

**Second Sunday of Ordinary Time  
January 18, 2026  
Mass Intentions**

**January 18, Sunday, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
8:00AM+Sister Beverly Hmel (Elizabeth Axinn)  
10:00AM+Kirk Kling (Mom & Families)  
5:00PM Pro Popolo/For the People

**January 19, Monday, Weekday**  
12:00PM+Josephine Moloney (Linda Settle)

**January 20, Tuesday, Saint Fabian, Pope and Martyr;  
Saint Sebastian, Martyr**  
12:00PM+For an End to Abortion (McNelis All Stars  
and Friends)

**January 21, Wednesday, Saint Agnes, Virgin and Mar-  
tyr**  
12:00PM+Jim Weaver (Tom & Patricia Forr)

**January 22, Thursday, Day of Prayer for the Legal Pro-  
tection of Unborn Children**  
12:00PM+John McCarthy (Kathy & Terry Tomassetti)

**January 23, Friday, Saint Vincent, Deacon and Martyr;  
Saint Marianne Cope, Virgin**  
12:00PM We Are One Body Radio Listeners Prayers  
Request (We Are One Body Radio)

**January 24, Saturday, Saint Francis deSales, Bishop  
and Doctor of the Church**  
12:00PM+TOR Edward Gabrielson (Tom & Becky  
DeHaven)  
Vigil : **Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
5:00PM+Edgar A. Johnston, Birth (Mother and Family)

**January 25, Sunday, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
8:00AM+Bear McCloskey (Patty Flanagan)  
10:00AM+Rita Kibler (Bill & Judy Ward)  
5:00PM Pro Popolo/For the People

**Advisory Meetings**

Our parish's Finance Council will meet on  
Tuesday, January 20, at 4:30 P.M.

Our Parish Council Meeting is on Tuesday,  
January 20th ,at 6:30 P.M. (not the 13th as  
was listed in last week's bulletin.).

**OFERTORY COLLECTIONS**

Sunday, January 11, 2026 \$9, 940.62

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

**Stewardship Reflections**

Today's readings provide clear and inspiring  
reminders of the most fundamental aspect of our  
identity that of servants of our most high and holy  
God, His modern-day disciples and stewards. To be  
His servant is all that truly matters in this life, for us  
and for our children. Career paths, athletic accom-  
plishments, the school we attend, or the city in  
which we live, are all secondary to the thing that  
matters most, that we have been called from the  
womb for the privilege of being God's servant.

Let us examine our daily lives and encourage  
our children to do the same. Does the way I spend  
my time reflect that God comes first? Do prayer and  
weekly Mass, regular confession and time with fam-  
ily "rank ahead" of everything else on my calendar?  
Do I use my talents, skills and energy to serve my  
family, parish and community in thanksgiving and  
recognition that God's kingdom ranks ahead of any  
other goals or ambitions? Do I spend my money and  
use my material possessions to glorify God? Chal-  
lenging questions, to be sure. But questions worthy  
of our high calling as Christian stewards offered a  
glorious mission in service of our Lord and His  
kingdom.

**Catholic Daughters of the Americas**

Court Prince Gallitzin #2625 serves all 11  
parishes and beyond. New members are always  
welcomed! On Monday, February 9, 2026, please  
come and join us for our monthly meeting in the  
St. Rose of Lima community room at 5:30 p.m.  
(social) followed by business meeting beginning  
at 6:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please  
contact Regent Donna Hoover at nah@gmail.com  
or 814-632-3509.

**Additional Christmas Flowers**

Mr. & Mrs. Mark Sanker

Deceased & Living Members of Kapfhammer &  
Liberto Families

**March for Life**

Citizens Concerned for Human Life is planning a bus trip  
to the March for Life on Friday, January 23, 2026, in Washing-  
ton. A fundraiser seeking donations to assist with the expense  
of this trip and other expenses throughout the year will take  
place this weekend. Our bus or buses will be leaving for the  
March from St. Therese's Church in Altoona at 7:00 A.M. and  
will be leaving Washington by 4:00P.M. we hope to be back in  
Altoona around 8:30 P.M.

We will also have pickups at St. Mary's in Hollidaysburg  
at 7:20 A.M. and Walmart in East Freedom at 7:45 A.M.

We ask the participants to pack a lunch and, on the way  
back, from the March we will stop at the Golden Corral in ei-  
ther Frederick or Hagerstown for dinner.

The March is always prayerful and peaceful, and our cost  
is \$10.00 for students and \$15.00 for adults. For reservations,  
please contact Patricia Forr or Marita Forr at (814) 946-0681  
or Roxanne Blazovitch at (814) 696-8008.

