

**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 2, 2026
Mass Intentions**

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

August 3, Monday, Weekday

12:00PM+Ken McConnell (Friends)

August 4, Tuesday, Saint John Vianney, Priest

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

August 5, Wednesday, The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major

12:00PM+Danyll Rougeux, Birthday (Mom & Dad)

August 6, Thursday, Transfiguration of the Lord

12:00PM+Jean Fornwalt, Anniversary (Patrick Burns)

August 7, Friday, Saint Sixtus II, Pope and Companions, Martyrs; Saint Cajetan, Priest

12:00PM+Charolte Irwin, Anniversary (Irwin/Kelleher Families)

August 8, Saturday, Saint Dominic, Priest

12:00PM+Donna Marie Pagliara, Birthday (Mother & Family)

Vigil: Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00PM+Skip Cowan, Anniversary (Family)

August 9, Sunday, Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM+Butch Mangiacarne (Toots and Mike Duffy)
10:00AM+Doris Carson Eget (Tom & Becky DeHaven)
5:00PM Pro Popolo/ For the People



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 26, 2026 \$ 10,712.95

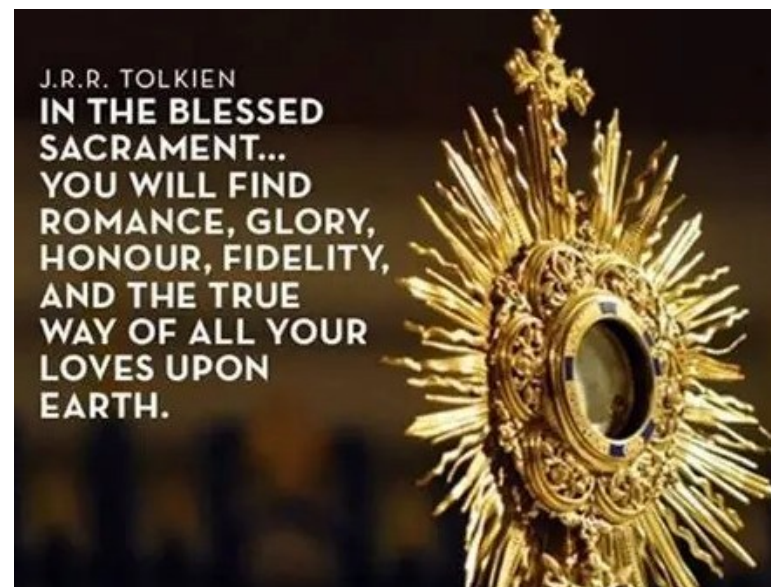
Thank you for your monetary and personal contributions to the life of our parish.



Please Support our Future Priests

The efforts of our Vocations Office are working! We have 3 new seminarians this year, which brings our total to four men in formation for the priesthood. In addition, we have launched new programs to reach young men, including the popular “Loggia Nights” at the cathedral in Altoona. Thanks be to God, we now have dozens of teens and young men who are seriously considering priesthood! To support our seminarians and these increased efforts, we truly need your financial support. Bishop Mark has asked all Catholics to consider a generous gift.

Please make the donation online at ajvocations.org/give, or use the envelope made available.



This Wednesday, August 5, is a Eucharistic Day of Prayer. We will have adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from the noon Mass until Benediction at 6:45 P.M. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the cross-aisle.

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.



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.



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!!!!!!

175th Anniversary

This year marks the 175th anniversary of our parish. While the city of Altoona was founded in 1849, it was not until 1851 that a church was built and a permanent Catholic parish was established primarily to provide for the spiritual needs of the laborers helping to build the Pennsylvania railroad.

The first resident pastor assigned to what was called St. John the Evangelist Parish in 1853 (not to be confused with St. John the Evangelist Parish in Lakemont) was the Rev. John Tuigg. For at least two years prior to that date, Catholics gathered for Sunday Mass at the already constructed St. John Church ministered by clergy from St. Mary Parish in Hollidaysburg.

We will mark our anniversary with a Mass celebrated by Bishop Mark on Saturday, November 7, at 5:00 P.M. The Mass will be followed by a reception in our hall.



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 Rhoads, Bill Smith, Grace Smith, and Mark Talasky.

Healing Mass

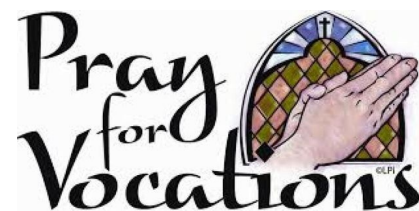
Holy Spirit Ministry will hold a special Healing Mass on Tuesday, August 18th, at 7:00 pm, at St. Michael Church, Hollidaysburg. This powerful night of hope and healing is for all who are suffering physically, emotionally, and spiritually. Fr. David Dodd, TOR will be the main celebrant. Praise and worship will precede the Mass at 6:30 pm and prayer ministry will follow the Mass. If you are suffering physically, or from addiction, or hurting or struggling in any way, come and experience the healing power of Jesus and be set free! All are welcome!



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.



Since the Solemnity of Mary's Assumption into Heaven occurs on Saturday, August 15, it is not a holy day of obligation this year. Our noon Mass will commemorate our Lady's entrance in eternal glory.



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

ONE CATHEDRAL SQUARE, Altoona, Pennsylvania 16601-3315

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, AUGUST 2, 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

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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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