

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 7, 2025
 Mass Intentions

September 7, Sunday, The Solemnity of the Anniversary of the Dedication of the Cathedral

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

September 8, Monday, Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

12:00PM+Linda Cacciotti, Ann. (Carl and Family)

September 9, Tuesday, Saint Peter Claver, Priest

12:00PM+Audrey Krause (Phyllis Lavelle Sheetz)

September 10, Wednesday, Weekday

12:00PM+Maryann Brown (Leonida and Rich Patrick)

September 11, Thursday, Weekday

12:00PM+Paul & Marian Sweeney (Mary Ann and Jack Tippet)

September 12, Friday, The Most Holy Name of Mary

12:00PM+John F. Kilcoyne Sr. (Jim and Steph Kilcoyne)

September 13, Saturday, Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

12:00PM Special Intention Kim Capouellez (Family)

Vigil : The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

5:00PM+Jenny Calabrese, Birth. (Daughter Nancy & Family)

September 14, Sunday, The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

8:00AM+Derek Behe (Mom, Dad and Eric)
 10:00AM+David M. Axinn (The Axinn Family)
 5:00PM Pro Popolo/For the People

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Sunday, August 31, 2025 \$ 9,528.03

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 4 weeks till our basket bingo at Father Kelley Hall. Still looking for donations, and gift cards are being accepted and are appreciated.

Students who are looking to get their service hours, here is your chance to help at the basket bingo for as many hours that you would like to be there to help.

We are also asking for donations for soda and water. We are also looking for Pittsburgh Steelers and Pirates items, Gift Cards, Lottery Tickets and anything else you may want to donate. If you can't bring it to us, we will gladly pick it up call Paula 814-944-4603, 814-215-5949 or Lorraine Beck 1-240-676-6704.



This Sunday our parish celebrates the Solemnity of the Dedication of the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament which took place on September 7, 1931. During the year 2031, we will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Cathedral's dedication!



Annual Wedding Anniversary Liturgy

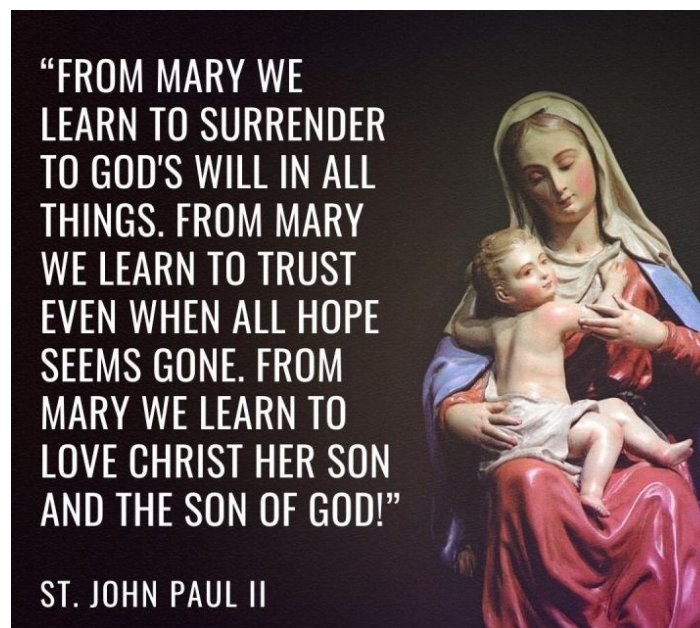
Bishop Mark and the Family Life Office cordially invite all couples celebrating **1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60 plus years of marriage in 2025** (and their families) to attend the **Annual Wedding Anniversary Liturgy**. Couples may attend Sunday, **September 21 in Altoona** at The 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. Any 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!



Church Cleaning

We will be cleaning the church on Wednesday September 10th, at 9:00AM. If there is a funeral, we will meet on Thursday same time.



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.

More details and a brochure will be made available soon.

Christian Mothers

Who is St. Augustine?

Much has been recorded about this man-Saint, Doctor of the Church, founder of a religious, bishop, son of Monica, and a wild young man searching for God. Have you ever wondered about this holy man? A movie about St. Augustine's life will be shown on Sunday, September 14th at 1:00PM in the Seton Suite. **All parishioners are welcome to attend this movie** sponsored by the Christian Mothers. Pope Leo XIV is a member of the Augustinian order.

Christian Mothers Meeting

The regular Christian Mothers meeting will be on Wednesday, September 10th. All women of the parish are invited. We will be discussing upcoming projects. If you have ideas for future activities, please join us. Meetings are held in the Education Center in the lower part of the Parish Center. Rosary is recited at 6:00PM and meeting starts at 6:30PM. If you would like more information joining this ministry, please call Carol Galioto at (814)327-4841.



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.icfoundaton.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-THIRD WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 7, 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

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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 9-12 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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