

**Third Sunday of Easter  
April 19, 2026  
Mass Intentions**

**April 19, Sunday, Third Sunday of Easter**

8:00AM+Tony Alianiello/Anna Marie Jacobs (Families)  
10:00AM+Sandy Cox (Carol, John & Carol Gensimore)  
5:00PM Pro Popolo/ For the People

**April 20, Monday, Easter Weekday**

12:00PM+Charlotte Irwin, Birth. (Irwin/Kelleher Family)

**April 21, Tuesday, Saint Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

12:00PM+Donnie Rabine, Anniversary (Family)  
7:00PM Confirmation

**April 22, Wednesday, Easter Weekday**

12:00PM+The Souls of Our Confirmation Sponsors  
(McNelis All Stars and Friends)

**April 23, Thursday, Saint George, Martyr; Saint Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr**

12:00PM+Margurite Ruggery Albarano, (Sister, Regina Mae and Family)

**April 24, Friday, Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr**

12:00PM+Jean Bettwy Sheehan, Anniversary (Family)

**April 25, Saturday, Saint Mark, Evangelist**

12:00PM+Joseph Anthony Moffa, Birthday (Estate)  
Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Easter  
5:00PM+Diane Johnston, Birth. (Mother and Family)

**April 26, Sunday, Fourth Sunday of Easter**

8:00AM+Robert W. Douglas (J. Donald & Eileen Douglas)  
10:00AM+Wayne Geis (The Hosgood Family)  
5:00PM Pro Popolo/ For the People



Our parish has the entire exhibit of Eucharistic miracles prepared by Blessed Carlo Acutis (1999-2006). Portions of the exhibit are displayed in the side chapels of the cathedral.

**OFERTORY COLLECTIONS**

Sunday, April 12, 2026 \$ 8,602.90  
Thank you for your monetary and personal contributions to the life of our parish.

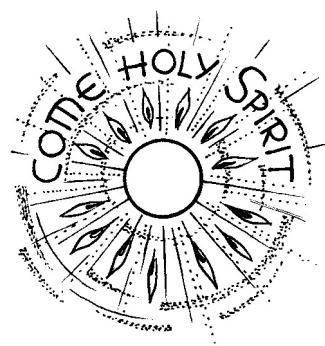
**Rice Bowl Collection**

Please return your Lenten CRS Rice Bowls by Sunday, April 26, 2026. You can put them in the collection basket or bring them to the Main Office, Mon.-Thur. 8:30am to 4:30pm or Friday 8:00am-3:00pm.



**Liturgical Ministers Schedules**

We will be working on the new schedule for liturgical ministers within the next 2 weeks. If you have any dates that you need to request off, please call the Parish Office at 814-944-4603 and talk to Paula, or prepare a note and put it in the collection basket in an envelope marked Liturgical Schedule. Thank you.



The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on each of the Tuesdays of April at 7:00 P.M. Rehearsals will take place on Monday evenings at 6:00pm.

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



Thanks to our Master Gardeners, garden volunteers, and benefactors, the planters in front of the cathedral are filled with a beautiful assortment of pansies.



If due to age, disability, or sickness, and you are not able to attend Mass, you are invited to notify the parish office. You can then be added to Msgr. Carson's visits to homebound parishioners.

**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, \$27,817 has been pledged.

**Stewardship Reflections**

Today's readings focus on a theme of "sojourning." As Christian stewards, we know that our lives are sojourn toward the ultimate destination of heaven.

Our second reading instructs us to "conduct yourself with reverence during the time of your sojourning, realizing that you were ransomed, with the precious blood of Christ." What a powerful reminder during the Easter season of our "why" for embracing the stewardship way of life, we have been ransomed by our Lord's saving of death and resurrection. Our lives are a gift from Him, as we sojourn through life, we are to make our lives a gift to Him in return.

So what can we do when we become discouraged when we need our hearts set on fire once again? We can go to the same sources as the two disciples from our Gospel today on the road to Emmaus the Scriptures (the living Word of God) and the Eucharist (the very source and summit of our faith). Frequent resource to these two gifts from our Lord is essential to sustain us in the stewardship way of life.

**Healing Mass**

Holy Spirit Ministry will hold a special Healing Mass on Tuesday, April 21, 2026, at 7:00pm, at St. Michael Church in Hollidaysburg. This powerful night of hope and healing for all who are suffering physically, emotionally, and spiritually. Fr. David Todd TOR will be the main celebrant. Praise and worship will precede the Mass at 6:30pm and prayer ministry, sacramental anointing of the sick, and confessions, will follow the Mass. If you are suffering physically, or from an addiction, or hurting or struggling in any way, come and experience the healing power of Jesus and be set free! All are welcome!

**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.





### **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.

### **GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE**

April 19, 2026 , 3rd Sunday of Easter, Luke 24:13-35

When I first read Homer’s Odyssey as a teenager, one scene captured my imagination: Odysseus finally returning home after 20 years, yet no one recognized him. Disguised as a beggar, he speaks with his wife, his son, and even his enemies. He is fully present, yet hidden. Only at the right moment does he reveal himself, and everyone realizes he has been with them all along. I was struck by the mystery that he could be so close to his loved ones, and yet they simply could not identify him.

A similar mystery is at the heart of today’s Gospel. Two disciples walk the road to Emmaus with Jesus, but “their eyes were prevented from recognizing him.” (Luke 24:16) He listens, teaches, and eats with them, yet they remain blind until he breaks the bread. Suddenly their eyes are opened — and at that very moment, he vanishes. His disappearance is not absence. Rather, it is revelation. The Risen Lord is now present in a new way, in the breaking of the bread and in the life of His Church.

Faith is this shift of vision. Instead of searching for a visible Jesus as if he were absent, we learn to recognize him unveiled in hidden ways — in Scripture proclaimed, in the Eucharist, in the sacraments, in the very life of the Church.

And what is true of him is true of us. Just as he disappears into the mission of his Body, we too are meant to be hidden in him. When we live hidden in Christ, we are seen for who we really are.

— Father John Muir ©LPi



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.

### **Fish Fry Volunteers**

A sincere expression of gratitude is extended to the following people who made the Friday Fish Luncheon a huge success: Lorraine Beck, Mary Ann Bell, Bob Brandt, Bobbi Dixon, Jim Dixon, Tony & Anna Rose Eckenrode, Bob Jones, Matt Koeck, Mike Kuny, Anne Marie Longwill, Beth & Tom Moore, Carol & Mark Sanker, Mark Talasky, Lee Truby, Butch Winkler, Linda Yaskow.

### **Men’s Group/Fish Fry Prep Gang**

Gratitude is also extended to: Randy Clemens, Tom DeHaven, Ed Farabaugh, Jerry Fulare, Randy Isenberg, Dave Kimmel, Steve Kiser, Ethan Potter, Joe Pufka, Bill Smith, Rick Tomlinson, Tom Zilla.

### **Newest Members of the Cathedral Parish**

At our Easter Vigil Mass, we welcomed the newest members: Ben Campbell joined us by celebrating his Baptism, Confirmation, and First Holy Eucharist and Christine Drobnoek, who was already baptized, received the sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation. Congratulations, Ben and Christine. Please keep them and their families in your prayers as they continue their journey as a members of the Catholic Church.

A student from Mt. Aloysius College, Brooklyn Frantz, was a guest who also received the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation).

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

ONE CATHEDRAL SQUARE, Altoona, Pennsylvania 16601-3315

**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER, APRIL 19, 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:**

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](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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