

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 8, 2024

Mass Intentions

December 8, Second Sunday in Advent

8:00AM+Terrance Ferry, Birth. (Michele Luciano and Family)

10:00AM+Ray Kelly, Birthday (Emma & Paul Kowalski)

5:00PM Pro Popolo/For the People

Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church 11:30AM

December 9, Monday, The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary-Holy Day of Obligation

8:00AM Pro Popolo/For The People/

12:00PM Thomas and Patricia Byrne, Wedding Anniversary (Family)

December 10, Tuesday, Advent Weekday

12:00PM+Charles McCall, Birthday (Greg Karen Querry)

December 11, Wednesday, Advent Weekday

12:00PM+Carol Kepner (Daughter, Cheryl Kepner)

December 12, Thursday, Our Lady of Guadalupe

12:00PM+Bernard G. Plank, Birth./Ann. (Family)

December 13, Friday, Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

12:00PM+Paul Rose, Birthday (Family)

December 14, Saturday, Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor

12:00PM+Marian and Thomas Swires (Children

Vigil: Third Sunday of Advent

5:00PM+Jenny & Nozie Calbrese (Daughter, Nancy)

December 15, Third Sunday in Advent

8:00AM+Richard McCarthy (Paula Miller Fam.)

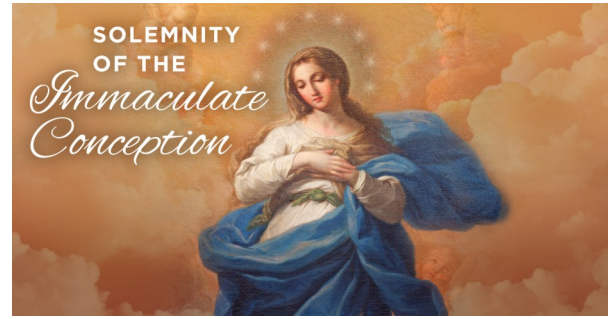
10:00AM+Etta Pastore (Family)

5:00PM Pro Popolo/For the People

Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church 11:30AM

Church Cleaning

We will be meeting on Wednesday, December 11th at 9:00AM, to do the cleaning before Christmas. All are welcomed to join.



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 in our diocese 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, December 1, 2024, \$ 7,869.84

Thank you for your financial and spiritual support.

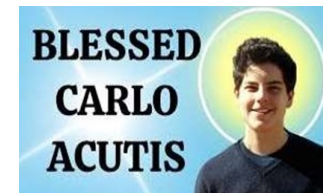


St. Nicholas will be visiting Cathedral parish following our 10:00 A.M. Mass this Sunday, December 8th. He will also be visiting Our Lady of Fatima Parish following their 11:30 A.M. Mass.



Calling all Cookie Bakers

As you are baking your Christmas Cookies please consider making an extra 2 dozen for the reception after the 2:00PM Opening Mass for the Holy Year on Sunday, December 29, 2024. Please call Paula at the parish office, (or Jeanne Thompson at 814-520-1049), to give your information and how many cookies you will be donating. Cookies may be dropped off at any time after the 8:00AM Mass on December 29 to the Cathedral Hall. The Art, Photo and Poetry Expressions of Hope will be on display at the reception.



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 Riggelman 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.

The Jubilee Year is meant to be a time of Sabbath rest, reconciliation, and peace. We are encouraged to use the Holy Year as a time to be reconciled to God and to one another.

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



You are encouraged to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Advent. Msgr. Carson will be assisting at the following services: Tuesday, December 10, 7:00 P.M. at St. Michail Basilica, Loretto; Thursday, December 12, 5:30 P.M. at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Altoona; Saturday, December 14, 10:00 A.M. at St. Therese Church, Altoona; Wednesday, December 18, 6:00 P.M. at our Cathedral, and Thursday, December 19, 5:30 P.M. at Sacred Heart Church, Altoona.

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

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| 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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