

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed
November 2, 2025
Mass Intentions

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

November 3, Monday, Saint Martin de Porres, Religious

12:00PM+Michael Long (Kevin and Becky Winkler)

November 4, Tuesday, Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop

12:00PM+Jim Gates (Diane Luke)

November 5, Wednesday, Weekday

12:00PM+Terry Smith, Ann. (Family, Diane & Fred Gibbons)

November 6, Thursday, Weekday

12:00PM+Marion Roberts (McElhinney Family)

November 7, Friday, Weekday

12:00PM+Souls in Purgatory (Anonymous)

November 8, Saturday, Weekday

12:00PM+Jean Fornwalt (Leonard & Mary Burns)

Vigil : The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

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

November 9, Sunday, The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

8:00AM+Tim Dale (Jack Massar and Family)

10:00AM+Etta Pastore (Family)

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 26, 2025, \$ 8,723.18

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

Stewardship Reflections

On this sacred day, the Church invites us to remember and pray for all the faithful departed, those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith. It is a day of profound connection, when the veil between heaven and earth feels especially thin.

Stewardship is rooted in gratitude, and today we give thanks for the lives of those who shaped our faith, nurtured our families and built our communities. Their legacy is a gift we have received, and we are called to be faithful stewards of that gift by living lives of holiness, generosity and love.

As we celebrate this day, we are reminded that stewardship is not only what we do with our time, talent and treasure, it is about how we care for the memory and spiritual well-being of others. Our prayers for the dead are acts of mercy, expression of hope, and signs of our belief in the communion of saints. Let us honor the faithful departed by continuing their good works, supporting our parish communities and living as witnesses to the Resurrection.

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!

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. Brochures are at the entrances of the cathedral. 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

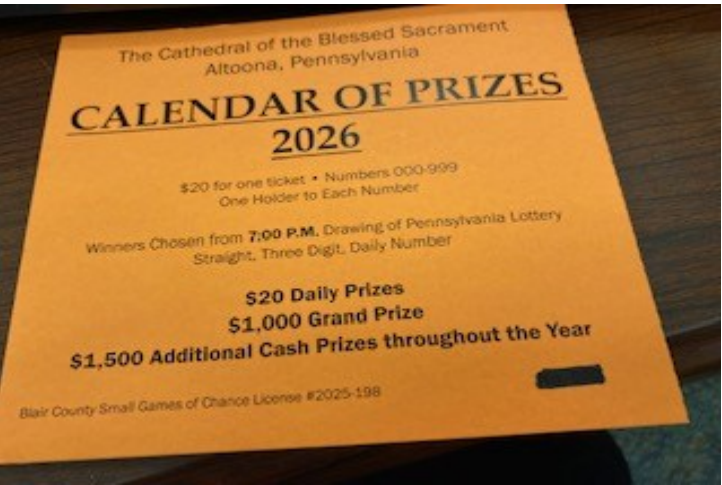
The Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament is forming a Respect Life Committee and you are welcome to join us at our initial meeting on Thursday, November 13, 2025 in the lower level of the Parish Center at 6:30 PM. CCD entrance. Plans for the future projects to promote respect of all human life from conception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



Next weekend is **Called By Name Sunday**, an initiative to honor faithful young men who may be open to the priesthood.

Bishop Bartchak has written a letter to us about this important campaign, which we encourage you to read in our bulletin.

Next Sunday, the bishop is inviting all parishioners to submit names of young men who exhibit leadership and a heart of service. These men will receive a letter from the bishop, invitations to discernment events, and ongoing support from our diocesan Vocation Team.



Our Calendar of Prizes is currently on sale. The cost is \$20.00 per ticket for a year's worth of opportunities to win cash prizes. Please be supportive. The tickets are available after the weekend Masses and in the parish office.



Cathedral Men's Group

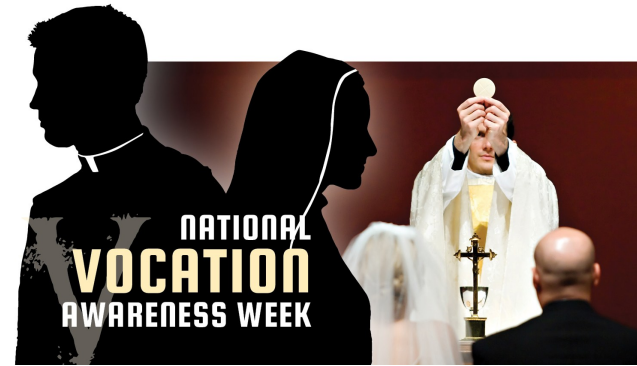
Randy Isenberg is facilitating the formation of a Men's Group which will gather one evening per month. The goal is to make new friends and renew old friendships. A time to tell stories, play cards, have a snack and drinks, watch sports. How about a game of chess or checkers? No work involved!

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!

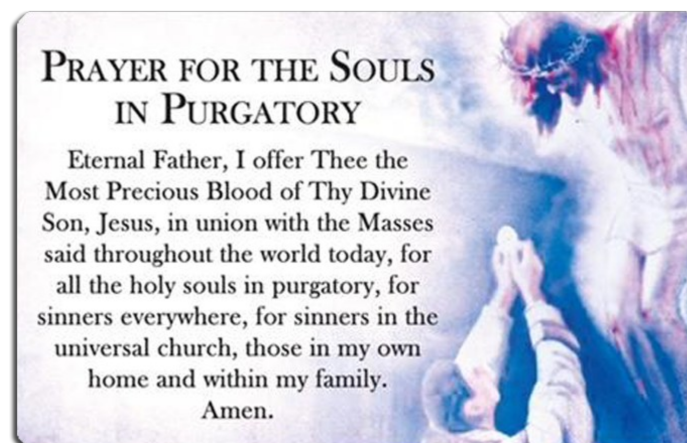


Bishop Mark has asked parishes to take up a collection to assist the Diocese of Mandeville, Jamaica as it recovers from Hurricane Melissa. A specially marked envelope is attached to this weekend's bulletin. Please be generous.



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 today, 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.



The Church of Altoona-Johnstown THE CATHEDRAL OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

ONE CATHEDRAL SQUARE, Altoona, Pennsylvania 16601-3315

THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED, NOVEMBER 2, 2025

CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS:

The process of formation for those seeking God through membership in the Catholic Church.
Call 814-944-4603

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.

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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

Most Reverend Mark L. Bartchak, J.C.D., Bishop
Reverend Monsignor Stanley Carson, Rector
Paula Clemens, Parish Secretary

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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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