

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 21, 2025
Mass Intentions

September 21, **Sunday, Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00AM+Libby Shea Allen (Albert Schlecht)
10:00AM+Etta Pastore (Family)
2:00PM Wedding Anniversary Mass
5:00PM Pro Popolo/For the People

September 22, **Monday, Weekday**

12:00PM+Michael Wolf, Birthday (Wife)

September 23, **Tuesday, Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest**

12:00PM+Father Paul Turnbull (Dave and Maureen Hanekamp)

September 24, **Wednesday, Weekday**

12:00PM+Marion Roberts (Kaylee, Dougie, & Bennett Kenepp)

September 25, **Thursday, Weekday**

12:00PM+Charlotte Irwin (Christian Mothers)

September 26, **Friday, Saints Cosmos and Damian, Martyrs**

12:00PM+Alfred Rutolo, Birthday (Family)

September 27, **Saturday, Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest**

12:00PM+Betty Capouellez, Birthday (Family)

Vigil : **Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5:00PM+Mildred Conti, Anniversary (Family)

September 28, **Sunday, Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00AM+Terry Smith (Kevin Byrne)
10:00AM+Ruth, Paul & Christie Eckenrode (Mary Ann & Jack Tippery)
5:00PM Pro Popolo/For the People

PRECIOUS LIFE BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

Cathedral parish collected \$1,805.11 during this year's Baby Bottle Campaign. Over 130 churches from Blair, Bedford, and Cambria counties raised \$139,110.97!

Thank you very much for participating.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Sunday, September 14, 2025 \$ 9,535.87

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 2 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 looking for Pittsburgh 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.



Jubilee 2025 Pilgrims of Hope Ecumenical Concert

You and your friends are invited to Saint John Gualbert Cathedral in Johnstown for a Jubilee Expression of Music at 2:00 P.M. on Sunday, October 5. The choirs with be: Diocesan High School Choir: featuring students from Bishop Carroll, Bishop Guilfoyle and Bishop McCort, Westmont Presbyterian Choir, Greater Johnstown Community Choir, and Greater Johnstown Diocesan Festival Choir. Before and following the concert in the Zion Lutheran Hall next door you can view the Expressions of Hope Art and Photo Display and enjoy refreshments.

Stewardship Reflection

After today's readings, we can't say that we have not been warned about the dangers of mixed-up priorities. God's Word is so very clear today on the necessity of putting Him first in all areas of our lives.

What can we learn from the curious parable to help us avoid the worldly thinking condemned in our First Reading, and give ourselves away as Jesus did as is described in our Second Reading? We know this 'bad steward' was clever and energetic. He put thoughts, prudence, and creativity into the plans he made for self-serving ends and carried out his plans with great success.

What if we put that kind of effort into our own tasks as good stewards of all God's gifts to us? Into our ministries, into the way we make more time for prayer as individuals, as couples, as families, and as a parish? What if we got as creative as the 'bad steward' in the use of our finances so that we could give more generously to the poor and the advancement of God's kingdom on Earth? That's our lesson and our challenge.

CPR/AED

We are proud to announce that we had 8 people that had passed and are certified both in the CPR/AED class that was held in the Education Center. A big thank you to Karen Isenberg for giving of her time, and talent in arranging this class. For those who are not familiar with where the AED is located, it is on the radiator in the hallway beside the Tabernacle, along with a First-Aid kit. If you are not sure please ask Msgr. Carson or a Eucharistic Minister, or Reader, and they will show you.

A Note of Thanks from the Clemens Family

We would like to thank everyone who had donated monetary gifts, offered prayers, and sent words of encouragement....all of which were passed on to , and deeply appreciated, by Wesley and Jessica. The power of prayer is amazing and will never be forgotten. Wes is expected to be released from a rehab hospital this weekend. While he has a long road ahead, Wes' spirits are up and he has a positive attitude. May God bless all of you.

—Paula, Randy, Wesley, and Jessica Clemens



The 2025 Catechetical Sunday theme encourages us to be prepared to share the basis of our faith, the Lord, and the hope he provides. In the same manner St. Peter encouraged the believers of his time, the Scripture reminds us, the sharing should be done with gentleness and respect.

Gratitude is extended to our parish's catechists: Bishop Guilfoyle Academy: Danielle Aikens; Religious Ed PreK—8/11: Chris Laraia, Director, Gabrielle Cronin, Lori Pastore, Helen Carper, Roberta Burns, Darlene Sinisi, Nicole Burkle, Harry Gregg, Andrew Williams, Jeanne Thompson, Phyllis Baker, Karen Isenberg, Brandon Solnosky, and subs Emily Koller, Mary Ann Bell, Beth Moore, Maryann Bistline, and Carol Galioto; Baptism Prep: Chris Laraia; First Reconciliation/First Eucharist: Chris Laria and Lori Pastore; Confirmation Pre Team: Chris Laraia, Phyllis Baker, Jeanne Thompson, Emily Koller, Brandon Solnosky, Emily & Matt Yerty; Confirmation Mentors: Bryan & Eileen Starr, Christine Repko, Chris Laraia; Marriage Prep: Clark & Kim Adelman, Bob & Chris Laraia, Tom & Beth Moore, Tyler & Abbie Groff; OCIA: Carol Galioto, Director, Jeanne Thompson, Barb Rossi, Tony Kibelbek, Angela Blough.



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.

MISSION COOP APPEAL

The Congregation of Jesus Mary Joseph, a community of religious sisters, who serve in India, Ghana Africa, Germany, Austria, and the United States, was to make this year's Mission Cooperative Appeal. Since they were unexpectedly unable to provide a sister to visit and make their appeal personally, we have been asked to take up a collection on our own.

A specially marked envelope was attached to weekend's bulletin. You may also prepare your own envelope. The sisters' ministry includes education, healthcare, corporal works of mercy, and evangelization. Please be supportive.



The 2025 Catholic Ministries Drive target for Cathedral is \$51,400. **\$57,850 has been either pledged/donated. We have reached 112% of our target.** Thank you for participating. Money donated beyond our target will be returned to our parish. There have been 166 donors.



LIFE CHAIN

Sunday, October 5, 2025-2:00-3:00 P.M.

17th Street and 9th Avenue, Altoona

(Station Mall Medical Center)



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

THE TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 21, 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

ANOIDING 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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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:

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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