

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 26, 2025
Mass Intentions

October 26, **Sunday, Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00AM+Dave Behe (Wife, Sons & Families)
10:00AM+Donnie Rabine (Bob & Chris Laraia)
5:00PM Pro Popolo/For the People

October 27, **Monday, Weekday**

12:00PM+Lori Crilley, Ann. (Sisters Pam & Vicki)

October 28, **Tuesday, Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles**

12:00PM+Cenicia Oga (Leonida and Rich Patrick)

October 29, **Wednesday, Weekday**

12:00PM+David C. Hooper, Birthday (Wife and Family)

October 30, **Thursday, Weekday**

12:00PM+Denis Burns (Mr. and Mrs. Dave Hanekamp)

October 31, **Friday, Weekday**

12:00PM+Michael “Mike” Wagner (Janet Belsey)

November 1, **Saturday, All Saints**

12:00PM+John Moloney/Joan Nedimyer, Birthday (Family)

Vigil : **The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed**

5:00PM+Don Godish, Anniversary (Friend)

November 2, **Sunday, The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed**

8:00AM+Patrick Duffy (Patricia Rhoa)
10:00AM+Doris Carson Eget (Cathedral Parishioners)
5:00PM Pro Popolo/For the People

An Announcement from Msgr. Stan Carson

I am very pleased to announce that Mr. Bob Long has returned 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 19, 2025 \$ 9,352.86

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

Stewardship Reflections

One of the wonderful aspects of stewardship spiritually is its balanced approach to all areas of life. We see this balance in play as we continue to explore the Pillar of Prayer. As stewards, aware of our total dependence on God for everything, we come to Him in awe and gratitude. At the same time, we approach God with an awesomeness of the great dignity He has given us, creating us in His own image and likeness and calling us to join Him in the work of advancing His kingdom.

In last week’s readings, we were encouraged to remain persistent and constant in our prayer life. Today, we focus on the proper attitude of a steward at prayer. We learn that a particular attitude in our approach to prayer will make our prayer lives more effective: “the prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds; it does not rest till it reaches its goal.” When we pray with a humble attitude, God will respond.

The good steward knows he needs God, and that God has chosen to need him in advancing the Kingdom. His prayers pierce the clouds and God is glorified.



Since All Saints Day falls on a Saturday this year, it is not a holy day of obligation. You are invited to

honor the saints by attending the noon Mass

An Expression of Gratitude from

Msgr. Stan Carson

I am grateful for the expressions of sympathy that have been extended to me personally, by text, phone call, and cards in response to the death of my sister, Doris. I am particularly touched by the number of cards and Mass requests. Be assured of a remembrance in my prayers.



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.



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.

Respect Life Committee

The Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament is forming a Respect Life Committee and you are welcome to join us at our initial meeting on Thursday, November 13, 2025 in the lower level of the Parish Center at 6:30 PM. CCD entrance. Plans for the future projects to promote respect of all human life from conception to natural death through prayer, peaceful witness, education and advocacy will be discussed.

Healing Mass

Holy Spirit Ministry will hold a special Healing Mass on Tuesday, November 4th at 7:00 PM, at St. Michael Church, Hollidaysburg. This powerful night of hope and healing is for all who are suffering physically, emotionally, and spiritually. Fr. Jeremy Mohler will be the main celebrant. Praise and worship will precede the Mass at 6:30 PM and prayer ministry will follow the Mass. If you are suffering physically, or from an addiction, or hurting or struggling in any way, come and experience the healing power of Jesus and be set free! All are welcome!

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

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Luke 18:9-14

Every now and then readers of these reflections write letters in which they object to something. Years ago, this Gospel of Luke 18 prompted such an email. A man wrote to me: “I find it deeply offensive that you suggest we are still sinners once we are God’s sons and daughters.” His objection stirred in me a profound awareness of the paradox at the heart of our faith. Are we sinners or beloved children of God?

In this Gospel (Luke 18:9-14), a tax collector appears as one who has missed the mark. His sins have isolated him. His breast-beating is not an act of self-flagellation for pride’s sake but a heartfelt admission of his failure and unworthiness. Remarkably, Jesus honors the candid humility of the parable’s penitent. Why? Because we are always in need of mercy, always. But even more, perhaps because on the cross, Jesus will fully embrace a similar place of humiliation and rejection. He will enter into the most shameful, offensive place of the sinner so that we might “go home justified.”

There is a sacred tension in admitting that we are sinners and yet have profound hope. We are beloved sons and daughters of God, growing precisely through our honest acceptance of failure. When we cry, “Have mercy on us,” during Mass or when we repeat the “Jesus Prayer” in quiet moments, or in the confessional, we embrace our imperfections as fertile ground for divine grace. In doing so, we follow Christ’s example — finding true exaltation in the humble acknowledgment of our human frailty.

— Father John Muir

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Cathedral Men's Group

Randy Isenberg is facilitating the formation of a Men's Group which will gather 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!

The men will gather together on the third Thursday of the month. The 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 the first meeting the men will support the St. Vincent DePaul food pantry. A food item or donation would be appreciated. Randy wants to develop an email list to send reminders and information about the next meeting or maybe a special gathering or a service project. Send him your email at randyisenberg@yahoo.com If you do not have an email call him at 814-931-5021. It will be a great evening of fellowship!

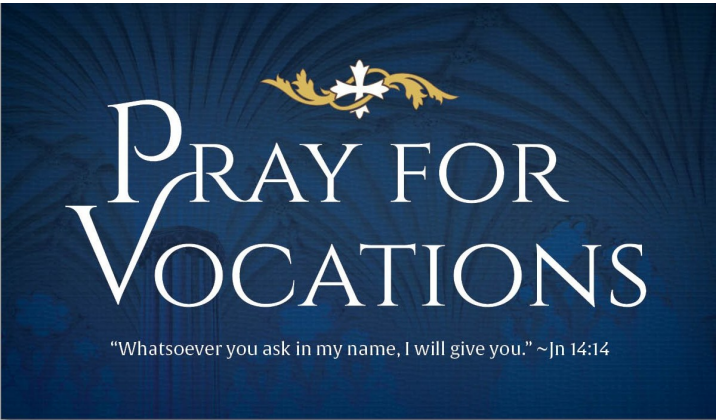


"Spiritual Adoption" prayer cards are available at our entrances. We're invited to pray daily for nine months for a set of parents and their unborn baby.



National Vocation Awareness Week, celebrated November 2-8, 2025, is an annual week-long celebration of the Catholic Church in the United States dedicated to promoting vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life through prayer and education, and to renew our prayers and support for those who are considering one of these particular vocations.

November's Eucharistic Day of Prayer will be on Sunday, November 2, instead of the first Wednesday of the month. We will have exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from after the 10:00 A.M. Mass until 4:45 P.M. You are invited to attend a Holy Hour for Vocations at 3:00 P.M. on Sunday.



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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, Rector

Paula Clemens, Parish Secretary

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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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