

**Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 27, 2026
Mass Intentions**

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

**September 28, Monday, Saint Wenceslaus, Martyr;
Saint Lawrence Ruiz and Companions; Martyrs**
12:00PM+Rosalie Seymour (Seymour Family)

**September 29, Tuesday, Saints Michael, Gabriel and
Raphael, Archangels**
12:00PM+Judith R. Jones (Barry & Cindy Gormont)

**September 30, Wednesday, Saint Jerome, Priest and
Doctor of the Church**
12:00PM+Hannah Wilkins (Rich & Nanci Hall)

**October 1, Thursday, Saint Therese of the Child Jesus,
Doctor of the Church**
12:00PM+Mary (Lilly) Tomlinson (Patty McCloskey)

October 2, Friday, The Holy Guardian Angels
12:00PM+ Derek Behe (Mom, Dad and Eric)

October 3, Saturday, Weekday
12:00PM+Herb & Regina Kutruff, Wed Ann. (Family)
Vigil: Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00PM+Edgar A. Johnston, Ann. (Mother and Family)

October 4, Sunday, Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00AM+Mary Irene McGreal (Family)
10:00AM+Rita Kibler, Ann. (Family/Janice McNulty)
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 20, 2026,
\$10,899.56

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

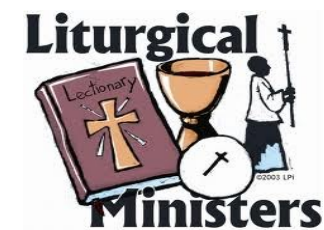


Msgr. Carson will be taking Holy Communion to homebound parishioners this week. If you, or someone you know, would like to receive the Eucharist, please call the rectory by Wednesday.



Trunk or Treat

Our Trunk or Treat is Sunday, October 11th, from 2:00-3:00PM in the lower parking lot...family fun, costumes, and candy! If you're going to have a decorated car present, please contact the Parish Office at 814-944-4603 to register. You may also register your car by going to <http://tinyurl.com/athedraltrunkortreat26>. Please join in the fun! Hope to see you there!



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 pclemens@dioceseaj.org or call the office 814-944-4603. The next schedule will cover October and November, Thank you for your willingness to serve.

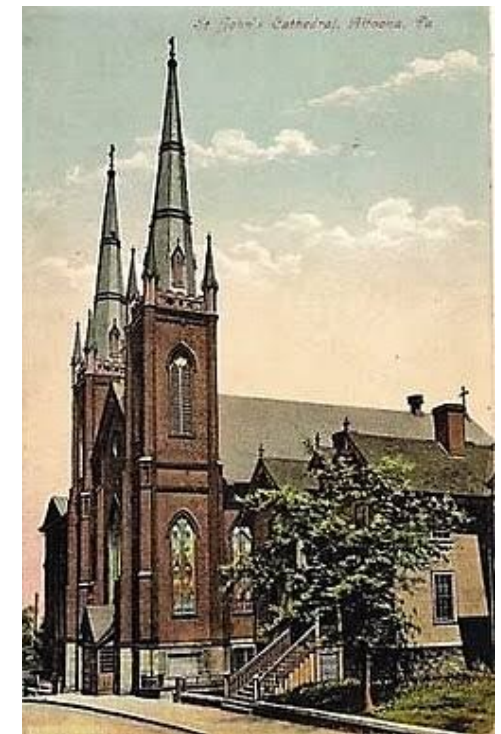


TODAY IS THE DAY FOR OUR BIG BASKET BINGO AT FATHER KELLEY HALL! Doors open at 11:45 A.M. Get ready to enjoy GOOD FOOD, win some GREAT PRIZES, and HAVE FUN! Tickets will be on sale only after our Saturday 5:00 P.M. Mass and the Sunday 8:00 AM Mass, but will also be on sale at the door. DAUBBERS UP!

Stewardship Reflections

Today's readings challenge the modern-day disciple to imitate more fully both the actions and attitudes of Christ. This is, after all, the point of our stewardship way of life. St. Paul encapsulates the actions and attitudes we must strive for in the Second Reading, from the Letter to the Philippians. "Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory; rather, humbly regard others more important than yourselves, each looking out not for his own interests, but also for those of others." In other words, Paul continues, "Have in you the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus." Whether we are at work or school or within our own homes, our actions should be focused on others first in imitation of Christ, Who is always perfectly focused on others.

We are called to a high and holy standard, living as Christ's disciples everyday and with every person the Lord places in your path. But we can move towards this goal in "baby steps." We can even take a step backward from time to time because our Father is merciful and kind. What matters is that we keep baby stepping along, assured of the grace we need to more closely imitate the actions and attitudes of Christ. This is the beauty of the stewardship way of life.



175th Anniversary

James J. Hogan, our sixth Bishop, was born in Philadelphia in 1911. Ordained a priest for the Diocese of Trenton in 1937, Bishop Hogan earned a Doctor of Canon Law from Catholic University. He was consecrated Auxiliary Bishop of Trenton in 1960 by Bishop Ahr, and installed as Bishop of Altoona-Johnstown in 1966. He oversaw the addition to Bishop Guilfoyle High School at Pleasant Valley because of deficiencies at the Sixth Avenue building. On his 75th birthday, Bishop Hogan, as required by Canon Law, submitted his resignation. With its acceptance, he was named Apostolic Administrator, the first time a Bishop held that position in our diocese.

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 by October 11th.



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.



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 poster board 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 poster board with a fold-out easel. After our anniversary celebrations, you will take your poster board home.

You may pick up a poster board in our office by contacting Paula at 814-944-4603. They will also be available at the 13th avenue entrance this weekend, September 26 and 27 and next weekend, October 3 and 4.

Please complete your poster board by Friday, October 30. You can bring it to the office. A sample, prepared 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- SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, SEPTEMBER 27, 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.

Stand together for human life by participating in the LIFE CHAIN ON SUNDAY, October 4, from 2:00-3:00 p.m. along 17th St. and 9th Avenue, Altoona (Station Mall Medical Center) . Participants may hold one of the prolife signs which will be made available. All are invited to silently stand in peaceful and prayerful witness to their commitment to love and protect the unborn and their mothers.

Christian Mothers Meeting

The regular meeting will be on Wednesday, October 7th. All woman of the parish are invited. We will be discussing projects. If you have suggestions or ideas, please join us. Meetings are held in the Education Center in the lower part of the Parish Center. Rosary recited at 6:00pm and meeting starts at 6:30pm. If you would like more information joining this ministry, please call Carol Galioto at (814)327-4841.

America Needs Fatima Public Rosary Rally

The Cathedral Christian Mothers are hosting the **"America Needs Fatima" Rosary Rally on Saturday, October 10, at Noon in the downtown Altoona Heritage Plaza.** Join us as we pray for our country and the world. A luncheon is being sponsored by the Altoona Knights of Columbus. Music by the Holy Spirit Ministry.

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