

**Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**October 5, 2025**  
**Mass Intentions**

**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

**October 6,, Monday, Saint Bruno, Priest; Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin**

12:00PM+Josephine Moloney (Beverly Horne)

**October 7, Tuesday, Our Lady of the Rosary**

12:00PM+Florence Rizzo (Anonymous)

**October 8, Wednesday, Weekday**

12:00PM+Florence Moffa Brook (Estate)

**October 9, Thursday, Saint Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs; Saint John Leonardi, Priest**

12:00PM+Mike Long (Kevin & Becky Winkler)

**October 10, Friday, Weekday**

12:00PM+Herb & Regina Kutruff, Wedding Ann. (Family)

**October 11, Saturday, Saint John XIII, Pope; BVM**

12:00PM+Adelaine Kipple (Mr. & Mrs. Dave Hanekamp)

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

5:00PM+Mary K. Kantoski, Anniversary (Mom & Family)

**October 12, Sunday, Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00AM+Dave Plank (Mary & Joe Montler)  
10:00AM+Shirley Keirn (Mr.& Mrs. Tony Carosiel-li)  
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 28, 2025 \$ 13,237.04

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

**Stewardship Reflections**

Our readings today show us that living a stewardship way of life that is, a life focused on serving God and His Kingdom is not easy. They also show us that our lives belong to God, not to us and that God will indeed bring about fulfillment of His kingdom. We just need to have faith that He can do it and commit to our small part in His grand design.

Living our lives in His service is very much our responsibility, as Jesus explains through the parable of the unprofitable servant. Our Lord describes a scene in which a servant has just come in from tending to the master's affair and asks whether it would be reasonable for the master to begin waiting on his servant. Of course it would not be reasonable. The servant would be expected to continue to serve his master until he has completed the work the master has given him that day. Jesus said we should have this same attitude before God. The time, talents, and treasure entrusted to us are all God's. Our very lives belong to God. Whatever we do on God's behalf with our lives and gifts is imply our God-given responsibility.

The stewardship way of life makes the privilege and responsibility of serving Christ and His kingdom a reality.



**Trunk or Treat**

Our Trunk or Treat is next Sunday, October 12th, from 2:00-3:00PM in the lower parking lot...family fun, an inflatable slide, costumes, and candy! If you're going to have a decorated car present, please contact the Parish Office at 814-944-4603 to register. You may also register your car by going to <http://tinyurl.com/cathedraltrunkortreat2025>. Please join in the fun! Hope to see you there!



**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.



**27<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith." The Lord replied, "If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you." - Lk 17:5-6

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**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 19th 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.



Gratitude is extended to all who helped to make this year's Basket Bingo a success. A detailed thank you will appear in next week's bulletin.



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October 5, 2025 Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Or-  
dinary Time

Luke 17:5-10

A priest friend of mine received a call from a family whose elderly mother was dying. Within thirty minutes, he was at her bedside, offering the consolation of the sacraments, anointing her with the oil of the sick, and commending her soul to God. She passed not long after, and for months, her family spoke of their deep gratitude for his presence. When I phoned him to commend his faithful ministry, he simply said, “I was just doing my job.”

His words brought to mind Jesus’ teaching this week in Luke 17:10: “So you also, when you have done everything you were told to do, should say, ‘We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty.’” In a world that often seeks recognition and applause, the Lord invites us into a different mindset — one of humble service. The priest did not see his response as extraordinary; he saw it as a grace to fulfill his vocation.

How tempting it is to seek affirmation for doing what I ought to do! Yet Jesus reminds us that true discipleship is not about grandstanding but about quiet faithfulness. It is enough to have served. It is enough to have loved. It is enough to be grateful that we were given the chance to do our duty in the first place. Whether in priesthood, parenthood, or any vocation, what peace-soaked freedom there is in simply doing what is asked of us. No more, no less. Jesus, that is how you quietly love us.

— Father John Muir



“Spiritual Adoption” prayer cards are being distributed this weekend. We’re invited to pray daily for nine months for a set of parents and their unborn baby.



**LIFE CHAIN**

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

17th Street and 9th Avenue, Altoona

(Station Mall Medical Center)

Praise and worship will begin at 1:30 P.M.



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 SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME OCTOBER 5, 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**

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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:**

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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