

**TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
September 29, 2024
Mass Intentions**

October 6, Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00AM+Joseph Pagliaro, Anniversary (Family)
10:00AM+Edgar A Johnston (Family)
5:00PM Pro Popolo/For the People
Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church 11:30AM

October 7, Monday, Our Lady of the Rosary
12:00PM+Barry Krug, Ann. (Tammy & Bob
Datrix)

October 8, Tuesday, Weekday
12:00PM+Patricia Batkiewicz (Gibbons/Kirsch)

October 9, Wednesday, Saint Denis, Bishop, and Com-
panions, Martyrs; Saint John Leonardi, Priest
12:00PM+David Hooper (Wife)

October 10, Thursday, Weekday
12:00PM+Adelaide Kipple (M/M Dave
Hanekamp)

October 11, Friday, Saint John XXIII, Pope
12:00PM+Mary Kantoski, Ann. (Mom & Paul)

October 12, Saturday, Weekday
12:00PM+Bob Eger (Joe & Eileen Koeck)
Vigil: Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00PM+Ann Edith DiGuiseppe (John Conti Fam-
ily)

October 13, Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00AM+Doris Smith (Sam & Janet Ianuzzi)
10:00AM+John Kirsch (Ron Skupien)
5:00PM Pro Popolo/For the People
Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church 11:30AM

Annual America Needs Fatima Rosary Rally

The Rosary Rally will be held on Saturday,
October 12th, 2024, at Noon, downtown at the
Heritage Plaza, 15th Street and 11th Avenue.

Stewardship Reflections

Our readings this week speak to our domestic
churches, the little churches that we call our families.
They bring us back to the beginning of time and call
us to restore what God had intended for each of us.

As Genesis reminds us, God created woman as a
partner for a man and His desires that they become
unified. It is in this union of marriage that man and
woman work together to bring their family to Heav-
en. This is the mission that our families must be unit-
ed in. We must ask ourselves, how are we living out
that mission? It should be the very heart and soul of
our families.

As we think about our families this week, wheth-
er it be a single household or a family of 10, let us
find small ways in which we can live out our mission
to bring families together in heaven.



LIFE CHAIN

October 6, 2024, 2:00 to 3:00 PM

Downtown Altoona

**17th St at 9th Ave at Station Mall Medical
Center**

National LIFE CHAIN Sunday is a time for
prayer and repentance. Stand with hundreds
of thousands of pro-lifers throughout Ameri-
ca, in memory of over 60 million babies who
have lost their lives to abortion since 1973.
Participants will silently stand in peaceful,
prayerful witness to their commitment to
love and protect the unborn and their moth-
ers.

Bring your whole family! Rain or shine!
Water, lawn chairs, umbrellas and strollers
are welcome!

This peaceful, prayerful event provides a
visual statement of pro-life unity to passers-
by.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Sunday, September 15, 2024 \$7,192.91

Sunday, September 22, 2024, \$10,768.64

Sunday, September 29, 2024 \$8,956.99

Thank you for your financial and Spiritual support.

Thank You

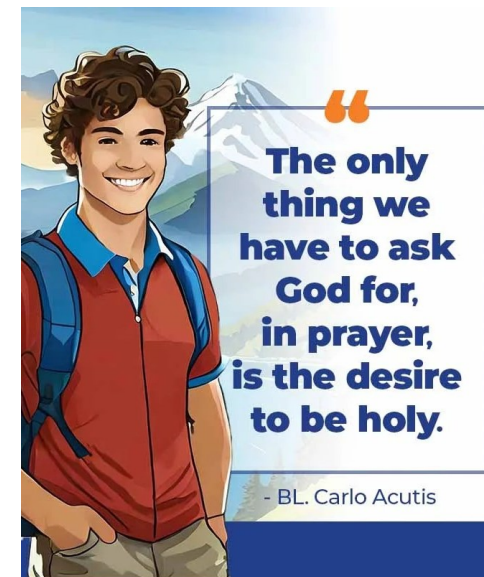
A thank you to the following students that helped
at our Basket Bingo on Sunday, September 29, 2024.

Abby Chverchko, Aleia Eckenrode, Mikayla
Geishauser, Morgan Geishauser, James Hoyne,
Dominic Ianuzzi, Sara Glass Knopp, Emily Koller,
Jocelyn Koller, Katelyn Koller, Paul Luke, Tyanna
Patillo, Tyson Patillo, Xavier Rhodes, Jace Ritchey,
Emma Thomas.



Parish Council Meeting

There will be a Parish Council Meeting on Tues-
day October 15, 2024, at 6:30PM.



Our parish has the entire exhibit of Eucharistic mira-
cles prepared by Blessed Carlo Acutis (1999-2006).
Portions of the exhibit are displayed in the side chap-
els of the cathedral. Blessed Sacrament.

Cathedral Christian Mothers

The next meeting of the Cathedral Christian Moth-
ers will be on Wednesday, October 9th, at 6:30PM in
the Education Center. Rosary at 6:00PM. All women of
the parish are welcomed to attend.

