

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 24, 2025
Mass Intentions

August 24, **Sunday, Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8:00AM+Doris Smith (Nick & Casey Marie Grand-children)
10:00AM+Kirk Kling, Ann. (Kling & Weaver Families)
5:00PM Pro Popolo/For the People

August 25, **Monday, Saint Louis; Saint Joseph Calasanz, Priest**
12:00PM+ Patrick Farrell, Birthday (Family)

August 26, **Tuesday, Weekday**
12:00PM+Ramit Oga (Leonida and Rich Patrick)

August 27, **Wednesday, Saint Monica**
12:00PM+David Seidel (Jim and Joyce Chestney)

August 28, **Thursday, Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**
12:00PM+Michael Ratzesberger (Mom)

August 29, **Friday, The Passion of Saint John the Baptist**
12:00PM+John P Koeck Jr. (The Shupp Family)

August 30, **Saturday, Weekday**
12:00PM+Eva Ruggery, Ann. (Daughter Regina and Family)

Vigil : **Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**
5:00PM+John Plummer and Connie Tipperry (Mary Ann and Jack Tipperry)

August 31, **Sunday, Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8:00AM+Anthony Labriola (Brian & Teresa Stayer)
10:00AM+Dec. Members of E. T. Smith Family (George Smith)
5:00PM Pro Popolo/For the People

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.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Sunday, August 17, 2025 \$ 6,757.55

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.



Our Eucharistic Day of Adoration is Wednesday, September 3rd. 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.

Stewardship Reflections

Today's readings show us that it is not enough to be Christ's disciples in name only. We must live for Christ every day and in every aspect of life. This kind of life takes strength and discipline.

Intentionally and consistently offering the Lord the best of our time, talent and treasure through a stewardship way of life is a form of spiritual discipline. These spiritual disciplines teach us to become ever more aware of God's constant provision for us and they keep us on the narrow path towards the Kingdom of Heaven. The more we embrace this way of life, the more we can be "trained" by the Lord in the ways of true discipleship. Thou difficult, these disciplines become a source of spiritual strength.

In the week ahead, let's strive to embrace the spiritual disciplines that can transform us into real disciples of Christ and lead us into the Kingdom of God.

Church Picnic



Thank You

We would like to take this time to thank the following people who had a hand in organizing the Parish Picnic that we had last Sunday, at the Catholic War Vets: Roberta Burns, Lorraine Beck, Mary Ann Bell, Marie Bettwy, Paula Clemens, Carol Galioto, Cory Geishouser, Barbara Rossi, Butch Winkler, and Tom & Beth Moore. Gratitude is also extended to the Christian Mothers for the gift bags for the children.

A special "thank you" goes to Michael McDonough and the Catholic War Vets for their hospitality and the use of their facilities.



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. **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!



44th Anniversary Birth of Mary Celebration

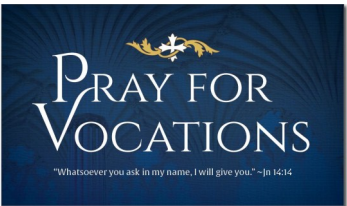
Saint Catherine of Siena Church and Fatima

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 in the church hall.



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 SHRINES OF ITALY PILGRIMAGE

Msgr. Stan Carson plans to lead a pilgrimage in 2026 to Rome and some of the shrines of Italy from Monday, October 12, to Thursday, October 22. More details and a brochure will be made available soon.



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.

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 or call 814-201-2080.



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

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 24, 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.

u 8. Grades 9-11 Sunday Evening at 6:15.

Most Reverend Mark L. Bartchak, J.C.D., Bishop

Reverend Monsignor Stanley Carson, Administrator

Paula Clemens, Parish Secretary

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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 A.M.

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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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