

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 12, 2025
Mass Intentions

October 12, Sunday, Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM+Dave Plank (Mary & Joe Montler)
10:00AM+Shirley Keirn (Mr.& Mrs. Tony Caroselli)
5:00PM Pro Popolo/For the People

October 13,, Monday, Weekday

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

October 14, Tuesday, Saint Callistus I, Pope and Martyr

12:00PM+Ruthie McConnell, Ann. (Husband Mel)

October 15, Wednesday, Saint Teresa of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

12:00PM+Mina Oda Baguio (Rich and Leonida Patrick)

October 16, Thursday, Saint Hedwig, Religious; Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin

12:00PM+Carol Foytick (Maureen Kedzuf)

October 17, Friday, Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr

12:00PM+Marsha Fisher (Elizabeth Axinn)

October 18, Saturday, Saint Luke, Evangelist

12:00PM+Mary Moffa Jenaway (Estate)

Vigil : Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00PM+Charlotte Irwin (Sue Sidler Highberger)

October 19, Sunday, Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM+John Conti (Deb & Clair Ciaverella)
10:00AM+Anthony Pastore (Family)
5:00PM Pro Popolo/For the People

A Note from Msgr. Stan Carson

I am very pleased to announce that Mr. Bob Long is returning as our Director of Music Ministry. Mr. Long had been the Cathedral's Music Director from 1992-1999. Since then, he's been a Director at St. Patrick's Cathedral, N.Y., Corpus Christi Parish, Chatham, N.J., and St. Mary's Benedictine Abbey, Morristown, N.J.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

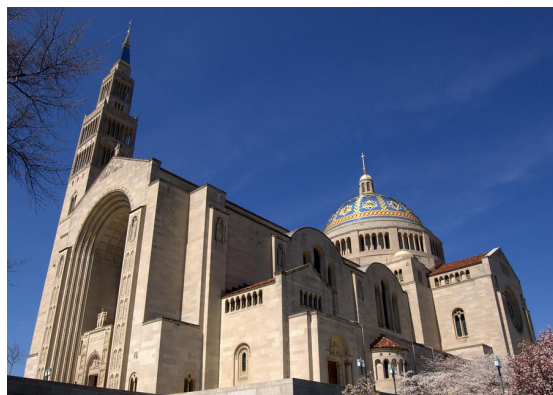
Sunday, October 5, 2025 \$ 11,245.39

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



Trunk or Treat

Our Trunk or Treat is this 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 register your car by going to <http://tinyurl.com/cathedraltrunkortreat2025>. Please join in the fun! Hope to see you there!



Pilgrimage to Washington D.C.

There are still 25 bus seats available for the Altoona area Friday, October 17, Pilgrimage to Washington D.C. Please call Jeanne Thompson at 814-317-2672 to reserve your seat. Payments of \$60.00 per person and are made payable to the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown. Buses will be leaving the PNG field at 7:00 AM.



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.



The Altoona Gabriel Project is a Catholic Pro-Life ministry dedicated to helping moms and babies with supplies, as well as providing spiritual and emotional support

Our parish has a collection crib at the alley entrance for non-perishable baby items (diapers, wipes, clothing, bibs, towels, blankets, etc..).

The Cathedral is a distribution site on Thursdays from 1:30-2:30 P.M..

If you know of moms who need help, call 814-440-1021.

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.**



Thank You!

We would like to give a thank you to Lorraine Beck and Roberta Burns for a job well done! We would like to thank our **Basket Bingo Committee:** Lorraine Beck, Mary Ann Bell, Maryann Bistline, Roberta Burns, Paula Clemens, Lorie Eberwein, Paulette Farabaugh, Linda Kutz, Sherry Luke, Mary Lumadue, Peggy McLucas, and Paula Miller. The **Helpers:** Dr. Anna Bistline Berning, Brian Burns, Randy Clemens, Steve DeCriscio, Dave Donoughe, Carol Galioto, Cindy Holland, Randy Isenberg, Bob & Chris Laraia, Kenny Louder, Dallas & Christine Luke, Tom Moore, Butch & Carol Ruggery, Mark Sanker, Bill Smith, Matt & Ali Stinson, Herb Tomlinson, Lee Truby.

Social Committee

Gratitude is extended to our Social Committee who prepared a delicious meal for our Basket Bingo: Mary Ann Bell, Anna Rose & Tony Eckenrode, Tom & Beth Moore, Mark & Carol Sanker, Lee Truby, Butch Winkler and Linda Yaskow.

Thank You

A Thank you to the following students that helped with our Basket Bingo on Sunday September 28, 2024: Aleia Eckenrode, Mikayla Geishauser, Morgan Geishauser, James Hoyne, Paul Luke, Tyanna Pattillo, Tyson Pattillo, Elaina Stinson and Luke Stinson.



Cathedral Men's Group

Hi my name is Randy Isenberg. I attend 10:00 am Mass. When I look around, I don't know many of you at that mass. With 4 masses each weekend at our Cathedral, I know there are many of you that I don't know.

I have spoken with several men about a men's gathering one evening per month. The goal is to make new friends and renew old friendships. A time to tell stories, play cards, have a snack and drinks, watch sports. How about a game of chess or checkers? No work involved!

We will gather together on the third Thursday of the month. Our first gathering will be Thursday, November 20th, 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm in the Seton Suite in the lower level of the rectory building.

For the first get-together, our parish will provide refreshments. Also, each month will have a "purpose". For this meeting we will support the St. Vincent DePaul food pantry. A food item or donation would be appreciated. I want to develop an email list to send reminders and information about the next meeting or maybe a special gathering or a service project. Send me your email at randyisenberg@yahoo.com If you do not have an email call me at 814-931-5021. I look forward to great evenings of fellowship!



"Spiritual Adoption" prayer cards are available at our entrances. We're invited to pray daily for nine months for a set of parents and their unborn baby.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

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Luke 17:11-19

Dorothy Day, the great Catholic activist, doubted God's existence. At least in her early adult years. But something changed when after giving birth to her daughter, she experienced an overwhelming gratitude. She later described how, as she held her daughter, the only appropriate response was a kind of unlimited gratitude. She had done nothing to deserve such a gift — this tiny, miraculous life — but there she was, flooded with gratitude, completely undone by the love of such a Giver.

Something similar occurs in Luke 17:19 when Jesus tells a healed leper, "Stand up and go; your faith has saved you." This man had already received physical healing through his faith. But the moment of an even deeper transformation came when he turned back, fell at Jesus' feet, and gave thanks. Like Dorothy, this man's gratitude led him to encounter the Giver.

Isn't that what we want, too? Gratitude to God has the power to break our chains of sadness, bitterness, and disenchantment. It empowers us to step out of the prison of self-pity and into the reality of God's abundant love. It shifts our focus from what we lack to what we have received, from what wounds us to what heals us.

Where do we learn this? The Mass. The priest prays: "It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks." Always. Everywhere. Not just when life is easy. Not just when prayers are answered as we expect. Gratitude is not a passive feeling; it is an act of faith. In the eucharist, we remember that Christ himself has given everything for us. And in this act of gratitude, we are healed.

— Father John Muir

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ONE CATHEDRAL SQUARE, Altoona, Pennsylvania 16601-3315

THE TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME OCTOBER 12, 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

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GABRIEL PROJECT-814-440-1021

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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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