christian steward. And you will be rich in what matters most.

A NOTE OF THANKS

Gratitude is extended to our Confraternity Christian Mothers and parishioners who gave cards of appreciation to Bishop Mark and Monsignor Carson on the occasion of the Jubilee of Priests. May God bless you for your thoughtful kindness. The assurance of your prayers was a welcomed gift.

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

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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 3, 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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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:

5:00 PM (Vigil)

8:00 AM

10:00 AM

5:00 PM

Weekday:

12:00 Noon

Saturday:

12:00 Noon

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