

## SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**January 19, 2025**

Mass Intentions

January 19, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM+Alice Ann Martynuska (Fred & Gail Martynuska)

10:00AM+Regina Kutruff (The Lambert Family)

5:00PM Pro Popolo/For the People

**Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church 11:30AM**

January 20, Monday, Saint Fabian, Pope & Martyr,  
Saint Sebastian, Matyr

12:00PM+Patricia McTavish (The Yanchik Family)

January 21, Tuesday, Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

12:00PM+An End to Abortion/Infanticide (McNelis All Stars and Friends)

January 22, Wednesday, Day of Prayer for the Legal  
Protection of Unborn Children

12:00PM+Claire & John Duffy, Ann. (Family)

January 23, Thursday, Weekday

12:00PM+Mary Moffa Jenaway (Estate)

January 24, Friday, Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and  
Doctor of the Church

12:00PM+Mary and Tom Irwin (Children)

January 25, Saturday, Conversion of Saint Paul, Apos-  
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12:00PM+Bishop Joseph Adamec (Trudy Schroth)

Vigil: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00PM+Jenny Calabrese, Ann. (Daughter Nancy and Family)

January 26, Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM+Claude Michael Walls (Tom & Lisa Levine)

10:00AM+James Weaver (Jen & Cory Geishauser)

5:00PM Pro Popolo/For the People

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### Calendar Of Prizes

**If anyone still have Calendar of Prize tickets still out, could you please return them ASAP. If the number comes up and we do not have the stub, we cannot pay them.**

### PARISH ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Our parish's Finance Council will meet on Tuesday, January 21, at 4 P.M.

Our Pastoral Council will meet on Tuesday, January 21, at 6:30 P.M. Jerry and Suzanne Murray, representing the Diocesan Respect Life Committee, will give a pro-life presentation.



The Jubilee 2025 Committee of the Diocese wants to express a sincere thank you to all the following who helped with the Opening Mass on Sunday, December 29th, at the Cathedral: cleaning crew, ushers, music ministry, and social committee. A special thank you to Paula Miller and Beth Moore for assisting with the *Expressions of Hope Art, Photo, and Poetry* display boards.

#### Pilgrim's Passport

To be on pilgrimage during a Jubilee Year is a unique time to gain special graces called Plenary Indulgences. Since many people cannot travel to Rome, the Pope has named Holy Door Churches, (in the U.S., the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, D.C has been named). Every Bishop has been given permission to name Holy Sites in their own diocese. Our Pilgrim's Passport Booklet includes the 13 Holy Site Churches named by Bishop Mark. Pictures of all our churches are also included in the booklet. QR codes are printed in the booklet to access parish information. The booklets will be stamped at the Holy Site Churches. Information about Special Bonus Gifts is available in the Passport Booklet. You may use the Pilgrim's Passport until September 8, 2025.

### OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Sunday, January 12, 2025, \$ 7,011.06

The Christmas Collection amounted to \$20,694.91.

Christmas Flowers Collection: \$3,874.

Thank you very much 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.

### FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION

All meetings/sessions will be held in the Cathedral basement from 6:30-8:00PM. A parent must accompany your child to the meetings. Please contact Chris Laraia if you are unable to attend a meeting so that make up work can be assigned.

#### PARENTS / STUDENT SESSIONS:

March 11, 2025

April 8, 2025

First Communion will be celebrated at the 10:00AM Mass May 4, 2025. If you have any questions please call Chris Laraia, 814-312-7317 or email me at claraia@dioceseaj.org



#### 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.

### EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

It Takes All Kinds

"If every flower wanted to be a rose," wrote St. Therese of Lisieux, "spring would lose its loveliness."

Who is God asking you to be today? There is an obvious answer that springs to mind right out of the gate. God wants me to be a good person (a good father, a good husband) today; today, God wants me to be a saint.

But this answer fails to get to the heart of the question. We are all striving today to serve the same Spirit, but we are given different gifts to do so. The one who has the gift of knowledge may fail if today he decides he wants to be a healer. The one who has the gift of "varieties of tongues" might falter in the expression of wisdom.

Think about the wedding at Cana and the players in the scene: the servers, the guests, the bride and groom. They all have a unique role to play, and though it is to the servers that Mary gives the instruction, "Do whatever he tells you," her words apply to all.

Today, are we called to be the servers — do we wait on God's instruction and carry it out, no matter how foolish or impossible it may seem to our human ears? Are we asked to be the disciples, to bear witness to a miracle and to give our testimony? Are we called to imitate the Blessed Mother herself and give encouragement to follow God's word?

Let us examine our gifts and listen in the silence of our hearts to the direction of the Spirit. Then and only then, let us do whatever He tells us.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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Volunteers will be accepting donations this weekend to support the March for Life. Please be generous.

## COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Holy Spirit Ministry

Holy Spirit Ministry will hold a special Mass on Tuesday, January 21, 2025, at 7:00 P.M. at St. Michael Church in Hollidaysburg. This powerful night of hope and healing is for all who are suffering physically, emotionally, and spiritually. Fr. David Dodd, TOR will be the main celebrant. Praise and worship will precede Mass at 6:30 PM and prayer ministry will follow the Mass. If you are suffering in any way, including from an addiction, come and experience the healing power of Jesus and be set free!

### Annual Respect Life March

The march this Sunday, January 19, begins at noon with a prayer service at St. Matthew Church, Tyrone. Then there is a 1.25 mile walk to Oak Grove Cemetery to the grave of Baby Agnes Doe for another short prayer service. A hot lunch will be served in the parish hall after the march. Bring a sign.

### Bridges Out of Poverty

January is the month of National Poverty Awareness. Please consider joining a virtual overview of **Bridges Out of Poverty: Strategies for Professionals and Communities** to have a better understanding of a comprehensive approach to the dynamics that cause and maintain poverty, from the individual to the systemic level. Catholic Charities will have two options to share this information virtually: Thursday, January 23, from 6 PM to 8 PM. To register please RSVP [coconnor@dioceseaj.org](mailto:coconnor@dioceseaj.org).

### Sight and Sound Theatre

You are invited to join the St. Mark/Holy Rosary Parishes' bus trip to see **Noah-30th Anniversary Limited Showing at Sight & Sound Theatre** on Wednesday, April 9. The cost of the bus trip includes the 11:00 AM Show and 2:15 PM lunch smorgasbord at Hershey Farm Restaurant. \$195.00/Adult, \$140/Child (3-12). Please contact Robyn Murphy 814-931-5683 or Diane O'Leary 814-935-2114 to reserve your seat.

### Journeys of St. Paul in Greece Pilgrimage

Father Josef and Deacon Jack will lead a pilgrimage on May 12-19, 2025. For more information, go to the Good Shepherd Website at <https://www.goodshepherd-sc.org>

## GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

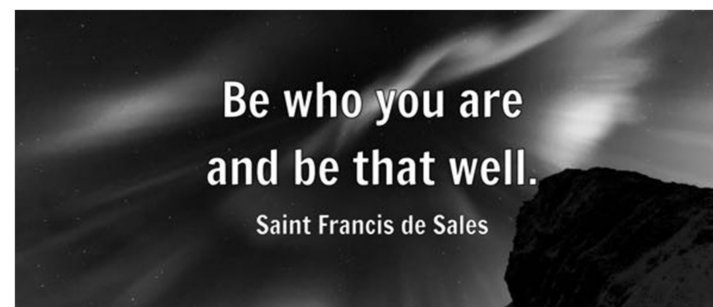
January 19, 2025

2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time: John 2:1-12

A friend invited me to an invitation-only wine-tasting event. There were over two hundred varieties of wine. Having no idea how to approach such a massive selection, I wandered aimlessly among the tables, sipping this and that. At the end of the evening my friend asked if I had tried some of the exceptionally expensive wines. I hadn't. "The really good stuff disappears first," he said. "My man, you missed out on some amazing vino." I was so disappointed. I wasted my chance for amazing once-in-a-lifetime wine. The wine I tasted was, well, blah.

Don't we often feel a similar disappointment in life? I missed this or that opportunity. If only I had known. Optimism sputters and fades. The glory days are gone. The chances, it seems, for the really great things in life come and go so quickly. Then they are gone forever. The good stuff goes first. Then life is just blah.

Not so with the Lord Jesus. In Jesus' miracle at the wedding at Cana, the steward of the feast says, "Everyone serves good wine first, and then... an inferior one" (John 2:10). That's the natural downward progression of life. The good stuff disappears quickly. But he says of the groom (who symbolizes Jesus), "But you have kept the good wine until now." This is the ever-improving trajectory of the realm of God's grace. With Jesus, the "good wine" of divine love, hope and peace gets better as our journey of faith progresses. Where are your greatest disappointments? Don't give in to the lie that the really good stuff is gone. Tell Jesus you've run out. Then learn how to taste that amazingly good wine, because he saves the best until now. — Father John Muir ©LPi



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

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**SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, JANUARY 19, 2025**

### **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**

### **DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Chris Laraia - Pre-K thru 12 - 814-312-7317

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### **DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRY**

Leslie C. Thayer, MM, CAGO

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**CHRISTIAN INITIATION TEAM - 814-944-4603**

**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**

<b>Sunday:</b>	<b>Weekday:</b>
5:00 PM (Vigil)	12:00 Noon
8:00 AM	
10:00 AM	<b>Saturday:</b>
5:00 PM	12:00 Noon

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