

**Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 9, 2025
Mass Intentions**

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

November 10, Monday, Saint Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

12:00PM+Judith Zachesky (Mary Ann & Jack Tip-pery)

November 11, **Tuesday, Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop**

12:00PM+All Deceased Veterans

November 12, **Wednesday, Saint Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr**

12:00PM+Karl Burgmeier (Daughter, Carol Tally)

November 13, **Thursday, Saint Francis Xavier Cabrini, Virgin**

12:00PM Phillip Petrunak (Family)

November 14, **Friday, Weekday**

12:00PM+Lavelle Family (Phyllis Lavelle Sheetz)

November 15, **Saturday, Saint Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

12:00PM+Regina Kutruff (Joe & Kim Fornwalt)

Vigil : Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00PM+Nancy Jones (Dolly Summers)

November 16, **Sunday, Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00AM+Peggy & Bernie Joyce, Wed. Ann. (Family)

10:00AM+Terrance Ferry, Ann. (Michele Luciano & Family)

5:00PM Pro Popolo/For the People

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.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Sunday, November 2, 2025, \$ 12,599.00

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

Stewardship Reflections

Today’s readings challenge us to focus on the “why” of stewardship. Why embrace this challenging way of life when it seems hard enough just to pay the bills, take care of our loved ones, meet the demands of our jobs, and fall into bed at the end of each full day? Because this life is not all that there is. We were made for more, for eternal happiness in union with God. While we cannot earn our way into Heaven, what we do now with life God has given us has eternal consequences. Stewardship living helps us to keep focused on our hoped-for destination in the choices we make each day.

In our Gospel passage from Luke, Christ reminds us clearly that we were made for more than just this life and that our choices in this life have eternal consequences. In this passage, our Lord corrects some Sadducees for their mistaken notion that there is no resurrection. He instruct that “those who are deemed worth to attain to the coming age and to the resurrection of the dead, can no longer die, for they are like angels; and they are the children of God because they are the ones who will rise.”

We should embrace the stewardship way of life to thank God for all His gifts to us and so that we may attain the gift of eternal life and the everlasting happiness of Heaven with Him.



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.



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.

Christian Mothers Announcements

The next Meeting of the Cathedral Christian Mothers will be on Wednesday, November 12th, in the Education Center. Rosary at 6:00PM and meeting at 6:30PM. All women are welcomed to attend.

Christian Mothers’ Homebound Outreach

Again this year, Cathedral Christian Mothers will be delivering gift baskets to our homebound for Thanksgiving. If you know of a parishioner who would appreciate a visit and a fruit basket, please let us know. Contact and Christian Mother or Lorraine Beck (814-942-7774), Mary Gene Vogel (814-943-6431), Paula Miller (814-942-5593) or Carol Galioto (814-327-4841) before November 14th.

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)- Cathedral’s Newest Member

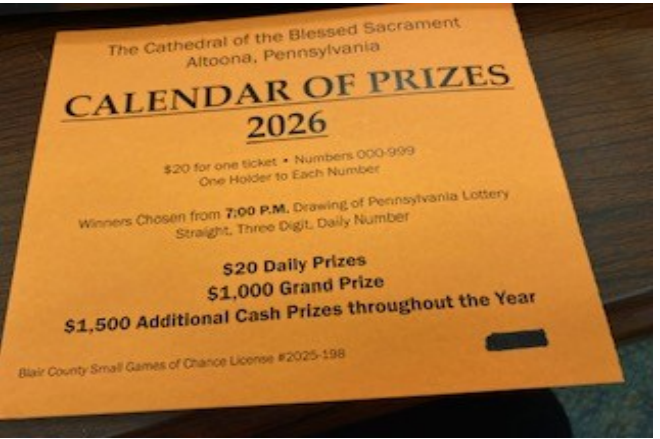
On Sunday, October 26th, we welcomed the newest member of the Cathedral Parish. John Gong was received into the Catholic Church through our parish Christian Initiation process. Now through his Baptism and Confirmation he joins us at the Eucharistic table. Congratulations, John and welcome. Please keep him and his family in your prayers as he continues his journey as a full member of the Catholic Church.

Afternoon at the Movies The biblical tale of “Noah” is retold through the eyes of the Sight and Sound theatre. One of the most familiar bible stories comes to life with live animals on stage. Watch as Noah and his family follow God’s commands and experience the message of hope. This movie is one for every age group. Bring your family. Enjoy with us this beautiful story on Sunday afternoon, November 16th at 1:00pm, in the Seton Suite.



This weekend is **Called By Name Sunday**.

Bishop Mark is asking us to identify faithful young men (ages 15-30’s) who exhibit qualities of leadership and service, and who may be open to learning more about the priesthood. To submit names, please visit ajvocations.org/calledbyname or use the card available in the pews. Men whose names are submitted will receive a letter of encouragement from Bishop Mark, invitations to discernment events, and support from our Vocation Team. Thank you for participating in this important campaign.



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 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 randyiseberg@yahoo.com. If you do not have an email call him at 814-931-5021. It will be a great evening of fellowship!



A Call for Float Volunteers

The Parish will again participate in the Annual Altoona Christmas Parade with a float entry. If you would be interested in volunteering, an organizational meeting will be held on Monday, November 10, 2025 in the Parish Center, beginning at 6:30 pm. Information will be provided on the timetable, theme, and ways you can become involved. Be a part of an energetic and enthusiastic committee!



Serving Those Who Serve

This week our parish will take a collection to benefit the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA (AMS). The AMS is the Archdiocese for the Military Services, not of the Military Services. This is an important distinction, because the AMS receives no funding from the U.S. Military or U.S. Government and has no parishes from which to receive weekly support. The AMS provides pastoral and sacramental care to Catholic men and women serving in the U.S. Armed Forces, enrolled at a U.S. Military Academy, or being treated at a Veterans Affairs Medical Center. This collection takes place once every three years. An envelope is attached to this weekend's bulletin. Please give generously.



Church Cleaning

We will be cleaning the church on Wednesday November 12h, at 9:00AM. If there is a funeral, we will meet on Thursday same time.

PARISH MEETINGS

Our parish's Pastoral Council will meet on Tuesday, November 11, at 6:30 P.M. in the office building.

Our Finance Council will meet on Tuesday, November 18, at 4:00 P.M. in the office building.

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

ONE CATHEDRAL SQUARE, Altoona, Pennsylvania 16601-3315

THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA, NOVEMBER 9, 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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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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