

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 4, 2026
Mass Intentions

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

October 5, Monday, Saint Faustina Kowalska, Virgin

12:00PM+Delphina Rutolo, Anniversary (Family)

October 6, Tuesday, Saint Bruno, Priest

12:00PM+Nicholas John Moffa (Estate)

October 7, Wednesday, Our Lady of the Rosary

12:00PM+Bill Bravin (Patty McCloskey)

October 8, Thursday, Weekday

12:00PM+Barb Curley, Birthday (The Talasky Family)

October 9, Friday, Saint Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs; Saint John Leonardi, Priest

12:00PM+ Alphonse Covino (Pat Rhoads)

October 10, Saturday, Weekday

12:00PMLeonard & Patty Topley, Wed. Ann. (Tom & Becky DeHaven)

Vigil: Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

October 11, Sunday, Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM+Bruce Farrell (Paula & Randy Clemens)
10:00AM+Mary Kantoski, Anniversary (Mom & Family)
5:00PM Pro Popolo/ For the People



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

This Wednesday, Oct. 7, the Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary, is this month's Eucharistic Day of Adoration. There's a sign-up sheet at the cross-aisle.

OFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Sunday, September 27, 2026,
\$ 7,508.11

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



In observance of the 800th anniversary of the death of St. Francis, Pope Leo XIV has directed that the Mass for the Solemnity of St. Francis be celebrated at the Saturday Vigil Mass on October 4 and at all Sunday Masses on October 5, 2026.



The Feast of St. Francis is the traditional day to bless pets and other animals. You may use the following prayer.

Blessed are you, Lord God, maker of all living creatures. You called forth fish in the sea, birds in the air, and animals on the land. You inspired St. Francis to call all of them his brothers and sisters. We ask you to bless this pet. By the power of your love, enable it to live according to your plan. May we always praise you for all your beauty in creation. Blessed are you, Lord our God, in all your creatures!



Trunk or Treat

Our Trunk or Treat is this Sunday, October 11th, from 2:00-3:00PM in the lower parking lot...family fun, costumes, and candy! Please join in the fun! Hope to see you there!

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

October 4, 2026, Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Matthew 21:33-43

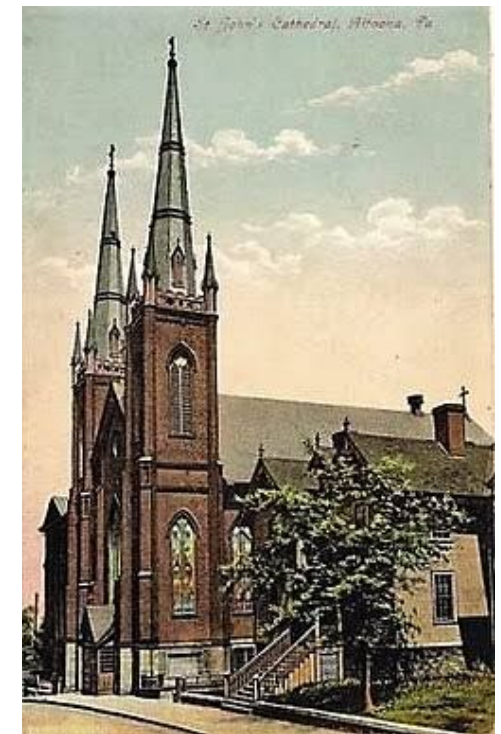
Have you ever felt like your attempts at prayer are a waste of time? I have. Early in my priesthood, I noticed that my prayer life was weakening. Awe and eager expectancy of contact with God had given way to routine. I gradually spent less and less time praying. Nothing dramatic had happened, but my attitude toward God had changed, and I was losing the desire to pray.

Jesus' parable of the insane vineyard tenants speaks into this kind of experience. He says the landowner "leased it to tenants and went on a journey" (Matthew 21:33). The key to this message is that the vineyard does not belong to those who work it—they are entrusted with it. But little by little, they view it as their possession, and ungrateful entitlement follows. The servants sent by the owner are treated as intrusions. Even the owner's son becomes a means to their delusional self-will. The central tragedy is not violence but the forgetfulness that spawns it. They need reminding how lucky they are to be given so much.

Eventually, God sent friends to remind me that my relationship with Him and my prayer time are not my possessions, but rather God's tremendous gifts to me. Perhaps you are feeling discouraged for some reason or other these days in your walk with God. Ponder this parable and let it be a gentle reminder that you and I are fortunate stewards, and God is the generous giver. This allows us to rediscover the beauty of the vineyards in our lives and to remain energetic in cultivating his gifts.

— Father John Muir

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175th Anniversary

Our seventh bishop, Joseph V. Adamec, was born in Michigan in 1935. He was appointed in 1987; his episcopal ordination occurred in our Cathedral in May of that year. He studied in Rome and resided at the Pontifical College Nepomucene where Father Tomko (who officiated at Bishop's consecration as Cardinal Tomko) was the Vice Rector. Ordained in 1960, he served in various capacities in the Diocese of Saginaw, including secretary to Bishop Rey. Bishop Adamec's episcopal motto was "Household of God". He promoted liturgical renewal, the permanent diaconate, and the formation of lay ministries. Bishop Adamec died on March 20, 2019.

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 are also available at the 13th avenue entrance.

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- SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, OCTOBER 4, 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:

5:00 PM (Vigil)

8:00 AM

10:00 AM

5:00 PM

Weekday:

12:00 Noon

Saturday:

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.



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.

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