

**Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**August 31, 2025**  
Mass Intentions

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

September 1, **Monday, Labor Day**

9:00AM Sanctification of Human Labor

September 2 , **Tuesday, Weekday**

12:00PM+Hannah Wilken (Rich and Nanci Hall)

September 3, **Wednesday, Saint Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church**

12:00PM+Josephine Moloney (Allison Duclo)

September 4, **Thursday, Weekday**

12:00PM+Raymond McCall (Greg & Karen Querry)

September 5, **Friday, Weekday**

12:00PM+Deceased Members Seymour & Farber Families (Family)

September 6, **Saturday, Weekday**

12:00PM+Robert W Douglas (J. Donald and Eileen Douglas)

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

5:00PM+Jim Weaver, Ann. (Weaver Family)

September 7, **Sunday, Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00AM+Jean Sheehan (Keith and Joan Wagner)  
10:00AM+Dennis Zilla (Mae Pagliara)  
5:00PM Pro Popolo/For the People

**OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS**

Sunday, August 24, 2025 \$ 9,934.76

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**, 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 reminds us of a chief virtue that characterizes the Christian steward: humility. This is a virtue that is widely thought of as a form of self-abasement. But that understanding is off the mark. Humility is simply the awareness of who (and Who's) we truly are.

On one hand, we are children of the Most High God who loved us into existence; children whose Father sent his Son to die for our sins, children who, by virtue of our Baptism, have the Holy Trinity dwelling within us. On the other hand, we are children who are completely dependent on God for our very existence and for every breath that we take. The Christian steward lives with an awareness of these two realities, our great dignity as sons and daughters of God, and our total dependence on Him for all that we are and all that we have been given.

Our attitude and how we serve and share should be centered on true humility, recognizing that we are all 'little' ones in the eyes of God. We are all His children; brothers and sisters invited to our Father's heavenly banquet.

**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 Geishausen, 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.**

**Confirmation Preparation Meetings**

**A meeting for all Confirmation Prep candidates in grades 10, 11 will be held in the Cathedral Hall at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, September 16th and Thursday, September 18.**

**A parent or sponsor must attend one of these meetings with the candidate. And forms, stewardship plans, and letters may be turned in at this time.**



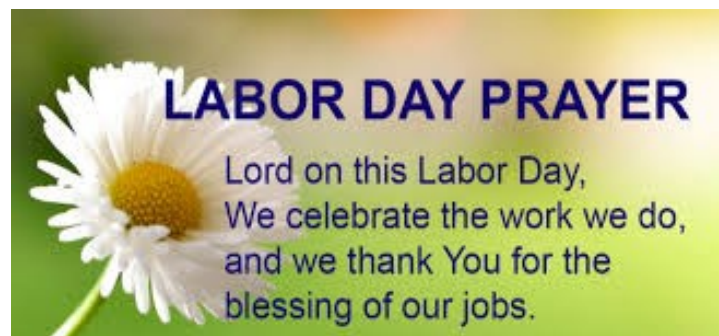
**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE BUS TRIP**

**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.



**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.

Details can be found at

<https://gateway.gocollette.com/link1377752>

You may also call Brenda Ajay at 888-462-9299.

There will an introductory slide show in the cathedral's hall on Thursday, October 23, 2025, at 6:00 P.M.



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](http://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-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 31, 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**

**DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Chris Laraia - Pre-K thru 12 - 814-312-7317  
Religious Education Office: Sundays - 814-943-7424  
E-mail: [claraia@dioceseaj.org](mailto:claraia@dioceseaj.org)

**CHRISTIAN INITIATION TEAM - 814-944-4603**

**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 9-12 Sunday evening at 6:15 A.M.

**Church Office:** 814-944-4603

**E-MAIL:** [altcathedral@dioceseaj.org](mailto:altcathedral@dioceseaj.org)

**Fax:** 814-942-4337

WEB

[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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