

**Fourth Sunday of Easter  
April 26, 2026  
Mass Intentions**

**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

**April 27, Monday, Easter Weekday**

12:00PM+Bear McCloskey (Whitey Rodkey)

**April 28, Tuesday, Saint Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr; Saint Louis Grignion deMontfort, Priest**

12:00PM+John Moloney, Anniversary (Family)  
7:00PM Confirmation

**April 29, Wednesday, Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church**

12:00PM+Ermy Ruggiere (Peg Behe)

**April 30, Thursday, Saint Pius V, Pope**

12:00PM+Lavelle Family (Phyllis Lavelle Sheetz)

**May 1, Friday, Saint Joseph the Worker**

12:00PM Carl and Linda Cacciotti, Wed. Ann. (Family)

**May 2, Saturday, Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

12:00PM+Geraldine Petrunak (Family)

Vigil: Fifth Sunday of Easter

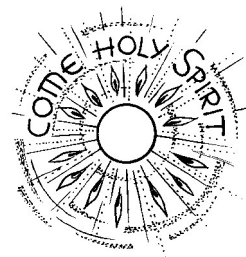
5:00PM+John Conti, Ann. (Mary and Joe Smithmyer)

**May 3, Sunday, Fifth Sunday of Easter**

8:00AM+Pat Duffy & Fred Drexler (Tim & JoAnn Bettwy)

10:00AM Special Intention Dave & Jeanne Thompson (Kathy Grove)

5:00PM Pro Popolo/ For the People



**Confirmation Prep Meeting**

All current 8th and 9th grade students and parents will meet Sunday, May 17th, at 2:00 PM, in the Cathedral Hall.

**OFERTORY COLLECTIONS**

Sunday, April 19, 2026 \$ 9,068.41  
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**

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.



**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.

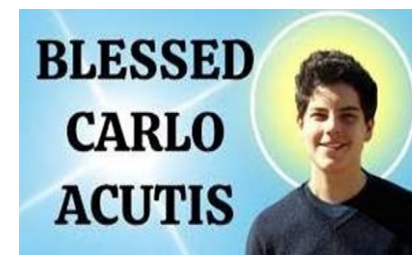
The 2026 Catholic Ministries Drive target for the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament is \$53,700. Dollars raised over our goal will be returned to our parish. So far, \$27,817 has been pledged.



Father Andrew Siasa, from the Order of St. Augustine, will be making this year's Mission Co-op Appeal next weekend. Please be supportive.



Beginning on Mother's Day, May 12th, and continuing to Father's Day, June 15th, our parish will be participating in the Annual Precious Life Baby Bottle Campaign. The bottles will be available, after the first weekend in May, at all our entrances. Please be supportive.



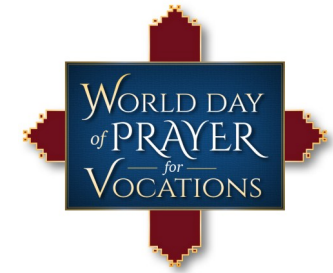
Our parish has the entire exhibit of Eucharistic miracles prepared by Blessed Carlo Acutis (1999-2006). Portions of the exhibit are displayed in the side chapels of the cathedral.

**Stewardship Reflections**

Today's readings of this Fourth Sunday of Easter offer us a glimpse into the heart of our loving Savior. He is the Good Shepherd, and we can confidently place our trust in Him as we live the stewardship way of life.

In both the first and second readings, we find Peter embracing his role of the newborn Church. In our first readings from the Acts, he exhorts the crowd, "Save yourself from this corrupt generation." We then read that the ones that accepted his message were baptized that day. Peter simply proposed the Good News to them and then left them free to accept or reject the call to repentance and belief in Christ, which is ultimately a call from God.

We can find many parallels in this passage to the call of the stewardship way of life. We, too, are free to accept or reject God's call to discipleship. We can keep our time, talents, and treasure for ourselves, purely to serve our own interests. We are free to make that choice. Or we can embrace the call to discipleship through the stewardship way of life. If we do so, we will find a path to freedom from "this corrupt generation" just as those first disciples found in the early days of the Church



SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2026

The purpose of World Day of Prayer for Vocations is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). As a climax to a prayer that is continually offered throughout the Church, it affirms the primacy of faith and grace in all that concerns vocations to the priesthood and to the consecrated life. While appreciating all vocations, the Church concentrates its attention this day on vocations to the ordained ministries (priesthood and diaconate), consecrated life in all its forms (male and female religious life, societies of apostolic life, consecrated virginity, secular institutes), and to the missionary life.



### 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 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.

### “Joshua” at Sight and Sound

The live action story of “Joshua” is now on stage at the Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster: A bus trip is planned on Wednesday, August 26th. The cost is \$205.00 per adult. The price includes transportation, show and meal at Hershey Farms. Travel arrangements by Freedom Excursions. If interested, please contact Carol Galioto at (814) 327-4841.

### Cathedral Christian Mothers Annual Tea Party

Sunday, May 17th, 1:00pm-4:00pm, the Cathedral Christian Mothers will have their Annual Tea Party, in the Church Hall. Bring your favorite tea cup and bring a friend! Free will donation.

#### **RSVP (but not necessary)**

Lorraine Beck (240) 676-6704

Mary Ann Bell (814) 942-1016

Carol Galioto (814) 327-4841

### Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

Do you have a family member who may be interested in reconnecting with the Catholic Church? Do you know someone who might be interested in seeking information about our Catholic faith? The Cathedral Initiation is here to help support seeking information on the Catholic Church. Starting in June, these informal inquiry sessions will discuss aspects of our faith with anyone who might be thinking of joining the Catholic Church. No commitments are made at this time. Session dates will be announced in future bulletins. Are you interested in sharing your faith with others? Consider joining the team. For future information contact Carol Galioto at (814) 327-4841.

### EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

#### **Recognizing the Voice of Jesus**

When my wireless provider introduced HD Voice, the voice I heard on my phone was unbelievably clear, and it felt at times like both the caller and I were in the same room. The best aspect of this feature is that it didn't cost the customer any additional fees, and it didn't require any changes to the phone. I could say it was free, but I suspect I was already paying for it in my monthly bill anyway. At least it felt free.

The clearer the voice calling you, the easier it is to recognize who it is on the other end of the line. In John's Gospel, Jesus speaks of the gatekeeper who opens the gate and calls for his sheep. They respond because they know his voice. Others try to lure the sheep when the gatekeeper is not there, but the sheep find their voices unclear or unfamiliar.

Jesus is our gatekeeper. But unlike receiving something for free from a wireless company, to be able to hear his voice we need to pay attention and practice listening. By developing a stewardship way of life that is mindful and prayerful, we become attuned to his voice and are able to discern when the call is from our Lord and when it is from an imposter. It is great to talk about all the things we can do and all the gifts we can share, but if we are not listening for his call to hear where our offerings are needed, we can end up like a lost sheep searching for the gatekeeper.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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

ONE CATHEDRAL SQUARE, Altoona, Pennsylvania 16601-3315

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, APRIL 26, 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

**Msgr. Carson E-mail:**

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**Secretary E-mail:**

[pclemens@dioceseaj.org](mailto:pclemens@dioceseaj.org)

**Fax:** 814-942-4337

### 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

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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