

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 25, 2026
Mass Intentions

October 25, Sunday, Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00AM+Helen Glashauser (Jim & Mary Farrell)
10:00AM+Judy Johnson (Tim & Anne Marie Longwill)
5:00PM Pro Popolo/ For the People

October 26, Monday, Weekday
12:00PM+Lori Crilley, Anniversary (Sisters Pam & Vicki)

October 27, Tuesday, Weekday
12:00PM+Carol Foytick (Maureen Kedzuf)

October 28, Wednesday, Saints Simon and Jude,
Apostles
12:00PM Special Intention Matthew Wineland
(Mom & Dad & Family)

October 29, Thursday, Weekday
12:00PM+David C. Hooper, Birthday (Wife & Family)

October 30, Friday, Weekday
12:00PM Special Intention Kim Capouellez (Family)

October 31, Saturday, Weekday
12:00PM+Don Godish (Friend)
Vigil: All Saints Day
5:00PM+Marti Stefanon (Husband Steve)

November 1, Sunday, All Saints Day
8:00AM+John Moloney/Joan Nedimyer, Birthday (Family)
10:00AM+Pat Morning, Birthday (Family))
5:00PM Pro Popolo/ For the People

CATHEDRAL CANDLELIGHT CONCERT

On Saturday, October 31, All Hallows' Eve, at
7:00 P.M., the Railroad City Catholics will
present a Cathedral Candlelight Concert
entitled *Requiem, Souls and Saints: A Journey
from Grief to Glory*.

You are invited to enjoy sacred and classical
music performed by young adult musicians
from across Central Pennsylvania.

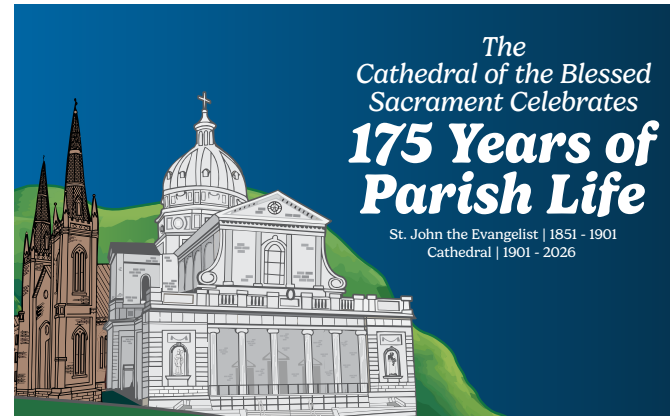
The concert is free and open to the public.
There will be an opportunity to make a free-
will offering. A social will follow in the parish
hall.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Sunday, October 18, 2026,

\$ 8,508.44

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



On Saturday, November 7, Bishop Mark
will celebrate the 5 P.M. Mass in honor of
the 175th anniversary of our parish. Our
wonderful choir will be accompanied by
trumpets and timpani. While most Catholics
tend to attend their preferred Mass, we are
encouraged to attend our anniversary Mass
that weekend. To help us prepare for the
catered refreshments in the hall following
the Mass, please call (814-944-4603) or
email (pclemens@dioceseaj.org) and let
Paula know if you and your family
members plan to attend the reception. You
may also do so on our parish's Facebook
page.

Be sure to join us in thanking God for our
parish which has been a source of spiritual
enrichment and compassionate service to so
many people over the past 175 years.

Stewardship Reflections

Today's readings are all about love. The radical of God
for His people and the radical love we are called to live out in
response. The stewardship way of life is nothing more than and
nothing less than the practical application of loving God and
neighbor in our daily lives. From the very beginning, God
reveals Himself as a loving and compassionate father Who has a
particular concern for the most vulnerable of His people. He
requires this same compassion from His people. He requires this
same compassion from His people in our treatment of one
another

Jesus sums up the message of all the prophets as well as
the purpose of all God's law in today's Gospel passage, from
Matthew. It is a message we have likely grown up hearing, but it
is beautiful and so challenging, it bears repeating again and
again. It is Christ's response to a question which commandment
is greatest. His answer reveals both the greatest and second
greatest commandments. He says "You shall love the Lord, your
God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your
mind. The second is like it, you shall love your neighbor as
yourself."

