All Saints Day
November 1, 2026
Mass Intentions

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

November 2, Monday, The Commemoration of All Faithful Departed
12:00PM+Souls in Purgatory

November 3, Tuesday, Saint Martin de Porres, Religious
12:00PM+Mary Maidl (Rita Horell)

November 4, Wednesday, Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop
12:00PM+Dorothy Martin Smith/E.T.Smith Family (George Smith)

November 5, Thursday, Weekday
12:00PM+Terry Smith, Ann. (Family & Wally & Connie Tomassetti)

November 6, Friday, Weekday
12:00PM+Geraldine Petrunak (Tom, Patricia & Marita Forr)

November 7, Saturday, Weekday
12:00PM+Marianna Mignogna Moffa (Estate)
Vigil: Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00PM+Mildred Conti, Birthday (Family)

November 8, Sunday, Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00AM+Bernie & Peggy Joyce, Wed. Anniversary (Family)
10:00AM+Joseph Stevens, Birthday (Family)
5:00PM Pro Popolo/ For the People



Eucharistic Adoration

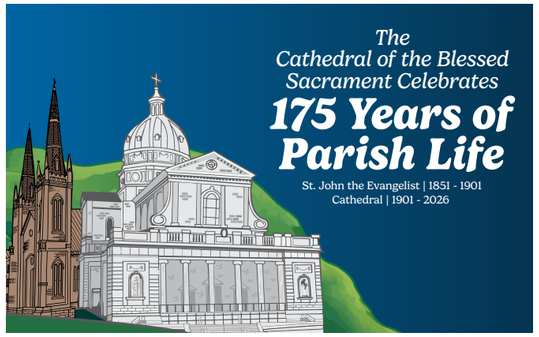
We will have Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesday, November 4, from after the noon Mass until benediction at 6:45 P.M. There's a sign-up sheet on the table in the cross aisle.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Sunday, October 25, 2026,

$ 9,590.46

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



Next 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 next 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 or website.

Our 175th celebration is primarily a parish-family affair, more low-key than previous celebrations, but significant nonetheless. Be sure to join us.

Gratitude is extended to those families who submitted poster boards of their involvement in the life of our parish.

Stewardship Reflections

On this Feast of All Saints, we have the profound joy of celebrating our big brothers and big sisters in Christ; the saints! This is an especially meaningful feast for us as Christian stewards.

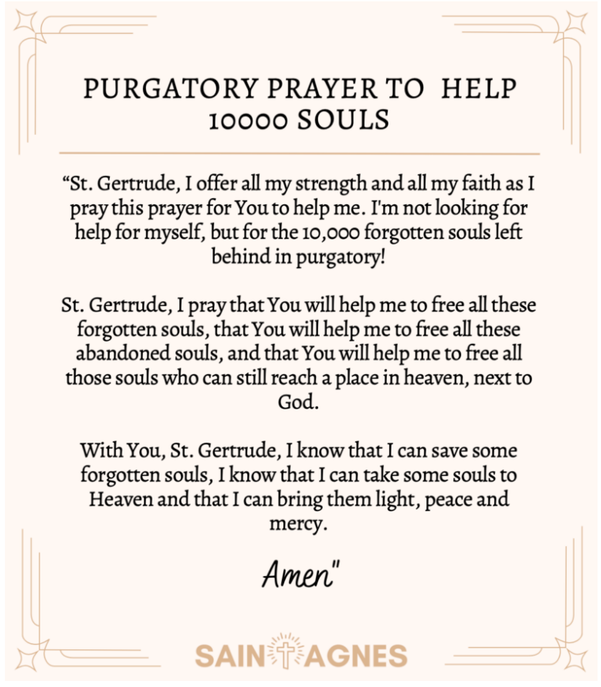
Saints inspire and lead us to Christ by their example of heroic virtue. Sainthood is meant for all of us, not just the canonized, and not only the martyrs and missionaries. At our Baptism, we all receive the call to holiness and discipleship, in other words, the call to sainthood. If we wish to go to Heaven, we must strive to become saints! Thankfully, armed with grace and the stewardship way of life, we can have firm hope that one day we will join our big brothers and sisters in the never ending joys and celebration of Heaven.

