

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 13, 2026
Mass Intentions

September 13, Sunday, Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM+Pat Byrne (Patty McCloskey)
10:00AM+Pat Morning (Family)
5:00PM Pro Popolo/ For the People

September 14, Monday, The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

12:00PM+Angie Auerbeck (Patty & Joe Pufka & Family)

September 15, Tuesday, Our Lady of Sorrows

12:00PM+Patrick T. Jones (McNelis All Stars & Friends)

September 16, Wednesday, Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

12:00PM+Martin Colello (Linda Wineland)

September 17, Thursday, Saint Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church; Saint Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

12:00PM+Bob Eger (Bob & Chris Laraia)

September 18, Friday, Weekday

12:00PM+ Ray Kelly (Family)

September 19, Saturday, St. Januarius, Bishop and Martyr

12:00PM+Forgotten Souls in Purgatory (Nancy Cassidy)

Vigil: Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

September 20, Sunday, Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM+Kathleen Bollinger, Ann. (Husband Ken & Family)
10:00AM+Barbara Dively, Birth. (Family)
5:00PM Pro Popolo/ For the People

"Turn your eyes incessantly to the Blessed Virgin; she, who is the Mother of Sorrows and also the Mother of Consolation, can understand you completely and help you. Looking to her, praying to her, you will obtain that your tedium will become serenity, your anguish change into hope, and your grief into love."

SAINT JOHN PAUL II



OFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Sunday, September 6, 2026,
\$12,076.02

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



Msgr. Stan Carson is among the 13 individuals who will be gifted with the Prince Gallitzin Cross award this year.

In the past, the following Cathedral parishioners received the award: Msgr. Thomas Madden, Sr. Beverly Hmel, Jeanne Thompson, James Davidson, Msgr. Robert Mazur, Timothy Bettwy, Leo Winkler, Paula Clemens, and James Seiler.

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.



We are pleased to announce that our parish has reached this year's Catholic Ministries Drive target of \$53,700. As of August 31, \$54,465 has been received. Our pledged balance is \$2,900. 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.



As part of Cathedral parish's celebration of its 175th anniversary, Bishop Mark hosted a dinner on Thursday, September 3, for the priests who served as Parochial Vicars. Seven priests were able to attend that expression of gratitude.

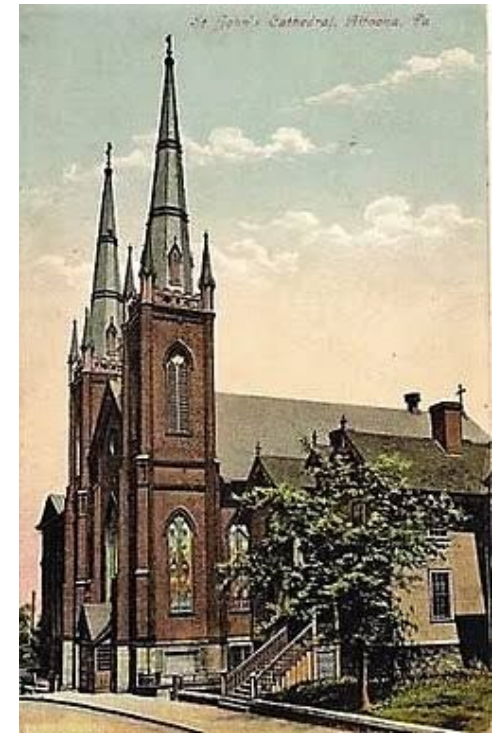


Basket Bingo

Basket Bingo SAVE THE DATE! And mark your calendars for Sunday, September 27, 2026, for our basket bingo at Father Kelley Hall. **Donations of gift cards, lottery tickets, soda, and water are still needed and will be greatly appreciated. We have 2 weeks till the BIG DAY!**

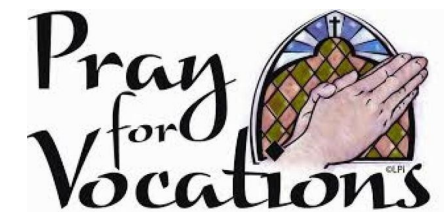
Basket Bingo Tickets

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. LET'S PLAY BINGO!



175th Anniversary

Richard T. Guilfoyle, born in Pennsylvania in 1892, was named the third bishop of Altoona in 1936, consecrated a bishop in Erie by Bishop Gannon, and installed in Altoona by Cardinal Dougherty of Philadelphia. He helped to alleviate debts due to the economic depression. Bishop Guilfoyle developed the liturgical movement in the Diocese through a series of instructions on the Mass and training in Latin and Gregorian Chant. To care more adequately for the children who did not attend parish schools, he organized the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine on a parish level. Bishop Guilfoyle died unexpectedly at Altoona Mercy Hospital on June 10, 1957.



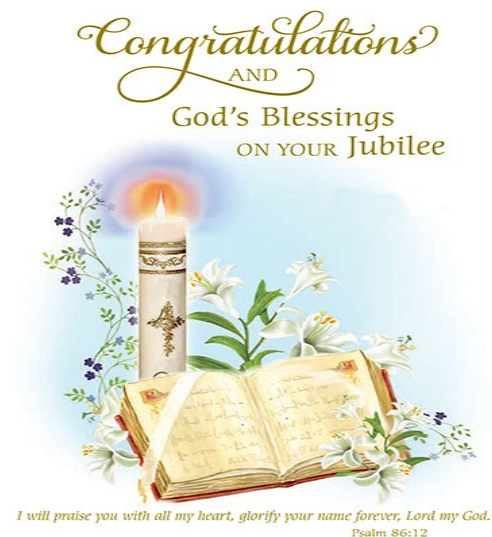


The **Altoona Gabriel Project** is a Catholic Pro-Life ministry dedicated to helping moms and babies with supplies, as well as providing spiritual and emotional support. Our parish has a collection crib at the alley entrance for non-perishable baby items (diapers, wipes, clothing, bibs, towels, blankets,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



Cathedral Parish collected \$2,008.26 towards this year's Baby Bottle Campaign. More than 130 parishes from Blair, Bedford, and Cambria counties reached Precious Life's highest total yet, \$149,304.60! Thanks so much.



On Thursday, September 10, Bishop Mark celebrated the Noon Mass and hosted a luncheon for 9 religious who are celebrating anniversaries/jubilees of either profession or ordination this year.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

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In my parish, there was once a new employee who frequently told me she was sorry for various imperfections in her work. It could be a little tiring. I finally told her, "You know, you don't have to say 'sorry' so often." She looked me right in the eyes and said, "Father, you're right. I'm sorry." Her ear-to-ear grin betrayed that she enjoyed the irony — and that she would keep asking for forgiveness as often as she needed it.

The Gospel reading this week proclaims to us that God, in Jesus, delights in numerous requests for, and the granting of, forgiveness. To Peter's question, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus responds, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times." In other words, Peter, stop counting.

Christian life should be marked by a commitment to frequent forgiveness. God never tires of forgiving us. His limitless love has overcome the power of vengeance, hatred, and division. We tap into that each and every time we ask for forgiveness or extend it to another.

How beautiful our hearts become when they become accustomed to frequent forgiveness! How joyful and attractive become our marriages, families, and parish communities! How light our souls feel when unburdened by the habit of keeping score.

Challenge: Name one thing, small or large, for which you could ask forgiveness from someone in your life. Then do it. — Father John Muir, ©LPi

Out of the depths I cry to you, Lord

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.

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TWENTY- FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, SEPTEMBER 13, 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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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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