

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT
December 1, 2024
 Mass Intentions

December 1, First Sunday in Advent
 8:00AM+Terry Smith (Randy and Paula Clemens)
 10:00AM+Herbert Kutruff, Anniversary (Family)
 5:00PM Pro Popolo/For the People
Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church 11:30AM

December 2, Monday, Advent Weekday
 12:00PM+ Edith and Bernard McLucas (Family)

December 3, Tuesday, Saint Francis Xavier, Priest
 12:00PM+Ella and Ralph Miller (Karen)

December 4, Wednesday, Saint John Damascene, Priest
 and Doctor of the Church
 12:00PM+Paul Luke (Therese Frischkorn)

December 5, Thursday, Advent Weekday
 12:00PM+Robbie Frederick (Toots & Mike Duffy)

December 6, Friday, Saint Nicholas, Bishop
 12:00PM+John E. Bauer, Birth. (Family)

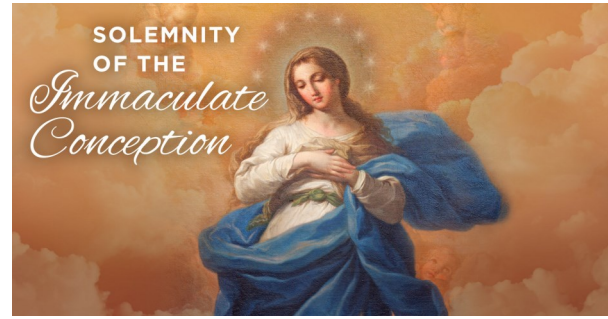
December 7, Saturday, Saint Ambrose, Bishop and
 Doctor of the Church
 12:00PM+Geraldine Kines, Birth. (Sharon
 Yanchik)

Vigil: Second Sunday of Advent
 5:00PM+Ruthie McConnell (John and Mary Jo
 McConnell)

December 8, Second Sunday in Advent
 8:00AM+Terrance Ferry, Birth. (Michele Luciano
 and Family)
 10:00AM+Ray Kelly, Birthday (Emma & Paul Kow-
 alski)
 5:00PM Pro Popolo/For the People
Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church 11:30AM



We will have adoration on Wednesday, De-
 cember 4th, from after the noon Mass until
 Benediction at 6:45 P.M.



This year, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (our national patronal feast day) is transferred from Sunday, December 8, to Monday, December 9, and is a holy day of obligation.

Since all Masses on Sunday, December 8, must be of the Second Sunday of Advent, there can be no vigil Mass for the Solemnity.

On Monday, December 9, we will have Masses at the Cathedral at 8:00 A.M. and noon. There will be a 5:30 P.M. Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church.



Thanks to Garrett L. Anderson and the Rose Hill Funeral & Cremation Care, Inc. , our parish's 2025 Religious Art calendars are available at our entrances. At this time, please take only one per household . You may take one to a homebound parishioner.

BLUE ADVENT REFLECTION BOOKLETS

Advent reflection booklets are available at our entrances this weekend.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Sunday, November 24, 2024, \$ 9,408.26.

Thank you for your financial and spiritual support.



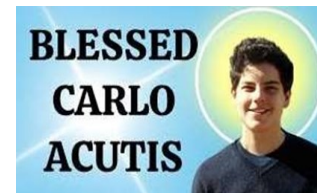
PICTURES NEEDED FOR OUR PARADE FLOAT

We need pictures of our parish's families to attach to this year's Christmas float. You can bring your picture to our office and we'll make a colored copy of it. Thanks!

The parade is Saturday, December 7, at 1:00 P.M.



St. Nicholas will be visiting Cathedral parish following our 10:00 A.M. Mass on Sunday, December 8th. He will also be visiting Our Lady of Fatima Parish following their 11:30 A.M. Mass.



Our parish has the entire exhibit of Eucharistic miracles prepared by Blessed Carlo Acutis (1999-2006). Portions of the exhibit are displayed in the side chapels of the cathedral.



During the season of Advent, we will be collecting new and gently used winter coats . You may place your donation on the clothes racks in the back of the cathedral.



You are invited to pray sung evening prayer on Sundays at 6:30 in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. The liturgy ends with Benediction.

Cathedral Christian Mothers Update

Thank you to the parishioners who supplied us with names of family and friends who would welcome our Thanksgiving surprise, a small fruit and sweet basket from the Cathedral Christian Mothers. As we visited each one, we shared a bit of time with members of our Church family. A heartfelt thank you to those who invited us in to just chat. It meant as much to us as it did you.

Please join us at the Altoona Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 7th, 1:00PM. Cheer on our Cathedral float, it's a real winner again this year! Then after the parade join the Christian Mothers as we again host food and refreshments in the Cathedral Hall. Bring the family.

The regular Christian Mothers meeting will be on December 11th. All women of the parish are invited. If you need more information please contact Carol Galioto at (814)327-4841.

7th Grade Religious Education Service Project

On behalf of the Gwen Gabriel and Sophia Riggleman Families, the 7th grade religious education students thank the Cathedral and Our Lady of Fatima Parishes for the overwhelmingly generous response to our collection and lollipop sale. At this time, over \$9,000 was donated! That amount includes \$720 in gift cards. Household items, baby supplies, and pet supplies were also collected. Both families deeply appreciate your kindness and Christian giving. The families ask that you continue to pray for Gwen and Sophia.



Religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. Our donation provides for the essential care, medicine, and daily needs of thousands of senior women and men religious. Please be generous.



Gratitude is extended to Mary Ann Bell, Connie Novak, and Kathleen Winter for creating the beautiful cornucopia that decorated our altar.

CATHEDRAL PARISH MAIL MINISTRY

We are entering our 9th year of mail ministry. Thank you to our dedicated mailers: Kim Adelman, Fran & Chrissy Dambeck, Judy DeStefano, Paulette Farabaugh, Deb Jeffco, Karen Isenberg, Jim & Steph Kilcoyne, Jeannette Labriola, Jennifer Long, Carol Martino, Paula Miller, Beth Moore, Cathy Rougeux, Jeanne Thompson, Lisa Wolf, Sue Caldwell, Emily Davis and Connie Navarro. Thanks also to those who donate cards and stamps.



Every 25 years the Church celebrates a special Holy Year called the Jubilee Year. The next Jubilee Year will begin with the opening of the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica in Rome on Christmas Eve 2024.

On Sunday, December 29, Bishop Mark will open the Jubilee in our diocese with a special Mass at 2:00 P.M. in the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament.

Liturgical Ministers Schedules

The schedule and assignment of liturgical ministers will now be done by our parish office. Gratitude is extended to Gabrielle Cronin who has performed that ministry for many, many years.



Tuesday, December 3rd, 2024

This year we will be purchasing some large round tables for the cathedral's hall to complement our current supply of rectangular tables. There is also a need to replace the chairs in the Seton Suite. The current chairs were purchased in the 1970's. Any and all donations greatly appreciated.

You can contribute by using the envelopes available at our entrances or by going to iGIVECATHOLIC.org and typing in Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament at the search tab.

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

ONE CATHEDRAL SQUARE, Altoona, Pennsylvania 16601-3315

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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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CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME - 814-944-4603

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:	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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