Church Cleaning

We will be cleaning the church on Wednesday, Oc-
tober 9th, 2024. If you are able to help that would be
very much appreciated. Thank you!



Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)

Do you know someone who might be interested in
seeking information about our Catholic faith? Are you
interested in the Catholic Church? Starting on Septem-
ber 15th, the Cathedral Christian Initiation Team will
begin weekly meetings in the Church from 11:00AM
to 12:00 Noon (after the 10:00AM Mass) for all those
seeking information on the Catholic Church. No com-
mitments are made at this time. These are informal In-
quiry Sessions to discuss aspects of our faith with any-
one who might be thinking of joining the Catholic
Church. All are welcome; bring a friend. If you are
interested in joining or would like more info, please
contact Carol Galioto at (814)-327-4841.

Strength In Christ -Trust-Surrender-Joy

Third Annual Women's Conference

Saturday, 12 October, 2024

Check-in begins at 7/7:30am

9:00 am - 4:00 pm

9:00am Mass w/Bishop Mark Bartchak

4:00p.m. Closing Remarks

Lunch Included

Sacrament of Reconciliation Available

Mount Aloysius College: Bertschi Center

7373 Admiral Peary Hwy, Cresson, PA 16630

Registration forms are at our entrances.

**GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE
DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIP-
TURE**

October 6, 2024

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

As a young pastor years ago, I met with a middle-aged couple who had been divorced and civilly remarried. They were frustrated that an annulment had to precede a Church marriage. Sympathizing with their plight, I promised to walk with them along their journey. Once as we sat in my office, the man said to me, "Why is the Church so difficult on marriage?" I replied, "Actually, Jesus' teaching is what's difficult." He furrowed his brow and asked what I meant.

We opened the Bible and together read today's gospel passage from Mark 10:12 in which Jesus says, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another, commits adultery with her..." My two friends sat in silent astonishment. Surely Jesus understands the complexities of human life and sexual love. The words hung thick and heavy in the air. How could the merciful Lord be so seemingly unrealistic in his expectations, especially with so much divorce and remarriage in our world?

I didn't know what to say. So, we kept reading. Next, Jesus says, "Let the children come to me." The innocence of children allows them to receive and give love, to trust unconditionally, to believe in love that endures. Most children aren't yet jaded by statistics, broken hearts, or dysfunctional relationships. Children remind us of the world to come. The couple and I began to talk about child-like trust in Jesus and his teaching, and we continued to move forward. When it comes to the Church's demanding teaching on marriage, it's best to approach it as trusting children, whatever situations in which we find ourselves.

Father John Muir ©LPi

Healing Mass

Holy Spirit Ministry will hold a special Healing Mass on Tuesday, October 15, 2024 at 7PM, at St. Michael Church, in Hollidaysburg. This powerful night of hope and healing is for all suffering physically and emotionally, and spiritually. Fr. Brad Baldwin, TOR, Fr. David Dodd, TOR, Fr. Jeremy Mohler, and others con-celebrating. Praise and worship will precede the Mass at 6:30PM and prayer ministry will follow the Mass. If you are suffering physically, or from an addiction, or hurting or struggling in any way, come and experience the healing power of Jesus and be set free! All are welcome.

A Prayer for Life to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament

O Jesus, you came that we might have *life*—and have it in abundance. Together with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you form us in our mothers' wombs and call us to love you for all eternity.

As your most precious gift of human life is attacked, draw us ever closer to your Real Presence in the Eucharist. Dispel the darkness of the culture of death, for you are the light that shines in the darkness, and the darkness cannot overcome it.

By the power of your Eucharistic Presence, help us to defend the life of every human person at every stage. Transform our hearts to protect and cherish all whose lives are most vulnerable.

For you are God, forever and ever. Amen.

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

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THE TWENTY- SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - OCTOBER 6, 2024

CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS:

The process of formation for those seeking God through membership in the Catholic Christian community.

INFANT BAPTISM:

Arrange in advance for pre-baptismal instructions.

CONFIRMATION:

Ninth, tenth and eleventh grade students are invited to participate in the Confirmation Preparation Process.

RECONCILIATION:

Wednesday: 7:00 PM, Saturday: 12:30 PM.
By appointment, by texting or calling 814-937 8240 Communal Penance Services: Advent and Lent.

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, Administrator

Paula Clemens, Parish Secretary

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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 9-11 Sunday Evening at 6:15.

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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

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TRUNK OR TREAT

Family Fun, Costumes, and Candy! We will be holding our Trunk or Treat on Sunday, October 13th from 2:00-3:00PM, in our Lower Parish Parking Lot. Children need to be accompanied by an adult. Parishioners who would like to hand out candy from their trunks should arrive by 1:00 pm to set up. Please contact the Parish Office at 814-944-4603 to register, or use the link: <https://tinyurl.com/cathedraltrunkortreat2024> if you are going to have a decorated car. Candy donations are also welcome if you are unable to attend, and can be dropped off at the Parish Office.