

**Twentieth-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 23, 2026
Mass Intentions**

August 23, Sunday, Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM+Bear McCloskey (Peter Starr & Family)
10:00AM+Kirk Kling, Ann. (Weaver Family)
5:00PM Pro Popolo/ For the People

August 24, Monday, Saint Bartholomew, Apostle

12:00PM+Harold T Cole (Families)

August 25, Tuesday, Saint Louis; Saint Joseph Calasanz, Priest

12:00PM+Patrick Farrell, Birthday (Family)

August 26, Wednesday, Weekday

12:00PM+Terry Smith (Diane & Fred Gibbons)

August 27, Thursday, Saint Monica

12:00PM+Special Intention Barbara Anderson (Diane Luke)

August 28, Friday, Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

12:00PM+ Dick Hollingshead (Diana Fanale)

August 29, Saturday, The Passion of Saint John the Baptist

12:00PM+Deacon Jim & Patricia Leap (David Pressler & Kathy Tomassetti)

Vigil: Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00PM+Family of William & Ray Seymour (Clarence & Diane Seymour)

August 30, Sunday, Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM+Martin Colello, Anniversary (Family)
10:00AM+Harry T Gregg (8th Grade Rel. Education)
5:00PM Pro Popolo/ For the People

Volunteers Needed

Saint Vincent DePaul Food Pantry is looking for men who can drive a box truck. 1-5 days a week, 1 to 1 1/2 hours a day in the morning. It would be to pick up food stuff for the Pantry. If interested, please call Bob at 814-935-4034. Thank you!



OFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Sunday, August 16, 2026 \$9,008.59

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. On Sunday, August 9, two of the seminarians and approximately 10 young men thinking about the priesthood attended a Loggia Night barbecue. Bishop Mark and 5 priests were also in attendance.

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.



We are pleased to announce that our parish has reached this year's Catholic Ministries Drive target of \$53,700. As of July 31, \$53,755 has been received. Our pledged balance is \$3,435.00. 161 donors or 24.69% of our parish participated. Thank you very much.

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

Are you interested in the Catholic Church? Do you know someone who might be interested in seeking information about our Catholic faith/ Maybe you would like to know more about OCIA.

Starting on Sunday, September 13th, the Cathedral Christian Initiation Team will begin weekly meetings in the church from 11:00AM until 12:00 Noon, for all those seeking information on the Catholic Church. No commitments are made at this time. These are informal Inquiry Sessions to discuss aspects of our faith with anyone who might be thinking of joining the Catholic Church. Please contact Carol Galioto (814) 327-4841.

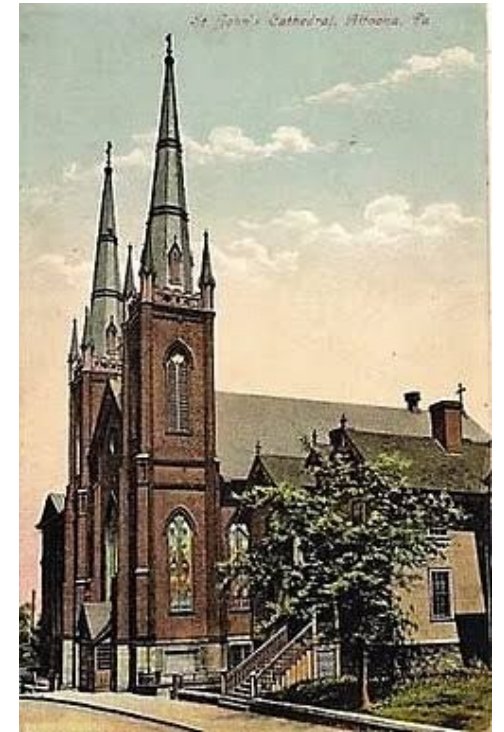
Basket Bingo

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. **We have 5 weeks till the BIG DAY!**



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

The census of 1855 records a very young parish.