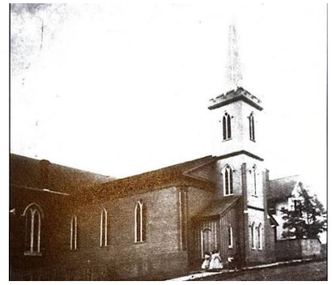
Confirmation Prep

Mentor Session/Students Only
Sunday, November 8, 2026
3:30-4:30PM
Education Center
Bring Red Confirmation Folder

First Reconciliation Prep

Tuesday, November 17, 2026
6:00-8:00PM
Cathedral Hall
Bring Family Crest





175TH ANNIVERSARY

At the the close of the year 1851, the influx of Catholics was so great in the city of Altoona that it was deemed necessary to purchase a tract of land for the building of a church. The first church, 60 feet by 35 feet, was dedicated in the early part of 1853. The church was a frame building and the total cost was a little over $800. A memorandum of a contract made on August 2, 1851, referring to the building of a little frame church, stipulates that the sum to be paid was $385. There is a second contract for "confessionals, thirty-four pews, altar and altar railing, gallery, and stairs, painting and varnishing all this work, together wish all extra work from beginning," for the sum of $445.35.

VETERANS SUPPORTING VETERANS

Our parish's Respect Life committee will be supporting the **Veterans Supporting Veterans Group** in Blair County who provides clothing, hygiene essentials, and connecting veterans with local resources and services. Serving those who served with compassion, dignity, and respect. A collection box is available at the alley entrance. The group has a location at the Logan Valley Mall.

Our 7th grade Religious Education Class is also working on a service project for veterans. Please be supportive.

Thank you

Thank you from the Cathedral Right to Life Committee for all who attended the baby shower, donated diapers, clothing, wipes, and baby supplies for the newly formed Gabriel Project at the Basilica of St. Michael's in Loretto. Thanks to the Christian Mothers for the beautiful display of desserts and many volunteers who helped make this event a huge success!

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE: November 1, 2026

All Saints' Day: Matthew 5:1-12

At the end of her short life, my hero, St. Thérèse of Lisieux, found herself in a curious position. Audaciously, she was convinced that she would become a great saint and would be loved by many after her death. At the same time, she insisted that she was weak, impatient, and ordinary. She became arguably the greatest saint in modern times. How is it possible that an ordinary and imperfect person can also be a great saint?

On this All Saints' Day, Jesus overturns our assumptions about holiness. He says, "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 5:3). The blessed are not the impressive or the self-sufficient, but the poor in spirit, the meek, the merciful, and the persecuted. These are not heroic traits by normal standards. They are signs of a heart that has learned to rely on God rather than itself. That's what St. Thérèse, and all the saints, are all about.

All Saints' Day is not a celebration of spiritual elites. Rather, it announces what grace can do in our ordinary lives. The saints are not those who avoid weakness or suffering, but those who allow these things to deepen their trust. What good news for us! The smaller and weaker we are, the more qualified we are to be great saints. Father John Muir ©LPi

LAND OF PEACE

During the weekend of November 14-15, our brothers and sisters representing the Land of Peace Mission-a nonprofit organization will be present with us speaking briefly about the Christian situation in the Holy Land and selling crucifixes, religious art work, and rosaries-all made of olive wood that is native to the Holy Land. Since tourism has greatly depleted, Christian families in the holy land, who depend on tourists have been greatly affected. Sale of these goods will help poor and needy families in Bethlehem and Jerusalem. Please browse and buy some articles. You are invited to visit their website: www.landofpeace.org.

All Saints Day

I heard a story the other day of a very holy man. The commentator said, "We shouldn't call him a saint. If we sanctify him, we don't have to imitate him." This is precisely the opposite of the meaning of saints! Throughout the Church's history, we have honored saints, but not to set them apart. We honor saints to remind us of what is possible for a person who loves God. The saints have stories as varied as our own. We have bishops, martyrs, teachers, doctors, former thieves and prostitutes, politicians and kings, soldiers and pacifists, single mothers, desert hermits? the list goes on! On this Solemnity of All Saints, we remember this garden of holiness, rich with diverse flowerings of a holy life. When you look at the life of your favorite saint, ask yourself, "How can I imitate this person? What is possible for me when I love God?" (C) LPi



The Church of Altoona-Johnstown

THE CATHEDRAL OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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ALL SAINTS DAY, NOVEMBER 1, 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

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Chris Laraia - Pre-K thru 12 - 814-312-7317
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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

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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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