Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 26, 2026
Mass Intentions

July 26, Sunday, Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00AM+Carol Martino (Shawn & Marie Bettwy)
10:00AM+Dec/Living Family Members of E.T. Smith Family (George Smith Jr.)
5:00PM Pro Popolo/ For the People

July 27, Monday, Weekday
12:00PM+Marianna Mignogna Moffa (Estate)

July 28, Tuesday, Weekday
12:00PM+Paul Rose, Anniversary (Kathy Rose)

July 29, Wednesday, Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus
12:00PM+Betty Capouellez (Family)

July 30, Thursday, Saint Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
12:00PM+Richard Augustine & Children (Susan Berhart)

July 31, Friday, Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest
12:00PM+Susan Bauer (Kathy Vincent)

August 1, Saturday, Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
12:00PM+Leroy E. Douglas (Ann Holtz)
Vigil: Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00PM+Jo Lea Dennis (Michael Kuny)

August 2, Sunday, Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00AM+John (Jack) Frank (Randy & Paula Clemens)
10:00AM+Paul Luke (Mae Pagliara Friend)
5:00PM Pro Popolo/ For the People

Catholic Ministries Drive
DIOCESE OF ALTOONA-JOHNSTOWN

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, $55,605 of our target has been pledged/donated from 155 donors. Thank you very much.

OFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Sunday, July 19, 2026 $ 10,233.93

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

Church Picnic

Our parish's annual social picnic is next Sunday, August 2nd, at the Catholic War Veterans Club from 1-4 P.M. The parish will provide the chicken and hot dogs. You're invited to bring a covered dish.

If you are planning to attend please call Paula at the office at 814-944-4603, Roberta Burns at (301) 741-6467, or Paula's Cell (814) 215-5949, with your name, how many are attending, how many children, and what you are bringing as a side dish.

There will be a sign-up sheet at all the entrance doors of the church.

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.

In celebration of the 125th anniversary of our diocese, *Proclaim!* Is sponsoring a might with the Altoona Curve at 6:00 P.M. on Friday, August 14, at PNG Field in Altoona. Game tickets are $9 for adults and $7 for children ages 3-12. To purchase tickets, contact Cory Homan at the Altoona Curve at 814-283-3128. Since we have reached the maximum number for our pre-game picnic, picnic seating is no longer available. Moving forward, tickets for the game will still be available, but the ticket will not include the group picnic.

FISHERS OF MEN VOCATION APPEAL

Next Sunday, Bishop Mark is asking for our support to fund the formation of our new seminarians and to strengthen the work of our Vocation Office Team. Thanks be to God, the number of our seminarians is growing, which also means the cost of formation is increasing. We also have dozens of men actively discerning a call to priesthood, which is a great blessing! Our financial support is essential for supporting our future priests. Learn more and make a gift by visiting ajvocations.org/give. A special envelope is also to be made available.

Basket Bingo

Basket Bingo SAVE THE DATE! And mark your calendars for Sunday, September 27, 2026, for our basket bingo at Father Kelley Hall. Donations are being accepted and are appreciated.

Basket Bingo Tickets

Basket Bingo Tickets are now available at the Thirteenth Avenue entrance after all Masses, and also at the Parish Center Office. Hours there are 8:30AM-4:30PM, Monday thru Thursday and Friday, 8:00AM to 3:00PM at 1405-13th Avenue .They are $25.00 per person, and also a value pack can be bought for an additional $30.00. If you have any questions call Paula at the Parish Office at 814-944-4603, Her cell # 814-215-5949, or Lorraine Beck cell at 1-240-676 6704. DAUBBERS UP!!!!!!

Religious Education PK/8

Would you like to help teach children about our Catholic faith? Our Religious Education program is in need of a volunteer to teach our 8th grade class this year. This is a wonderful opportunity to pass our faith on and to deepen your own faith life.