There were 61 families which included 268 souls. Only five of these parishioners are in their 50's and the oldest member was 56. Living here in Altoona in 1875 and 1876 must have been rather harsh, as evidenced by the parish's death toll. There were 28 persons buried in 1875. Six were listed as having died of "consumption"; two died of "asma"; one was killed by a horse; three were killed on the railroad; and one grand old man, Jeremiah Donahue, is listed as having died of "general debility" at the age of 87 years old. In 1876 it was the rare person who lived to the age of 50.



There is dinner/meeting for the pilgrims to the Shrines of Italy on Monday, August 31, at 5:30 P.M. on the Loggia.



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.

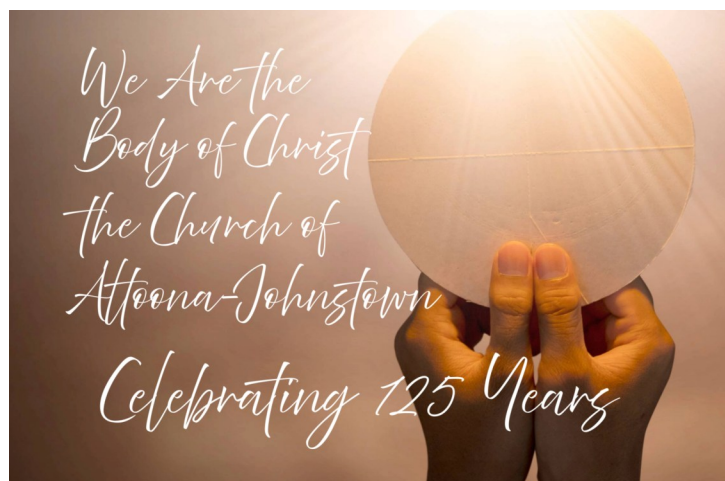
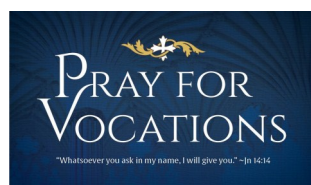


Annual Wedding Anniversary Liturgy

Bishop Mark and the Family Life Office cordially invite all couples celebrating 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60 plus years of marriage in 2026 (and their families) to attend the Annual Wedding Anniversary Liturgy. Couples may attend Sunday, September 13 in Altoona at The Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament or Sunday, September 20 in Johnstown at Saint John Gualbert Cathedral. Both locations are handicap accessible. Liturgies in each location begin at 2:00 p.m. Bishop Mark will be the celebrant and homilist at each celebration. Refreshments and snacks will be available after the mass for anniversary couples and their families. Reservations must be made through your parish for either celebration by **Friday, September 11th**.

40th Class Reunion

The Bishop Guilfoyle Class of 1986 is planning their 40th Class Reunion. The date is set for November 13th & 14th, 2026. All classmates and spouses are welcome. Please contact Renee' Francis-Luciano @ 814-329-0858 for further information.



The Diocesan Family Conference will be held on Saturday, September 19th, at Bishop Carroll Catholic High School in Ebensburg. This conference has been designed for every generation, from young children and teens to parents, grandparents, clergy, and parish leaders. The day includes the annual Men's and Women's Conferences, Shycon (also a discipleship event for senior high Confirmation candidates) and Junior High Youth Day. Information booklets with registration information are available at the Cathedral's entrances. The booklet also contains personal and business sponsorship information.



Our Cathedral bell calls us to prayer for Masses and to pray the Angelus Prayer at Noon and 6 P.M. We have also scheduled the bell to ring at 9 P.M. The so-called "De Profundus" bell, is an old Catholic tradition of ringing the bell, tolling ten times, at night to remind us to pray for the souls in purgatory. The Latin words "De profundus" ("from the depths") are the opening words of Psalm 130, a traditional prayer for the dead and for divine mercy.

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

ONE CATHEDRAL SQUARE, Altoona, Pennsylvania 16601-3315

TWENTIETH – FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, AUGUST 23, 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:	Weekday:
5:00 PM (Vigil)	12:00 Noon
8:00 AM	
10:00 AM	Saturday:
5:00 PM	12:00 Noon

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

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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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