

**Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**August 17, 2025**  
Mass Intentions

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

August 18, **Monday, Weekday**

12:00PM+ Sandy Cuzzolina, Birthday (Family)

August 19 , **Tuesday, Saint John Eudes, Priest**

12:00PM+Trudy McNelis (McNelis All Stars and Friends)

August 20, **Wednesday, Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church**

12:00PM+Karen Lynn (Co Workers)

August 21, **Thursday, Saint Pius X, Pope**

12:00PM+Jay Buterbaugh (Beverly and John Buterbaugh)

August 22, **Friday, Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

12:00PM+Paul Caracciolo (Joel and Annette Caracciolo)

August 23, **Saturday, Saint Rose of Lima, Virgin**

12:00PM+Patrick Duffy (Jim & Steph Kilcoyne)

Vigil : **Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5:00PM+Rita McCloskey (Steve & Robin Kasun)

August 24, **Sunday, Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00AM+Doris Smith (Nick & Casey Marie Grandchildren)  
10:00AM+Kirk Kling, Ann. (Kling & Weaver Families)  
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 18. Thank you for your willingness to serve as a reader, extraordinary minister of Holy Communion, and server.

**OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS**

Sunday, August 10, 2025 \$ 10,024.77

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**, we are now exactly 7 weeks till 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.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES GALA**

The Independent Catholic Foundation will celebrate its 35th anniversary on Sunday, September 14th, at the Blair County Convention Center. Gala guests will enjoy a delightful social hour beginning at 4:00 PM followed by a gourmet dinner, award presentations, and Jay Paterno's inspiring reflections of his Catholic family legacy. The Master of Ceremonies will be WTAJ News Anchor Marty Radovanic. Business attire preferred. Individual tickets are \$65.00. For complete details including ticket purchases and corporate sponsorship opportunities, please visit [www.icfoundation.us](http://www.icfoundation.us) or call 814-201-2080.



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

Our parish picnic is this 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. Over 100 people are expected.. **We will be eating at 1:30 PM.** Other beverages are available for purchase. You're invited to bring a covered dish. There 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.**

**MINISTERING TO THE POOR**

Catholic Charities is offering workshops on ministering to the poor on Thursday, August 28, at the Diocese Pastoral Center on 2713 W. Chestnut Avenue from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1:30-4:30 p.m.

Call 814-317-2621 to register.



**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. **The deadline to reserve a seat (s) and make the payment is September 20th.**

The Jubilee 2025 Pilgrim's Passport used by many persons and families during the Jubilee year need to be returned, or postmarked by September 8 and sent, to the Diocese of the Altoona-Johnstown Pastoral Center, 2713- West Chestnut Avenue, Altoona Pa 16601. to be eligible for prizes that were listed on the inside cover of the Passport: An overnight stay in Washington DC the weekend of the Altoona-Johnstown Pilgrimage, October 17, an overnight stay in Pittsburgh, or monetary amounts, and various gift cards. You still have some weeks to travel and visit Holy Sites in our five deaneries!

**PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL**

Cathedral's Finance Council will be meeting on Tuesday, August 19, at 4:15 P.M. (this time instead of at 4:00 p.m.).

**44th Anniversary Birth of Mary Celebration**

Saint Catherine of Siena Church and Fatima

308– Old Route 22, Duncansville Pa 16635

Monday, September 8th, 2025

Mass Times: 7:45AM, 12:05PM, 5:30PM

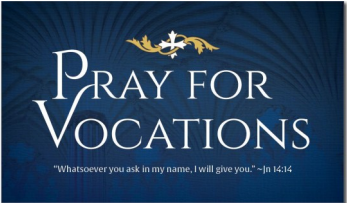
Evening Mass and Rosary Procession at the Shrine. Please bring a lawn chair. In case of inclement weather the outdoor Mass will be celebrated in church.

Rosary 8:15AM, 11:15A.M., 1:00P.M., and 4:30P.M.

Food Exhibits, religious raffle, rosary makers, and crafts in the church hall.

Following morning Mass coffee and donuts in the church hall.

Conclude the day with birthday cake and beverages for ALL



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).

**\$57,020 has been either pledged/donated. We have reached 109% of our target.** Thank you for participating. Money donated beyond our target will be returned to our parish. There have been 163 donors.

**Stewardship Reflections**

Today's readings set a high bar for us Christian stewards, reminding us that a stewardship way of life is meant to be a challenging way of life.

The stewardship way of life helps us to stay in good racing shape. By putting God first in all areas of our lives, we rid ourselves of the burden and sinfulness of over-attachment to ourselves and other things. We get lean and fit and strong for the long race to Heaven.

The stewardship way of life sets a high bar indeed. But deeply embraced, this way of life focused on God and others will make us the saints we are called to be.



THE GABRIEL PROJECT

The Altoona Gabriel Project is currently in need of newborn diapers, newborn blankets, and newborn "onesies". You can help by placing these items in the crib provided near the alley entrance to the Cathedral. Since April, this Catholic pro-life ministry has helped 34 moms and babies. The Cathedral is one of 3 distribution sites in the city. If you know of moms who need help, call 814-440-1021

The Church of Altoona-Johnstown

**THE CATHEDRAL  
OF THE  
BLESSED SACRAMENT**

ONE CATHEDRAL SQUARE, Altoona, Pennsylvania 16601-3315

**TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 17, 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 or by appointment, by texting or calling 814-937-8240

**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**

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**DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRY**

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**CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME - 814-944-4603**  
**GABRIEL PROJECT-814-440-1021**  
**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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[www.altoonacathedral.org](http://www.altoonacathedral.org)



**Mass Times**

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

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