For more information, please contact Chris Laraia at 814-312-7317 or claria@dioceseaj.org.

Registration for Religious Ed Pre K-12 and Sacrament Prep

Saturday, August 15, and Sunday, August 16, will be registration for all Rel Ed and Sacrament Prep students. Enter in the 14th Street Religious Education Office before or after all weekend Masses. Please bring baptism certificate for any new students.

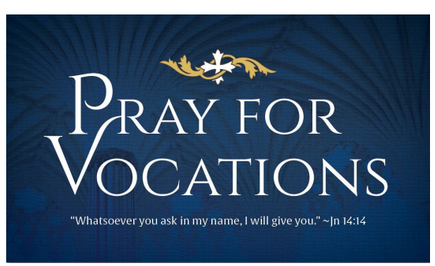
August Adult Enrichment Zoom Classes

Information and registration packets for zoom classes about the New Testament, Heart of Faith, and Old Testament are available at the 13th avenue entrance. The deadline for registration is Monday, July 27.

Over 150 people from around 15 states visited our Cathedral while Big Boy was in town. A sincere expression of gratitude is extended to our volunteer greeters and guides. Our guests were treated to the musical talents of Breckin Boland, Claude Fabinyi, Sam Gormont, Bob Long, Kevin Luke, and Nathan Ringkamp. The organizational and oversight work of Randy Isenberg and Steve Kiser, and the promotional work of Ethan Potter were valuable contributions.

Thank-You to all the Greeters

Gratitude is extended to our greeters during the Big Boy Event who offered hospitality, answered questions, and provided tours: Mary Ann Bell, Maryann Bistline, James Busch, Gabby Cronin, Jim Dixon, Jerry Fulare, Carol Galioto, Cory Geishauser, Bob Jones, Jim Kilcoyne, Steph Kilcoyne, Dave Kimmel, Anne Marie Longwill, Tim Longwill, Bob Martino, Patty McCloskey, Peggy McLucas, Paula Miller, Ethan Potter, Dave Rhoa, Bill Smith, Grace Smith, and Mark Talasky.



Respect Life Update

Back in October many of you spiritually adopted a baby. These past nine months have gone by fast and now it is almost time for delivery! The baby you have been praying for continues to mature during the month, experiencing a rapid development of the brain. The baby can see at this stage and will begin to kick more. Most of the internal organs and systems are fully developed. The lungs become mature during this time in preparation for the birth. Reflexes become more coordinated, allowing the baby to respond to sounds, blink, grasp, and turn his or her head. Your baby is now 18-20 inches long and could weigh at least 7lbs! Due to your many, many prayers, the baby and mother are doing well. Continue to keep both of them in your prayers as they now experience childbirth and begin emotional bonding. Please keep all parents and unborn babies in your prayers. If you would like to spiritually adopt another mother/baby over the next 9 months, please say this prayer every day: "Gracious Lord, I love you very much. I beg You to spare the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who maybe in danger of abortion. I also pray for Your wisdom and guidance for the baby's mother and father and for the wellspring of love and support from all those around them. In Jesus name, Amen"

Bishop Mark will celebrate the annual outdoor Mass for students entering or returning to college and their families on Sunday, August 2, at 7:00 PM at the Our Lady of the Alleghenies Shrine in Loretto. Recent high school graduates entering the military or workforce are also invited. During Mass, the Bishop will offer a special blessing to the young adults and present them with a small gift. Be sure to bring your own lawn chairs. If it rains, the Mass will be celebrated inside the Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel., next to the Shrine.

The Church of Altoona-Johnstown

THE CATHEDRAL OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

ONE CATHEDRAL SQUARE, Altoona, Pennsylvania 16601-3315

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, JULY 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.

Most Reverend Mark L. Bartchak, J.C.D., Bishop
Reverend Monsignor Stanley Carson, Rector
Paula Clemens, Parish Secretary

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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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Mass Times

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

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