

**Third Sunday in Advent
December 14, 2025
Mass Intentions**

December 14, Sunday, Third Sunday of Advent
8:00AM+Minnie Yahner (Kevin Byrne)
10:00AM+James Patrick Kilcoyne (Steph & Jim Kilcoyne)
5:00PM Pro Popolo/For the People

December 15, Monday, Advent Weekday
12:00PM+Michael Long (Kevin & Becky Winkler)

December 16, Tuesday, Advent Weekday
12:00PM+Roger Hoover (McNelis All Stars and Friends)

December 17, Wednesday, Late Advent Weekday
12:00PM+Mary Kantoski, Birthday (Family)

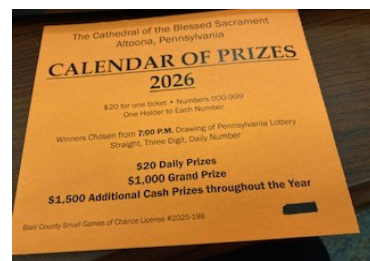
December 18, Thursday, Late Advent Weekday
12:00PM+Anna Flanagan, Ann. (Patty & Bear McCloskey)

December 19, Friday, Late Advent Weekday
12:00PM+Carrie Moffa Moffa (Estate)

December 20, Saturday, Late Advent Weekday
12:00PM+Mildred Mazur (Peg Behe)

Vigil : Fourth Sunday of Advent
5:00PM+Alice Winkler, Birthday (Family)

December 21, Sunday, Fourth Sunday of Advent
8:00AM+Doris Carson Eget (Brian & Teresa Stayer)
10:00AM+Ben Delozier, Anniversary (Family)
5:00PM Pro Popolo/For the People



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.

OFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Sunday, December 7, 2025, \$ 12,343.28

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



This weekend, packets of Oplatki, Christmas Wafers, are available on the railing near the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. There are four wafers in each packet. There is a Polish/Slavic tradition of breaking and sharing the host-like bread at the Christmas meal while extending to those at table wishes for blessings and peace. The wafers are quite fragile, so be gentle with the packets.



Congratulations to our parish's Christmas Float Committee who crafted the float that won the First Place Award in this year's parade. Gratitude is also extended to those who participated at the parade by passing out treats and by being on the float. The refreshments provided after the parade by the Christian Mothers were appreciated too. A list of volunteers will appear in next week's bulletin.



We'll be decorating the Cathedral on Monday, December 22, at 2:00 P.M. Please come and help us! Refreshments will be served afterwards.



We will have a bus going to **Holiday Lights on the Lake** this Tuesday, December 16. The bus will leave our parking lot at 5:30 P.M. Call the office (814-944-4603) to reserve your seat/s. The trip is always enjoyed by people of all ages. The bus is a heated and decorated school bus. Parishioner, Rick Lytle, is our driver.



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 also be found at

<https://gateway.gocollette.com/link1377752>

You may also call Brenda Ajay at 888-462-9299.



Randy Isenberg has facilitated the formation of the Cathedral's Men's Group. The group will gather together on the third Thursday of the month. 28 men attended the first gathering! It was a great evening. Come be a member of our group.

The next gathering will be Thursday, December 18th, 7:00pm to 9:00pm in the Hall. The goal is to make new friends and renew old friendships. A time to tell stories, play cards, have a snack and something to drink, watch sports, maybe a game of chess or checkers.

The group will decide the purpose for each gathering, special gatherings, or service projects.

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!



Wednesday, December 17, Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, 6:00 P.M.

Thursday, **December 18**, Sacred Heart Church, 5:30 P.M.

In addition to regularly scheduled Confessions, Msgr. Carson will also be available on:

Sunday, December 21, at 2:00 P.M.,

Monday, December 22, at 12:30 P.M. and

Tuesday, December 23, at 8:30 A.M. and 5:00 P.M.



THE
GABRIEL
PROJECT

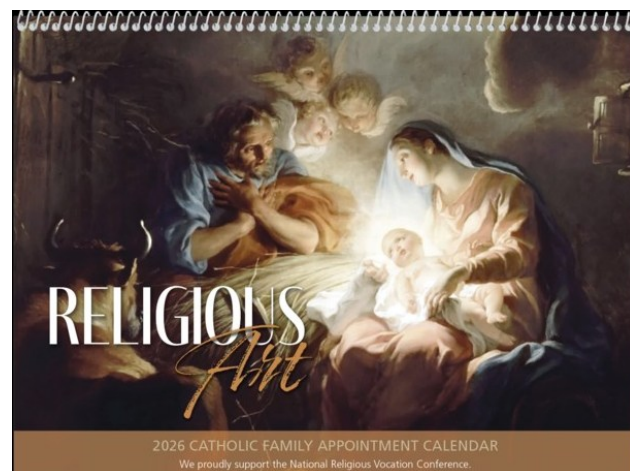
The Altoona Gabriel Project is a Catholic Pro-Life ministry dedicated to helping moms and babies with supplies, as well as providing spiritual and emotional support Our parish has a collection crib at the alley entrance for non-perishable baby items (diapers, wipes, clothing, bibs, towels, blankets, 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.

Special Advent/Christmas Project

Gift tags are attached to our collection crib. During Advent you're invited to pick one up and purchase an item for the Altoona Area Gabriel Project .The tags include requests for diapers (size newborn-3) nail kits, diaper rash cream, infant snowsuits, personal hygiene items for moms, baby wipes, pacifiers, teething items, socks, hats, etc. Monetary donations can be placed in the collection basket marked *Christmas Crib* donation.



Thanks to Garrett L. Anderson and Rose Hill Funeral & Cremation Care, Inc., our parish's 2026 Religious Art calendars are available at our entrances. At this time, please take on one per household. You may also take one to a homebound parishioner.

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

ONE CATHEDRAL SQUARE, Altoona, Pennsylvania 16601-3315

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT, DECEMBER 14, 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 and twelfth 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

DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Chris Laraia - Pre-K thru 12 - 814-312-7317

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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 P.M.

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