

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 22, 2024

Mass Intentions

December 22, Fourth Sunday in Advent
8:00AM+Hannah Wilkins (Rich and Nanci Hall)
10:00AM+Ben Delozier, Anniversary (Family)
5:00PM Pro Popolo/For the People
Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church 11:30AM

December 23, Monday, Saint John of Kanty, Priest
12:00PM+Kathleen Bollinger (Husband Ken & Family)

December 24, Tuesday, Late Advent Weekday
8:00 AM Vocations to the Priesthood
(Anonymous)

December 24, Vigil: Christmas Eve
5:00PM+ Pro Popolo/ For the People

December 25, The Nativity of the Lord
Midnight-12AM For Peace in the World
8:00AM Parishioners and Benefactors
10:00AM Parishioners and Benefactors
There is no 5:00PM Mass on Christmas Day.

There is Mass at 11:30 AM at Our Lady of Fatima Church on Christmas Day

December 26, Thursday, Saint Stephen, The First Martyr
12:00PM+Jim DeStefano (Randy & Karen Isenberg)

December 27, Friday, Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist
12:00PM+Don & Dorothy Hanekamp (Mr. & Mrs. Dave Hanekamp)

December 28, Saturday, The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
12:00PM Souls in Purgatory
5:00PM+Sr. Rose Tomlinson (Kathleen Davies)

December 29, The Holy Family Of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
8:00AM+Geraldine Petrunak, Birthday (Family)
10:00AM+Barry Krug (Bob & Tammy Datis)
2:00 P.M. Opening Mass for the Jubilee Year
5:00PM Pro Popolo/For the People
Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church 11:30AM



With great joy, the Church celebrates the Nativity of our Lord this week. Unless unable to do so because of sickness, age, or severe weather, all are to participate in the Celebration of the Eucharist.

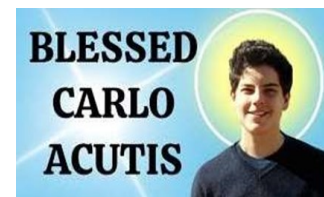
Tuesday, Christmas Eve: 5:00 P.M.

Wednesday, Christmas: Midnight, 8:00 A.M. and 10:00 A.M. At Our Lady of Fatima Church there will be a Mass on Christmas morning at 11:30 A.M.
(There is no 5:00 P.M. Mass on Christmas Day.)



HELP US DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS

We expect to have the Christmas flowers delivered on Monday, December 23rd, following the Noon Mass. Refreshments will be available in the hall when we are done decorating.



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.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Sunday, December 15, 2024, \$ 9,352.45

Thank you for your financial and spiritual support.

RADIO MASS

Following consultations with our Parish Council and Finance Council, it has been decided to discontinue broadcasting our 10:00 A.M. Sunday Mass on the radio. Gratitude is extended to our generous sponsors.

As you know, there has been an significant increase in Masses that are available on television and the internet.

However, our Midnight Mass will be broadcast on the radio. Garrett Anderson and Rose Hill Funeral & Cremation Care, Inc. will be our generous sponsor.

I GIVE TUESDAY

Your response to the I Give Tuesday has been heartwarming. To date we have collected \$4,550.00 toward helping further upgrade tables and chairs in the Hall and the Seton Suite. Thank you! This is the time of many demands on you and we are grateful for your support.

Some have asked that individual thank you notes not be sent. To respect their wishes, we are giving this public thank you to all who have helped. Your generosity has been inspiring,



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.



Gratitude is extended to those who participated in our Advent Season Winter Coat Drive. The new and gently used winter coats will be greatly appreciated.



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 upcoming Holy Year offers opportunities to be "ambassadors of hope" through loving service. Each parish is asked to provide assistance to those in need.



Liturgical Ministers Schedules

The schedule and assignment of liturgical ministers will to be done by our parish office. Early in the new year we will begin to recruit additional liturgical ministers for all of our liturgies.



Gratitude is extended to all the volunteers who participated in this year's Christmas Parade Entry. The contribution of your talent and time is deeply appreciated.

Float Construction Crew

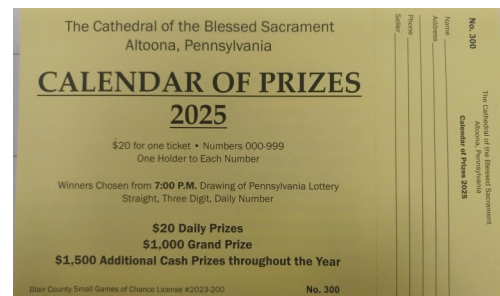
- Randy Isenberg
- Matt Isenberg
- Bill & Grace Smith
- Paula Miller
- Dave Kimmel
- Bob Jones
- Tony Kibelbek
- John Fischer
- Carol Galioto
- Natasha & Daniel Boydston
- Dick Moran
- Mark Sanker

Parade Group

- Matthew & Christine Repko Family
- Mark & Carol Sanker
- Maria & Cora Strohm
- Randy & Paula Clemens
- Jacob Dey
- Grace Golden
- Mark, Janice & Nathan Golden Family
- Angela Blough
- Tony Kibelbek
- Barbara Rossi
- Michele Luciano
- Patrick & Christine Dobbins Family
- Jesse, Alayna, & Mya Lee,

Hospitality Group

- Mary Ann Bell
- Beth Moore
- Mark & Carol Sanker
- Butch Winkler
- Linda Yaskow



Our Calendar of Prizes is currently on sale. The cost is \$20.00 per ticket for a year's worth of opportunities to win cash prizes. Please be supportive. The tickets are available after weekend Masses and in the parish office.



A funeral was held on Tuesday, December 17, for parishioner Ruth Novack. Sympathy is extended to her family. Please remember Ruth and her loved ones in your prayers.

Msgr. Carson will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Sunday, 12/22, at 1:30 p.m. and on Monday, 12/23, at 8:30 a.m.



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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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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