The
stewardship way of life is the unique way that each of us applies
these two greatest commandments to our daily lives. To sum it
up, it's all about love.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER

UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE: October 25,
2026-Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Matthew 22:34-40

When I was in seventh grade, like most boys of that age, I was
constantly hungry. I could eat at any hour of the day. Then I fell
head over heels for a classmate named Kristin. One evening,
while lying on my bed and pondering her perfections, my mom
called me to dinner. For the first time in my adolescent life, I
remember thinking: "I'm not hungry." My heart longed for
Kristin more than my stomach for food. Now, I wouldn't
confuse adolescent infatuation with mature love. But it was an
experience of how love can reorder everything in our lives.

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus says, "You shall love the Lord,
your God, with all your heart" (Matthew 22:37). He is not
issuing a burden or a moral goal for high achievers. He is
naming the deepest orientation of the human heart. We were
made for love so great that it gathers every other love into itself.
Jesus does not ask us to love less the persons or things that
attract us. Rather, he wants our love for God to be so total and
intense that we love everything and everyone else because we
love him so much.

Do we believe that such a love is possible for us? Because of the
gifts of the Holy Spirit, it is! It is readily available to us. Let's
repent of our half-hearted love for God and ask Him to fill our
hearts to the brim with divine love. Father John Muir ©LPi



175th Anniversary

The bronze sculptures of Saint John Neumann
(Patron of Immigrants) and Saint Elizabeth Seton
(Patron of Schools), located in the eleven-foot
niches on the front facade of the Cathedral, were
placed there during the celebration of the 50th
anniversary of the opening of the Cathedral in
November of 1981. Within the vestibule of the
Cathedral, bronze sculptures of Bishop John
Carroll of Baltimore (first bishop of the United
States) and Father Demetrius Gallitzin (first
resident pastor in our Allegheny Mountains) attest
to our particular history with the forefathers of
Catholicism in our country and in our area.

CHRISTMAS PARADE FLOAT COMMITTEE MEETING

A planning meeting for our parish's
Christmas Parade float will be held on
Monday, October 26, at 7 P.M. in the
conference room of our office building.

Be sure to be a part of our award winning
committee!



The Gabriel Project: Baby Shower

The Cathedral's Right to Life Committee in holding a baby shower to support a newly formed Gabriel Project at the Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel in Loretto. Items needed include diapers, clothing, baby supplies (wipes, Shampoo, baby lotion, etc.)

The Baby Shower will be held following the 10 o'clock Mass today, October 25. A light luncheon will be served. Please join us to support this newly formed Gabriel Project and thank you for your continued support of our local Gabriel Project Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



THE ALTOONA 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.



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 home.

You may pick up a poster board in our office or at the 13th avenue entrance to the cathedral. Please complete your poster board by this Friday, October 30.

Calculating Love

Have you ever Googled the word “love”? If you did you may have come across something called the Love Calculator. It is a website where you can supply two names, and the percentage chance of a successful relationship is calculated. Curious, I entered my name and my wife’s. Twenty percent! I hope my wife doesn’t read this!

I then decided to add my name and God. A whopping thirteen percent! Then for the last attempt, I put in my name and Jesus. A very disappointing zero percent! Am I that unlovable? Of course, then I read the small print at the bottom of the page: “Please note that this site has no serious intention whatsoever.” Shocking!

The truth is, the modern world increasingly seems to have no real idea what love is or how to determine when love is real. That makes the seemingly simple words of Jesus about loving God and your neighbor very complex indeed. How can you love God with your all your heart, soul, and mind when you have no idea what the act of loving means? And then, what constitutes loving a neighbor? To make it more complicated, Jesus commands you to love them like you love yourself. I bet you can agree with me that there are a lot of people out there who do not even come close to loving themselves. come close to loving themselves. Knowing what love is in modern times is just not that easy.

How is a well-meaning person able to find out the true meaning of love? Tracy Earl Welliver, ©LPi

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

ONE CATHEDRAL SQUARE, Altoona, Pennsylvania 16601-3315
THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, OCTOBER 25, 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.

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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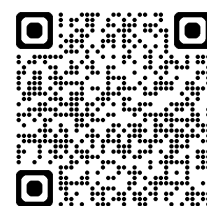
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MAIL MINISTRY TO ELDERLY, HOMEBOUND, SERIOUSLY SICK, AND GRIEVING - 814-944-4603

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

WEB
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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

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