

**Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 20, 2026
Mass Intentions**

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

September 21, Monday, Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

12:00PM+Anna Gioiosa, Ann. (Tim & JoAnn Bettwy)

September 22, Tuesday, Weekday

12:00PM+Pat Morning (Family)

September 23, Wednesday, Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

12:00PM+Margarite Ruggery Albarano, (Sister Regina Mae & Family)

September 24, Thursday, Weekday

12:00PM+June Talasky, Anniversary (Family)

September 25, Friday, Weekday

12:00PM+ Bernie McLucas (Family)

September 26, Saturday, Saints Cosmas and Damian

12:00PM+Betty Capouellez , Birth. (Family)

Vigil: Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00PM+Alfred Rutolo, Birth. (Family)

September 27, Sunday, Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM+Richard Pulcino (Patty McCloskey)
10:00AM+Louie Page (Jill Watters)
5:00PM Pro Popolo/ For the People



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.



OFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Sunday, September 13, 2026,
\$8,702.81

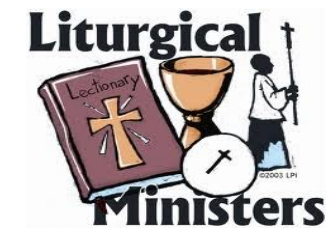
Thank you for your monetary and personal contributions to the life of our parish.



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.



New Schedules

We will soon start working on our new schedules for Readers, Eucharistic Ministers and Altar Servers. The current schedule ends on the last Sunday of this month. If you have special requests or are not available for certain dates, please email pclemons@dioceseaj.org or call the office 814-944-4603. The next schedule will cover October, November, and December. Thank you for your willingness to serve.



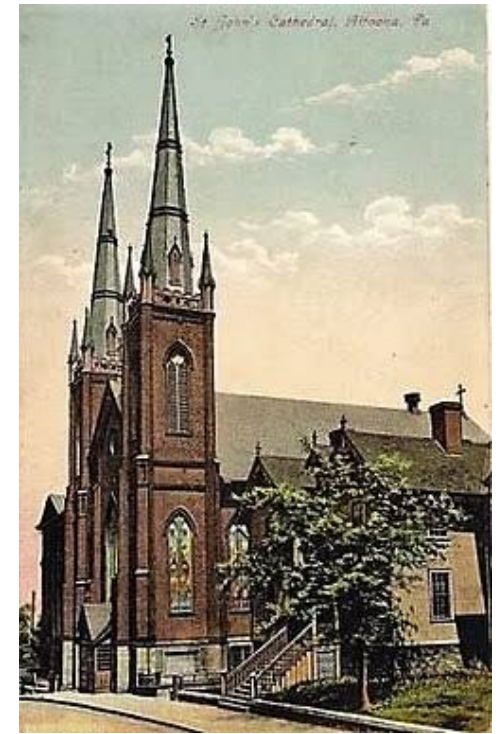
Basket Bingo

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 1 week 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.

If you, or anyone you know, are willing to help out that would be terrific. Students needing service hours will be greatly appreciated too.



175th Anniversary

Howard J. Carroll, our 4th Bishop, was born in 1902 in Pittsburgh. He was named Bishop in late 1957 after years of service as Secretary of the National Catholic Welfare conference. He was consecrated in early 1958 at St. Matthew Cathedral in Washington, DC; he was enthroned at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Altoona three weeks later. He was the first to bear the title of Bishop of Altoona-Johnstown, following the renaming of the Diocese on October 9, 1957. During his brief episcopacy, Bishop Carroll directed the completion of the interior of the Cathedral, and the new buildings for the high schools in Johnstown and Altoona. Bishop Carroll died unexpectedly on March 21, 1960.

PIZZELLE MAKING

PARTY FOR JUNIORS & SENIORS

Calling all 11th and 12 graders! Join us for a hands-on Pizzelle Making Event on Sunday, October 18, from 2-5 P.M. in the Cathedral's hall. Learn how to bake traditional, crispy Italian waffle cookies, experiment with fun flavors. Bring a friend and take home a fresh batch. RSVP by calling or texting

Ms. Gabi Cronin at 814-932-6340



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.



Welcome to the 175th year of the establishment of our beloved parish. We will be commemorating this anniversary with a special Mass celebrated by Bishop Mark on Saturday, November 7th, at 5:00 P.M. followed by a social in our hall.

Since we have families who have had a long history of being a part of our parish, you are invited to prepare a posterboard of pictures of your family's involvement in the life of our parish or photos of our parish that you've collected over the years. We will provide the posterboard with a fold-out easel. After our anniversary celebrations, you will take your posterboard home.

You may pick up a posterboard in our office by contacting Paula at 814-944-4603. They will also be available at the 13th avenue entrance on the weekends of September 26 and 26 and October 3 and 4.

Please complete your posterboard by Friday, October 30. You can bring it to the office. A sample, repaired by Steph Kilcoyne, is on display at the 13th avenue entrance.

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

ONE CATHEDRAL SQUARE, Altoona, Pennsylvania 16601-3315

TWENTY- FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, SEPTEMBER 20, 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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Msgr. Carson E-mail:

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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
Religious Education Office: Sundays - 814-943-7424
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DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRY

Mr. Bob Long 814-944-2044, rlong@dioceseaj.org

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.

**Bishop Guilfoyle Academy
Confirmation Prep Team**

Danielle Aikens
Emily Yerty
Msgr. Stan Carson
Chris Laraia
Phyllis Baker

Religious Ed PreK-8/12
Chris Laraia, Director
Gabrielle Cronin
Lori Pastore

Helen Carper
Roberta Burns
Darlene Sinisi
Nicole Burkle
Harry Gregg
Jeanne Thompson
Phyllis Baker

Karen Isenberg
Susan Martin
Emily Koller, Sub.
Mary Ann Bell, Sub.
Beth Moore, Sub.
Maryann Bistline, Sub.
Carol Galioto, Sub.

Baptismal Prep
Chris Laraia

**First Reconciliation/
First Eucharist**

Msgr. Stan Carson
Chris Laraia
Lori Pastore

Confirmation Mentors

Eileen Starr
Christine Repko
Chris Laraia
Mary Ann Bell
Jeanne Thompson

Marriage Prep

Clark & Kim Adelman
Bob & Chris Laraia
Tom & Beth Moore
Tyler & Abbie Groff (St. Mary Parish, Hbg.)

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Carol Galioto, Director
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