

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
April 5, 2026
Mass Intentions

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

April 6, Monday, Monday within the Octave of Easter
12:00PM+Fred Weakland (Brian & Louann Weakland)

April 7, Tuesday, Tuesday within the Octave of Easter
12:00PM+Terry Smith, Birth. (Family & Mary Lysinger)

April 8, Wednesday, Wednesday within the Octave of Easter
12:00PM+Helen Zurilla, Birthday (Family)

April 9, Thursday, Thursday within the Octave of Easter
12:00PM+Salvatore Michael Moffa, Birth. (Estate)

April 10, Friday, Friday within the Octave of Easter
12:00PM+Raymond Ruggieri (Sister, Regina Mae & Family)

April 11, Saturday, Saturday within the Octave of Easter
12:00PM+Deacon John Rys, Anniversary (Family)
Vigil: **Second Sunday of Easter or Sunday of Divine Mercy**
5:00PM+Josephine Moloney, Anniversary (Family)

April 12, Sunday, Second Sunday of Easter or Sunday of Divine Mercy
8:00AM+John Kirsch (Ron Skupien)
10:00AM+Marian Bumann (Jerry & Fran Fulare/ Vince Bumann)
5:00PM Pro Popolo/ For the People



Easter Flowers

The Easter Flower Insert will be in next week's bulletin.

OFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Sunday, March 29, 2026 \$ 12,174.24

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

Stewardship Reflections

The great feast of Easter has begun. Let us rejoice and be glad! Just as we addressed the disciplines and fasting of Lent, let us fully embrace the joy and feasting that the next 50 days offer. We are called to be good stewards of the Easter season.

Our first reading, from the Acts of the Apostles, gives instructions on how to do this. Here, St. Peter says that our Lord "commissioned us to preach to the people and testify that he is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead, that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name." How do we ordinary people preach and testify to all God has done? By the way we live our ordinary lives, through the intentional use of our time, talent and treasure for the kindness of God. Putting God and others ahead of ourselves in every aspect of our lives is the most eloquent preaching we can do. Boldly and joyfully embracing a stewardship way of life is our most powerful testimony.

As Christian stewards, we are the modern-day witnesses of an incredible miracle prompted by unfathomable love, the death and Resurrection of our Savior for us. Let us rejoice and be glad, and let us make sure our lives are a testimony to this amazing grace!—Diocesan Stewardship and Development Office

Basket Bingo

SAVE THE DATE! Mark your calendars for **Sunday, September 27, 2026**, for our basket bingo at Father Kelley Hall. It is never too early to drop off donations for the baskets at the Parish Office. Paula is there from 8:30AM to 4:30PM, except Fridays till 3:00PM.

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 delivered a special gift to our homebound parishioners for Easter. Thank you to those who have identified individuals who would appreciate a visit and a small gift.

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.

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE 2026

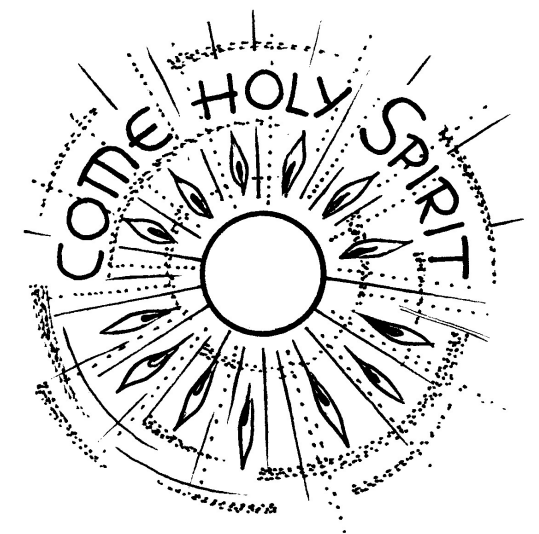
The 2026 *Catholic Ministries Drive* has begun throughout our diocese. This year's theme, ***Sent To Serve***, reminds us that, by virtue of baptism, each of us has been *Sent to Serve*, entrusted with gifts that are meant to be shared for the good of others.

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, \$6,575 has been pledged.



We will have Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesday, April 8, from after the noon Mass until benediction at 6:45 P.M. There's a sign-up sheet on the table in the cross-aisle.



The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on each of the four Tuesdays of April at 7:00 P.M. Rehearsals will take place on Monday evenings at 5:30.

We are encouraged to remember the young candidates in our prayer as their lives are enriched by the gifts of God's Holy Spirit.



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.

Book before April 13, 2026 and save \$250!

Local Shrine Bus Trip

Holy Rosary and Saint Mark Churches are sponsoring a bus trip to the shrines of Emmitsburg, MD on Wednesday, May 13, 2026. Tour on your own the national Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes, lunch at the Mountain Gate Family Restaurant (Buffet), and a 90 minute Group Tour of the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. Price per person is \$80.00. Checks made out to “St. Mark’s Catholic Church.” To reserve a seat, call Robyn Murphy at 814-931-5683, or Kathleen Winter 814-591-0248. Limited number of seats available. The bus leaves St. Mark Church at 7:30 A.M.



We are pleased to welcome Father Malachi Van Tassel T.O.R., Ph. D, the President of St. Francis University, other SFU leaders, and alumni to our 5:00 P.M. Mass on Saturday, April 11th. Bishop Mark Bartchak will be the main celebrant of that Eucharist. Father Malachi will be the homilist.



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.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Easter Sunday

Zander Price was the fastest kid at my grade school. He won every race on Field Day. To me, his swiftness meant he was the greatest. Zander was the best.

It’s the same with the speediest Apostle on Easter morning. John tells us he “ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first.” (John 20:4) But only after Peter entered did John go in, see the burial cloths, and believe. Here is a symbol of two dimensions of the Church. John, the beloved disciple, represents the contemplative, mystical life: affection, prayer, intimacy. Peter, the rock, represents the Church’s institutional life: steady, authoritative, structured...but slower.

Of course, John runs faster! Love is the heartbeat of Christian faith, so love will always arrive first. Peter’s role is, in a sense, secondary. He arrives later, but is still very much needed. John waits for him. The Church must be built, balanced, protected, and led. Love without structure can vanish; structure without love becomes lifeless.

This dynamic is not just historical — it is personal. In you, there is a John who longs to run to the tomb in love. Let him run! Pray, sing, love Jesus. There is also a Peter, who eventually gets to the tomb and takes charge. The Risen Christ wants both. Remember: if you want to get to the mystery of Jesus’ resurrection fast...love him, for love is best. Father John Muir ©LPi

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**THE CATHEDRAL
OF THE
BLESSED SACRAMENT**

ONE CATHEDRAL SQUARE, Altoona, Pennsylvania 16601-3315

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD, APRIL 5, 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.

Church Office: 814-944-4603

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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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E-mail: claraia@dioceseaj.org

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRY

Mr. Bob Long 814-944-2044, 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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