Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 8, 2026
Mass Intentions

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

November 9, Monday, The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
12:00PM+Paul Renyck (Pamela Beckwith)

November 10, Tuesday, Saint Leo the Great Pope and Doctor of the Church
12:00PM+Karl Burgmeier (Daughter Carol)

November 11, Wednesday, Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop
12:00PM+Bear McCloskey (Wife Patty)

November 12, Thursday, Saint Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr
12:00PM+David Seidel (Ann Plutko and Family)

November 13, Friday, Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin
12:00PM+Michael Ratzesberger (Mom & Family)

November 14, Saturday, Weekday
12:00PM+The Lavelle Family (Phyllis Lavelle Sheetz)
Vigil: Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00PM+Harry J. & Shirley A. McConnell (Ron McConnell Family)

November 15, Sunday, Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00AM+Rita Adams (Family)
10:00AM+John & Patrick Duffy (Toots)
5:00PM Pro Popolo/ For the People

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!

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Sunday, November 1, 2026,

$ 12,300.11

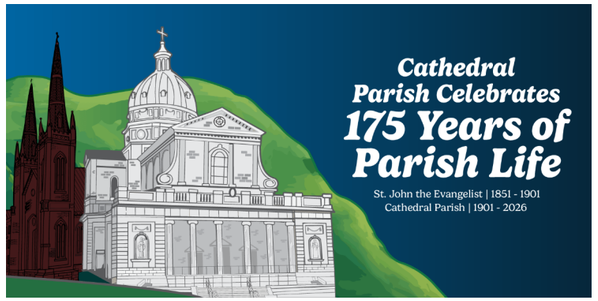
Thank you for your monetary and personal contributions to the life of our parish.



175th ANNIVERSARY

Bishop Mark is celebrating this weekend's 5 o'clock evening Mass on Saturday, November 7, to mark the 175th anniversary of the founding of our parish in 1851.

The cornerstone of our cathedral was laid on May 30, 1926, that date marked the Silver Jubilee of our Diocese. According to *The Catholic Observer*, "The laying of the cornerstone , which was preceded by a monster street parade, was witnessed by thousands who lined the avenues and streets adjoining the new Cathedral site. It was conservatively estimated that about 40,000 were on hand during the afternoon. The roofs of all available buildings in the immediate vicinity were lined with eager spectators, while the main floor of the Cathedral was filled to capacity, hundreds being able to gain entrance."



The concluding verses of St. John's Gospel, Chapter 21: 24-25, state that there aren't enough books to sufficiently tell us all the "things that Jesus did." I suspect that the same could be said about all the things Jesus said.

What has been written about our parish over the last 175 years would also insufficiently capture all that has been said and done by our priests, religious, deacons, and laypeople. And like the theme of our recent Cathedral Candlelight Concert, *Requiem: Souls & Saints, A Journey from Grief to Glory,* the history of our parish and our own personal lives, have included experiences of sadness and gladness during which our parishioners have been a community of faith-filled souls striving to become saints.

The celebration of our 175th anniversary is a rather simple parish-family-affair. With gratitude and praise we acknowledge God's fidelity and entrust our future to His providential care. We remember in prayer those who have passed through death into eternal life. And, just as importantly, we continue to support one another in the Catholic faith while inviting others to join us on our journey relying upon the love and mercy of God who dwells among and within us.

Your involvement in the life of our parish has been a blessing. Thank you.

Msgr. Stanley B. Carson, Rector

Stewardship Reflections

Wisdom is a central theme in our readings today. It is one of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit, and it is key to living a stewardship way of life in our complex world. As Christian stewards, we should rely on this gift and ask the Holy Spirit to increase it within us.

In our Gospel passage from Matthew, Jesus tells the parable of 10 virgins awaiting the arrival of the bridegroom who will welcome them into the wedding feast. Five of the virgins were foolish and five were wise. The foolish virgins failed to bring oil along with their lamps when they went to meet the bridegroom. The wise ones, however, had prepared and brought sufficient oil to keep their lamps lit when the bridegroom came. The foolish virgins, caught off guard, ran off to buy more oil, but they were too late. The door to the wedding feast was locked to them. Jesus cautions, "Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day or the hour."

The stewardship way of life, with its daily and weekly commitments to give God the best of our time, talent and treasure, is the "oil" that we always keep with us. When we have this plan in place and we rely deeply on the Holy Spirit to guide us through the twists and turns of each day, we are free, we are ready to answer the Bridegroom when He calls us. We live in wisdom.

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



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.

The class is asking for help with a collection of Rosaries, stamps and names and addresses of Veterans and widows/widowers of Veterans so we can mail cards to them. IF you would like to share a story about the rosary please place a note with them in an envelope with your name on them in the collection boxes which will be on the tables inside the doors of the Cathedral. We are also inviting our parishioners who are currently in the military to sign the Thank You poster on the tables inside the doors of the Cathedral. They will be placed in the entry ways for the weeks to come.

Guest Celebrant

On Thursday, November 12, Father Michael Tracy, a recently ordained priest for the Diocese of Charleston, SC, will be the main celebrant of our noon Mass. Fr. Morgan Sheedy, the Cathedral parish's first rector, was Father Tracy's grandmother's grand-uncle.



This year makes the 150th anniversary of the ordination to the priesthood of Father Morgan M. Sheedy. He was ordained at St. Paul Cathedral in Pittsburgh on September 23, 1876.

LAND OF PEACE

Next weekend, 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.

Christian Mother's Meeting:

The regular Christian Mothers meeting will be on Wednesday, November 11th. All women of the parish are invited and welcomed. If you would like to join us or have suggestions/ ideas for future activities, 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 at 6:30pm. If you would like more information about joining this ministry, please contact and Christian Mother member or Lorraine Beck (814-942-7774), Mary Gene Vogel (814-943-6431), Paula Miller (814-942-5593), or Carol Galioto (814-327-4841).

Christian Mother's Home-bound

Again, this year, Cathedral Christian Mothers will be delivering a special gift to our home-bound for Christmas. Last year we distributed over 35 baskets to parish members at their homes. Do you know parishioner (s) who are home-bound and may appreciate a small token of friendship from the parish?

Annual Winter Coat Drive

Winter weather is quickly approaching. The parish annual winter coat drive is now underway. If you have unneeded used coats, please consider donating them. Last year, over 200 coats, jackets and sweaters were given to numerous agencies in our local are for distribution. Thank you for your support of this parish activity.

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THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, NOVEMBER 8, 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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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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