

**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
March 29, 2026
Mass Intentions**

March 29, Sunday, Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

8:00AM Special Intention Kim Capouellez (Family)
10:00AM+Sister Rose Tomlinson, Birthday (Kathy Rose)
5:00PM Pro Popolo/For the People

March 30, Monday, Monday of Holy Week

11:00AM+CHRISM MASS (Deceased Clergy)
12:00PM NO NOON MASS

March 31, Tuesday, Tuesday of Holy Week

12:00PM+Robert Burchfield (Tom & Becky DeHaven)

April 1, Wednesday, Wednesday of Holy Week

12:00PM+Ken Luke, Anniversary (Wife)

April 2, Thursday, Thursday of Holy Week, Holy Thursday

5:30PM Evening of the Lord's Supper
ADORATION UNTIL 10:00 P.M.

April 3, Friday, Good Friday

9:00AM Morning Prayer
1:00PM Commemoration of the Lord's Passion
5:30PM Stations of the Cross

April 4, Saturday, Holy Saturday

9:00AM Office of Readings
8:00PM Easter Vigil (Parishioners and Benefactors)

April 5, Sunday, Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

8:00AM Parishioners and Benefactors
10:00AM Parishioners and Benefactors
NO 5:00PM MASS



Stations of the Cross: Friday at 5:30 P.M.

OFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Sunday, March 22, 2026 \$ 9,530.11

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Msgr. Carson will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Palm Sunday at 3:00 P.M. and on Wednesday of Holy Week at 8:00 A.M., 12:30 P.M., and 7:00 P.M.

Stewardship Reflections

We begin this Holy Week with the readings of the Lord's Passion from the Gospel of Matthew. It is fitting that we Christian stewards focus our minds and hearts intensely this week on the steps of our Brother and Savior as He laid down His very life for us.

Throughout this story, there are several small acts of stewardship by those who encountered Jesus during this most eventful week. Each of these were simple acts of stewardship, yet God used them in mighty ways. God invites each of us, too, cooperate with Him in small ways through the sharing of our time, talents and material gifts. Small gifts can become mighty deeds when placed in God's service.



Good Friday is a day of fast and abstinence.

All Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence. Abstinence refers to not eating meat at all on those days. Persons 14 years of age and older are to abstain. Fasting refers to one full meal, with two small meals, no eating between meals. People between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast. In addition to these obligations, additional forms of fast and abstinence may be observed.



On Palm Sunday, the Scripture readings invite us into the passion (that is, the suffering) of Jesus who initially enters Jerusalem in joy. The crowd that has accompanied Jesus on his journey from Galilee into the holy city hails him as the royal Son of David, using a line from Psalm 118.

Jesus arrives in Jerusalem as a gentle king, not a warrior-king. He is the "suffering servant" described by the prophet Isaiah.

We are invited and encouraged to participate in the liturgies of Holy Week, especially during the Holy Triduum: Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday/Easter Sunday. These days are the most significant days of our Catholic faith.



Our Parish Easter Hunt

Our Parish Easter Egg Hunt is this Sunday, March 29th in the lower parking lot, beginning at 2:00P.M. Bring your own basket. There will be a special appearance by the Easter Bunny. Hop on over for some egg-cellent fun!



Gratitude is extended to the dedicated volunteers who worked this year's Drive-Thru Fish Fry Lunches. A detailed list of names will appear in next week's bulletin.



Due to the war in the Middle East, our support for the shrines and people in the Holy Land is particularly essential. The collection takes place during the liturgy on Good Friday. Please be generous.

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE 2026

The 2026 *Catholic Ministries Drive* has begun throughout our diocese. This year's theme, ***Sent To Serve***, reminds us that, by virtue of baptism, each of us has been *Sent to Serve*, entrusted with gifts that are meant to be shared for the good of others.

Please reflect on Bishop Mark's invitation to prayerfully consider supporting nine of our diocesan ministries

The 2026 Catholic Ministries Drive target for the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament is \$53,700. Dollars raised over our goal will be returned to our parish. So far, \$6,175 has been pledged.



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.



HOLY WEEK

PALM SUNDAY: The blessing of palm branches at the beginning of all Masses.: Eve, 5:00 P.M. and Sunday at 8 A.M., 10 A.M. and 5:00 P.M.

Monday of Holy Week: Chrism Mass at 11:00 A.M.

Tuesday of Holy Week: Mass at Noon

Wednesday of Holy Week: Mass at Noon

Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper at 5:30 P.M. Adoration until 10:00 P.M.

Good Friday: Morning Prayer at 9:00 A.M. Commemoration of the Lord's Passion at 1:00 P.M. Stations of the Cross at 5:30 P.M.

Holy Saturday: Office of Readings at 9:00 A.M. Easter Vigil Mass starting with the blessing of fire at 8:00 P.M.

Easter Sunday: Masses at 8:00 A.M. and 10:00 A.M.

(There is no 5:00 P.M. Mass on Easter Sunday.)



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.

Christian Mothers' Meeting

The regular Christian Mothers meeting will be on Wednesday, April 15th. All women of the parish are invited and welcomed. If you would like to join us or have suggestions/ideas for future activities, please join us. Meetings are held in the Education Center in the lower part of the Parish Center. Rosary is recited at 6:00pm and meetings start at 6:30pm. If you would like more information about joining this ministry, please contact any Christian Mother member, Lorraine Beck (814-942-7774), Mary Gene Vogel (814-943-6431), Paula Miller (814-942-5593), Carol Galioto (814-327-4841).

Christian Mothers' Homebound Outreach-Thank You

Again, this year, Cathedral Christian Mothers will be delivering a special gift to our homebound for Easter. Thank you to those who have identified individuals who would appreciate a visit and a small gift. We still have some flowers available. If you know of someone, please let us know by contacting one of our members before March 26th.

Christian Mothers'- Upcoming events

Cathedral Christian Mothers will be showing the production of Sight and Sound's "Jesus" on Sunday April 12th in the **church hall** at 1:00pm. All are welcome to join us. On May 17th, we will host a "Tea with Mary" event. Last year's tea was a great success, and we look forward to another wonderful and insightful day of fellowship. Mark your calendars for these and other events to be announced during the year.

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

ONE CATHEDRAL SQUARE, Altoona, Pennsylvania 16601-3315

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD, MARCH 29, 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

Sunday:	Weekday:
5:00 PM (Vigil)	12:00 Noon
8:00 AM	
10:00 AM	Saturday:
5:00 PM	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.

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