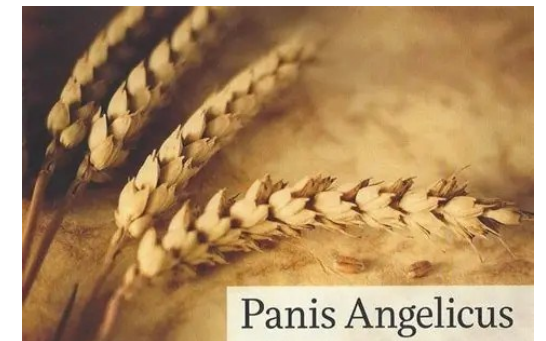
**Respect Life Presentation & Special Blessing**

The Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament will be  
hosting a powerful and informative presentation  
by the Diocesan Respect Life Committee on  
Thursday, January 22, 2026 at 6 PM, in the Cathe-  
dral Hall (Please use 13th Avenue door or alley en-  
trance no-steps). The presentation will include  
both the beauty and truth of the Church's teaching  
on the Sanctity of Human Life and personal testi-  
monies. This will be followed by a special Bless-  
ing by Msgr. Carson for those participating in the  
March for Life on the following day in Washing-  
ton D.C. All are welcomed! Light refreshments  
will be served afterwards by the Christian Moth-  
ers. If you are unable to join us, please remember  
the marchers in your prayers.



**SPAGHETTI DINNER FOR SEMINARIANS**

The Men's Club of St. Mary and St. Michael Parish in  
Hollidaysburg will be hosting a spaghetti dinner on  
Wednesday, January 21, at St. Mary Social Hall at 312  
Clark Street from 4-7 P.M. The dinner features both  
dine in or take out meals. In addition, a basket bingo  
will be held with winners being drawn at 7 P.M. Pro-  
ceeds will be support diocesan seminarians. Dinner  
tickets can be purchased in advance since only a lim-  
ited number of dinner tickets will be available for walk  
up purchase. Tickets may be purchased by calling St.  
Michael Parish office at 818-695-0912 or by contacting  
John Elder at 814-270-1051. Donation of \$10 for adult  
dinner and \$5 for children 10 and under.



Conventual Franciscan Friar Vincent Ouly, who  
trained at the Juilliard School of Music, will sing  
St. Thomas Aquinas' hymn *Panis Angelicus* at our  
Sunday 5:00 P.M. Mass this weekend. Friar Vin-  
cent is a guest speaker at the Young Adult Night  
Event being held at the Cooper Building in down-  
town Altoona that evening at 6 o'clock. Friar  
Vincent is currently studying for the priesthood.

*Thank  
you!*

Gratitude is extended to the many volunteers  
who took down our Christmas decorations on  
Monday, January 12, and to Mary Ann Bell who  
also provided coffee and donuts afterwards.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE  
DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIP-  
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January 18, 2026

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

John 1:29-34

It's common to hear belief in Jesus and the Church mocked as blind faith and credulity. But in reality, it is deeply human and rational. Think about it: we rely on the testimony of others constantly. I trust chemists who certify the safety of toothpaste and cleaning products. I trust engineers when I use a microwave or drive over a bridge. Why? Because they have studied and seen what I have not, and their testimony proves itself in daily life. That kind of trust is not irrational; it is how human knowledge works.

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist declares: "Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God" (John 1:34). That is the language of an eyewitness. It invites us into a very human act: trusting someone who has directly encountered something — or Someone — we have not yet fully seen ourselves.

The Church's faith is built on this kind of reliable sight-based testimony. The Apostles did not make abstract claims. They saw, followed, suffered for, and proclaimed Jesus Christ. Over centuries, their witness — carried in Scripture, in the lives of the saints, and in the sacramental life of the Church — has proven dependable. We come to know its truth by assenting to it, by living and studying it, praying with it, trusting it.

Faith in Christ is not a childish leap into the dark. It is a step into the light of testimony that proves itself over time.

Father John Muir

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**Respect for Life Meeting**

There will be a meeting, Monday, January 19th at 6:30 PM in the Parish Center, please use the 14th Street entrance.



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.



**THE SHRINES OF ITALY PILGRIMAGE**

Msgr. Stan Carson will be making a pilgrimage 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  
OF THE  
BLESSED SACRAMENT**

ONE CATHEDRAL SQUARE, Altoona, Pennsylvania 16601-3315

**THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, JANUARY 18, 2026**

**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**

<b>Sunday:</b>	<b>Weekday:</b>
5:00 PM (Vigil)	12:00 Noon
8:00 AM	
10:00 AM	<b>Saturday:</b>
5:00 PM	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

Religious Education Office: Sundays - 814-943-7424

E-mail: [claraia@dioceseaj.org](mailto:claraia@dioceseaj.org)

**DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRY**

Mr. Bob Long 814-944-2044, [rlong@dioceseaj.org](mailto:rlong@dioceseaj.org)

**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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