

**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
December 28, 2025
Mass Intentions**

December 22, Monday, December 28, Sunday, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
8:00AM+Helen Tomasseti (The Smith Brothers)
10:00AM+Anthony Pastore, Anniversary (Family)
5:00PM Pro Popolo/For the People

December 29, Monday, Fifth Day within Octave of the Nativity of the Lord
12:00PM+Barry Krug, Birthday (Tammy & Bob Datris)

December 30, Tuesday, Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord
12:00PM+Don & Dorothy Hanekamp (Mr. & Mrs. Dave Hankamp)

December 31, Wednesday, Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord
12:00PM+Ann Rhodes, Birthday (Family)
5:30 PM+Shirley Keirn (Mr. & Mrs. Tony Carosielli)

January 1, Thursday, Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
8:00AM Peace on Earth
10:00AM Pro Popolo/For the People

January 2, Friday, Saint Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors of the Church
12:00PM+Dave Behe (Matthew Seidel)

January 3, Saturday, The Most Holy Name of Jesus
12:00PM+Darryll Slommers (John & Beverly Butterbaugh)
Vigil : **The Epiphany of the Lord**
5:00PM+John Conti, Birthday (Family)

January 4, Sunday, The Epiphany of the Lord
8:00AM+David Seidel, Birthday (Wife)
10:00AM+John & Pat Vargo (Bridget Sutton)
5:00PM Pro Popolo/For the People

OFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Sunday, December 21, 2025, \$ 10,853.45

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

Stewardship Reflections

Today as we continue our celebration of the Christmas season, we focus our attention in a special way on the Holy Family. This is a great time to thank God for the gift of Family life. The Catechism of the Catholic Church refers to the family as the “domestic church”, so today’s feast is also a fitting time to consider the importance of the virtue of hospitality a fundamental aspect of the stewardship way of life, within the context of our domestic churches.

Why is hospitality so important to a stewardship way of life, beginning with family life? Well, we can hardly expect our family members to pray together, study their faith, and serve others if we have a home where we are disconnected from each other or the atmosphere is stressful and tense. Of course there will be moments like this. But we must be intentional in creating homes where everyone feels cherished, accepted and important. We want our homes to be a place where we can get recharged and filled up to go out and bring love to everyone we encounter outside our home.

Lest we think that the Holy Family is somehow unable to sympathize with our struggles, we see in our Gospel passage from Matthew that this Family was certainly not free from trials and stress, quite the contrary. The very life of the newborn Jesus was threatened by Harod’s extreme jealousy such that the family had to flee suddenly into a foreign land for protection until Herod’s death. Yet Mary and Joseph remained united and even obedient to the leading of the Holy Spirit for direction. Who better to turn to for help and inspiration for our own families< Happy feast day to all families living a stewardship way of life!



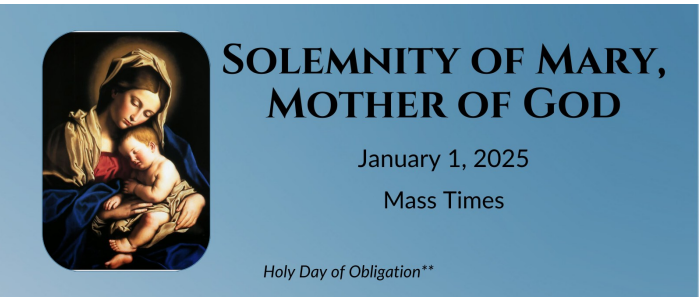
Our Calendar of Prizes is currently on sale. The cost is \$20.00 per ticket for a year’s worth of opportunities to win cash prizes. Please be supportive. The tickets are available after the weekend Masses and in the parish office.



The official closing Mass for the Jubilee will be celebrated at all cathedrals worldwide this Sunday, December 28, 2025, on the Feast of the Holy Family. In the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown at the 11:00 A.M. televised Mass at St. John Gualbert Cathedral in Johnstown, Bishop Mark L. Bartchak will be the main celebrant and conduct the closing rites.

Additionally, closing rites for the Jubilee will take place at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament during the 10 o’clock morning Mass this Sunday with the Very Rev. Alan Thomas, V.G. as the main celebrant.

All the faithful are encouraged to participate in prayer, and if coming in person, to please bring an offering of a non-perishable item, paper or cleaning products for those in need.



Thursday, January 1, is the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God. Since it is a holy day of obligation, we have a Mass on Wednesday, December 31, at 5:30 P.M. and Masses on January 1, at 8:00 A.M. and 10:00 A.M.

May you have a blessed Christmas season and may the gift of faith, the blessing of hope and the peace of his love be yours.



Like most families, the parish family of the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament needs the support of its members to celebrate Christmas well. Gratitude is extended to the Men’s Crew, decorators, liturgical ministers, and music ministers who helped to make our celebrations of Eucharist prayerful and beautiful. A note of thanks is also extended to our Social Committee who prepared refreshments for those who decorated the cathedral.

Parishioners and visitors are so often enriched by their experiences at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament.

Christmas season blessings to you and your family.

Msgr. Stan Carson

I GIVE TUESDAY

Your response to the I GIVE TUESDAY has been heartwarming. To date we have collected \$3,749.00 towards the purchase of hymnals for the choir and yearlong hymnals with readings for the congregation. Thank you.



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.

Gratitude is extended to all who participated in the Gift Tag project and our parish's Respect life Committee for facilitating the initiative.



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.

The Church of Altoona-Johnstown
**THE CATHEDRAL
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ONE CATHEDRAL SQUARE, Altoona, Pennsylvania 16601-3315

THE HOLY FAMILY JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH, DECEMBER 28, 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

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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.

Gratitude is extended to all the volunteers who participated in this year's Christmas Parade Entry. We won First Place Prize. The donation of your time and talent is deeply appreciated.

Float Construction Crew

Randy Isenberg	Gabbie Cronin
Matt Isenberg	Bob Jones
Beck's Maintenance	Lindsay Dill
Bill & Grace Smith	Paige Hammond
Paula Miller	Dave Kimmel
Mark & Nathan Golden	John Fischer
Mark Sanker	Tony Kibelbek
Cory Geishauser	Natasha & Daniel Boydston
Carol Galioto	Dick Moran
Ethan Potter	

Parade Group Children and Adults

Jacob Dey	Renee Dey
Carson Mangiacarne	Connor Mangiacarne
Nora Vogel	Violet Vogel
Shiloh Vocco	Jayden Dougherty
Morgan Geishauser	Cora Strohm

Hospitality Group

Mary Ann Bell	Beth Moore
Marie Bettwy	

Candy People

Larry Drobneck	Christine Drobneck
Tony Kibelbek	Angela Blough

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