

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 30, 2026
Mass Intentions

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

August 31, Monday, Weekday

12:00PM+Nancy Koehle (Jeannie Koehle)

September 1, Tuesday, World Day of Prayer for the Creation

12:00PM+Nancy Hoffa Jenaway (Estate)

September 2, Wednesday, Weekday

12:00PM+Wanda Burgmeier (Cliff and Jennifer Plank)

September 3, Thursday, Saint Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

12:00PM+Barb Rossi (Carol Galioto)

September 4, Friday, Weekday

12:00PM+ Michele Kirsch (The Vogel Family)

September 5, Saturday, Saint Teresa of Calcutta

12:00PM+Paul J. Renyck (Pamela Beckwith)

Vigil: Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00PM+Joseph Pagliaro, Birthday (Family)

September 6, Sunday, Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM+Jim Weaver, Anniversary (Weaver Family)

10:00AM+Bear McCloskey, Birthday (Family)

5:00PM Pro Popolo/ For the People



We will have adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Wednesday, September 2, from after the noon Mass until Benediction at 6:45 P.M. A sign-up sheet is available at the cross-aisle.



OFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Sunday, August 23, 2026, \$ 8,258.51.

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



Tickets for the Prince Gallitzin Cross Awards Dinner may be obtained by visiting our diocesan website to purchase electronically or by contacting Suzanne Barry by phone at 814-695-5579 or by email at sbarry@dioceseaj.org.

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!



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. Donations above target will be used to cover costs related to our anniversary celebration.

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.

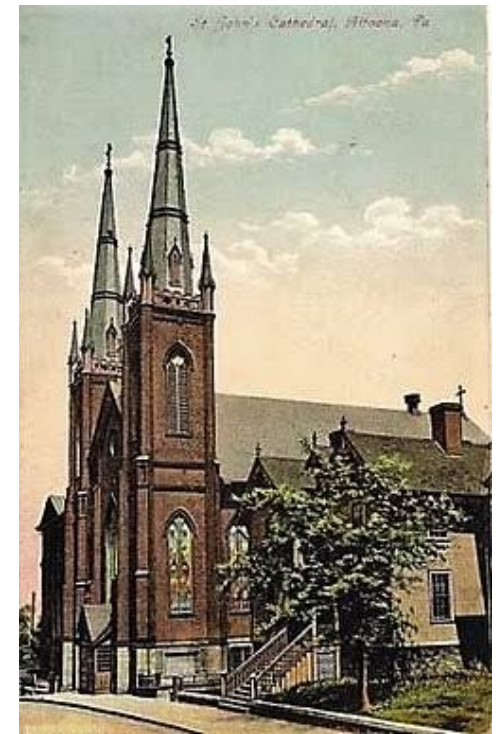
Basket Bingo

Basket Bingo SAVE THE DATE! And mark your calendars for Sunday, September 27, 2026, for our basket bingo at Father Kelley Hall. Donations are still being accepted and are appreciated. **We have 4 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

Eugene A. Garvey, Vicar General of the Diocese of Scranton, was appointed as the first Bishop of Altoona on May 27, 1901. A native of Pennsylvania, Bishop Garvey was born in 1845, ordained to the priesthood in Scranton in 1869, and consecrated a Bishop on the feast of Mary's nativity in 1901 by Cardinal Martinelli. During Bishop Garvey's administration, St. John's and St. Mary's orphanages were established in Cresson, and St. Francis Seminary was opened in Loretto. Bishop Garvey died on October 22, 1920.



The Nocturnal Adoration Society will meet on Friday, September 4, from 8-10 P.M. at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament for their monthly time of adoration, praying portions of the Divine Office, and devotional prayers. All are welcome.



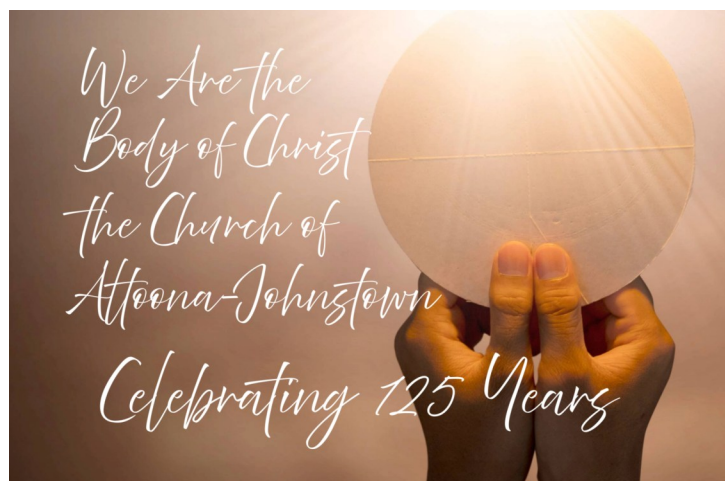
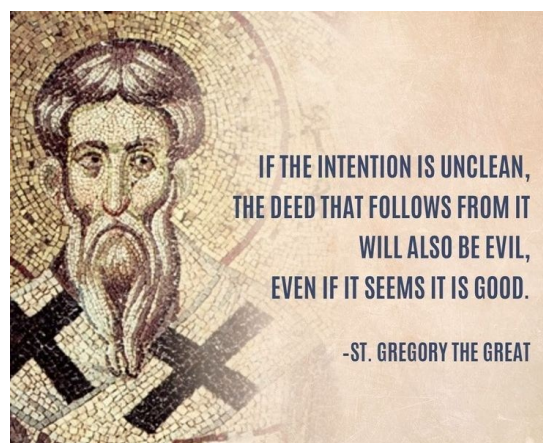
The **Altoona Gabriel Project** is a Catholic Pro-Life ministry dedicated to helping moms and babies with supplies, as well as providing spiritual and emotional support. Our parish has a collection crib at the alley entrance for non-perishable baby items (diapers, wipes, clothing, bibs, towels, blankets, 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, 2026.**



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

TWENTY- SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, AUGUST 30, 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

ANOIDING 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

DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Chris Laraia - Pre-K thru 12 - 814-312-7317

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DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRY

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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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