

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 10, 2025
 Mass Intentions

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

August 11, **Monday, Saint Claire, Virgin**

12:00PM+ Dec. Members Seymour & Farber Families
 Special Intention Leonida Patrick Health (Family)

August 12, **Tuesday, Saint Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious**

12:00PM+Helen Tomassetti (Walter & Connie Tomassetti)

August 13, **Wednesday, Saints Pontian, Pope and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs**

12:00PM+Tom Andros (Kevin Byrne)

August 14, **Thursday, Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr**

12:00PM+Bill Scholz (Jim & Steph Kilcoyne)
 5:30PM+Ruth Novack (Steve & Cindy Osewalt)

August 15, **Friday, The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

8:00AM+ Donna Pagliara, Birth. (Mom & Children)
 12:00 PM For the People

August 16, **Saturday, Weekday**

12:00PM+Rita Kibler, Anniversary (Family)

Vigil : **Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5:00PM+Virginia Jones, Ann. (Bob & Jean Jones)

August 17, **Sunday, Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00AM+Walter Beckel, Anniversary (Family)
 10:00AM+Anthony Pastore (Family)
 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,

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Sunday, August 3, 2025 \$ 10,455.76

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**

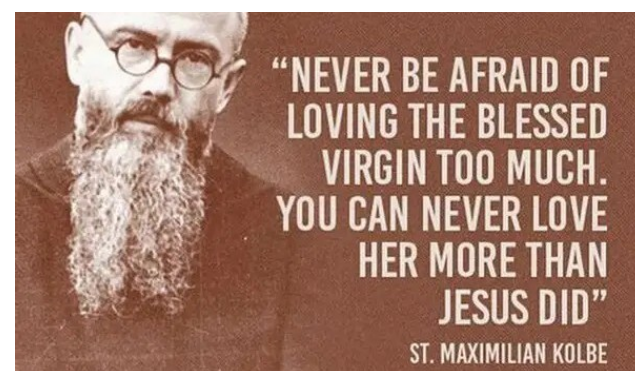
Religious Ed and Sacrament Prep Registration

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.



Church Cleaning

We will be cleaning the church on Wednesday August 13th, at 9:00AM. If there is a funeral, we will meet on Thursday same time.



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.



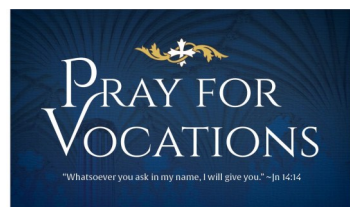
Friday, August 15, is the Solemnity of Mary's Assumption into Heaven. Since it is a holy day of obligation, Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, August 14, at 5:30 P.M. Masses on Friday will be at 8:00 A.M. (celebrated by Bishop Mark) and at Noon. There is a 5:30 P.M. Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church.



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

Whether you are just beginning your stewardship journey or have been living a stewardship way of life for years, today's readings invite us to ask ourselves two potentially life-changing questions.

The first question is: "What do you treasure?" Of course, we all know the 'right' answer to this question. We treasure our faith, our family and our friendships. But Jesus tells us in the Gospel passage from Luke how we can discover the real answer to this question. He says, "For where you treasure is, there also will your heart be." To bring to light what we truly treasure in life, we can ask ourselves, "Where do I spend the majority of my energy, my thoughts, and my money?"

The second question today's reading ask is: "What would you do if you were not afraid?" To put it another way, what would you do if you had radical faith in God? In the Gospel, Jesus tells us plainly, "Do not be afraid any longer, little flock, for your Father is pleased to give you the kingdom." If our perfect Father is pleased to offer us nothing less than His son right now, and Heaven eventually, then what on earth do we have to be afraid of?

There is so much to think about this week. Let's ask ourselves what we really treasure, and then take a bold risk, faith-filled and unafraid to show our gratitude to God for all that He has given to us.

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NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 10, 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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