

**Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**September 28, 2025**  
**Mass Intentions**

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

September 29, **Monday, Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels**

12:00PM+Ernie Tomassetti, Birth. (Wife & Family)

September 30, **Tuesday, Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church**

12:00PM Michael & Jennie Wolf, Wedding Ann. (Wife)

October 1, **Wednesday, Siant Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church**

12:00PM+Cupidio Oga (Leonida & Rich Patrick)

October 2, **Thursday, The Holy Guardian Angels**

12:00PM+Sasha Foltyniewicz McFarlane (Scarfone Family)

October 3, **Friday, Weekday**

12:00PM+David Seidel, Wedding Ann. (Wife)

October 4, **Saturday, Saint Francis of Assisi**

12:00PM+Rita Kibler, Birth/ Wed Ann. (Family)

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

5:00PM+Edgar A. Johnston, Ann (Mom & Family)

October 5, **Sunday, Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00AM+Carol M. Lockard (Sharlene & Maureen Kirsch)  
10:00AM+Delphina Rutolo, Ann. (Family)  
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 21, 2025 \$ 7,780.08

Thank you for your monetary and personal contributions to the life of our parish.

**Today is Basket Bingo Sunday!**

**...THE DAY THAT WE HAVE BEEN PREPARING FOR & TALKING ABOUT!**

Doors open at 12:00PM at Father Kelley Hall. Tickets available at the door. Come join us, have fun, and enjoy a good meal, fun and laughter.

**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.



**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.

**Healing Mass**

First Friday Healing Mass being held on October 3, 2025, In Honor and Memory of Father Julio Rivero, at; Saint Aloysius Parish, 7911 Admiral Peary Highway Cresson Pa 16630.

Visiting Celebrant Rev. Richard Diguilo, Buffalo N.Y. Special Music and Witness at 6PM, by Johan Bester of Karisma Performing Arts, Johannesburg, South Africa.

Johan's powerful witness and music will prepares our hearts for prayers, inspiring hope, healing and unity. Mass will start at 7:00PM with healing prayers to follow.

**Stewardship Reflections**

Our Lord Himself gives us a very clear illustration of the urgency for us to put our powers to good use in today's Gospel Passage from Luke. He tells the rather chilling parable of the rich man who ignored poor Lazarus during their lifetimes. At the moment of the rich man's death, he goes down to the netherworld while Lazarus is taken to the eternal joy and comfort in the bosom of Abraham. The rich man keenly regrets his complacency towards the needs of Lazarus, but it is too late for regret. His choices have played out and now the rich man will face the consequences of his failure to use the gifts that God gave him.

We have all been given the power of God, in the form of our time, talents and treasures. Today's readings remind us to use that power for great good, and not let it go to waste.

**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, 2026

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.

**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

**Christian Mothers' Meeting**

The regular Christian Mothers meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 8th. **All women of the parish are invited.** If you have suggestions or 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 the meetings start at 6:30pm. If you would like more information about joining this ministry, please call Carol Galioto at (814) 327-4841.

**After the Movies "Jonah"**

**The Sight and Sound production of "Jonah" will be shown in the Cathedral Seton Suite on Sunday, October 18th at 1:00pm.** This musical version story of Jonah and the whale comes to life as a fun filled adventure about a stubborn man. Bring the family and join us as this movie takes us on Johnah's journey. **All are invited to join us.**

**Public Rosary in Heritage Plaza, Altoona**

On Saturday, October 11th, The Knights of Columbus Chapter 551 and the Cathedral Christian Mothers invite you to join them for a public Rosary Prayer in cooperation with the **America Needs Fatima** committee. The rosary will start at Noon in the Heritage Plaza. Refreshments prior to the rosary hosted by the Cathedral Christian Mothers with music by the Holy Spirit Ministry. A luncheon will be held at the K of C building (1508– 12th Avenue) after the rosary. Join us as we come together in Mary's powerful prayer.



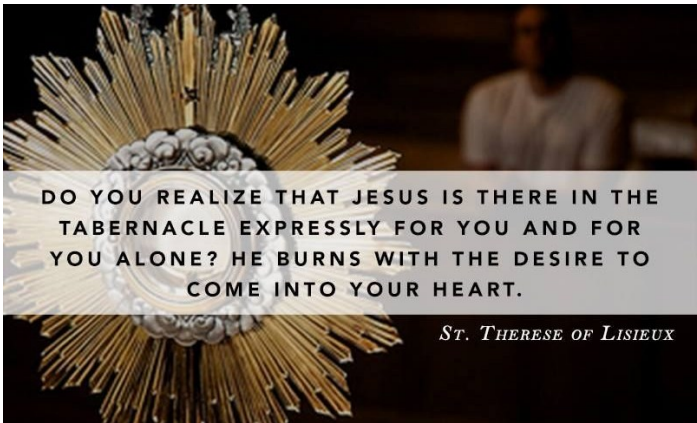


The 2025 Catechetical Sunday theme encourages us to be prepared to share the basis of our faith in the Lord, and the hope he provides. In the same manner St. Peter encouraged the believers of his time, and the Scripture reminds us that, the sharing should be done with gentleness and respect.

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 Prep 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.

**COMMUNION CALLS**

If you would like to be added to Msgr. Carson’s monthly Communion Visit list, please call the rectory.



Wednesday, October 1, is our next Eucharistic Day of Prayer. We will have adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from after the noon Mass until Benediction at 6:45 P.M. There is a sign-up sheet in the cross aisle of the ca-



Sunday, October 5, 2025-2:00-3:00 P.M.  
17th Street and 9th Avenue, Altoona  
(Station Mall Medical Center)



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 SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 28, 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**

Chris Laraia - Pre-K thru 12 - 814-312-7317  
Religious Education Office: Sundays - 814-943-7424  
E-mail: 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**

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**Secretary E-mail:**

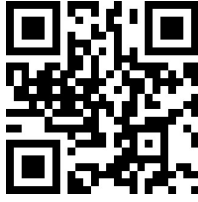
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**Mass Times**

<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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