

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 23, 2025

Mass Intentions

February 23, Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time  
8:00AM+Susan M. Bauer (Regina Damiano)  
10:00AM+Shirley Keirn (Husband Joe)  
5:00PM Pro Popolo/ For the People  
**Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church 11:30AM**

February 24, Monday, Weekday  
12:00PM+Vera Hauck (Mary Margaret & Rick Morning Family)

February 25, Tuesday, Weekday  
12:00PM+Souls in Purgatory (Anonymous)

February 26, Wednesday, Weekday  
12:00PM+Nancy Foster (Karen & Joe Hallinan)

February 27, Thursday, Saint Gregory of Narek, Abbot and Doctor of the Church  
12:00PM+Kirk Kling (Mom)

February 28, Friday, Weekday  
12:00PM+Sandy Cuzzolina (Family)

March 1, Saturday, Weekday  
12:00PM+Patrick Duffy (Bob & Chris Laraia)  
Vigil: Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
5:00PM+Terry Smith (Bob & Jean Jones)

March 2, Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
8:00AM+Libby Shea Allen (Albert Schlecht)  
10:00AM+Regina Kutruff, Anniversary (Family)  
5:00PM Pro Popolo/ For the People  
**Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church 11:30AM**



We are pleased to welcome to our parish Noah Graham Martynuska, the son of Nicholas and Lauren Martynuska, and Aria Michelle Lynn, the daughter of Brent and Renae Lynn, who recently received the Sacrament of Baptism.

Stewardship Reflections

In today's Gospel, taken from the sixth chapter of Luke, Jesus offers a very challenging, seemingly impossible approach to daily life. "Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. To the person who strikes you on one cheek, offer the other one as well, and from the person who takes your cloak do not withhold even your tunic. Give to everyone who asks of you, and from the one who takes what is yours do not demand it back.

It seems so unfair. Unless, that is, we look at this way of life from a steward point of view. Then, not only does it seem doable (though challenging), but it also actually makes perfect sense. A steward understands clearly that all he has, and all that he is, is a gift from God given to him from an unfathomable abundance of love. This changes everything! This means that "my" cloak, "my" tunic, "my" money and "my" time, all of it ultimately belongs to God. He has entrusted these things to each of us in love to use for His purposes and His glory.



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

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Sunday, February 16, 2025, \$ 7,004.50.

Thank you for your monetary and personal contributions to the life of our parish.



Liturgical Ministers Schedules

The schedule and assignment of liturgical ministers will to be done by our parish office.

Liturgical Ministers Recruitment

Our parish, like most parishes, is in need of more liturgical ministers. LITURGICAL MINISTER VOLUNTEER cards will be available at our entrances during the month of February. Prayerfully and seriously consider volunteering as a Greeter, Usher, Server, Reader, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Funeral Server, or part of a Team to Serve when the Bishop celebrates Mass. Training will take place during Lent.



Lent begins on March 5. Ashes will be distributed during Masses at the Cathedral at 8:00 A.M., Noon, and 5:30 P.M. Ashes will be distributed during a Liturgy of the Word prayer service at Our Lady of Fatima Church at 3:00 P.M.



SAVE THE DATE!

The world-famous Westminster Cathedral Choir of Boys & Men, London, England will present a concert here in the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament on Thursday, April 3, 2025, 7:00 pm.

Founded in 1901, the Choir of Westminster Cathedral remains the only Catholic cathedral choir in the world to sing daily Mass and Vespers, whilst performing concerts at home and abroad. Comprised of up to 20 boy trebles and altos, aged 8-13, and ten professional Lay Clerks, the Choir is known internationally through its tours and recordings.

The concert is free, but tickets are required. They will be available at the 13th Avenue entrance after all weekend masses March 1-2, 2025, and in the office during the rest of the week until gone. This is an official Jubilee 2025 event! A donation/advertisement/memorial form will be in next week's bulletin for anyone wishing to contribute to this wonderful evening, and all contributions of any kind or amount will be recognized in the program!





## COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Eucharistic Revival Spring Priest Presentations

The last of the Eucharistic Revival Year presentations will be on Saturday, March 29th, at St. Francis University, JFK Center in Loretto. From 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM. You may register online at [dioceseaj.org/spring](http://dioceseaj.org/spring), priest, presentations or by mail. Forms are available at our entrances. The speakers are : Father Jozef Kovacik, Father George Jakopac, and Father Brian Saylor.

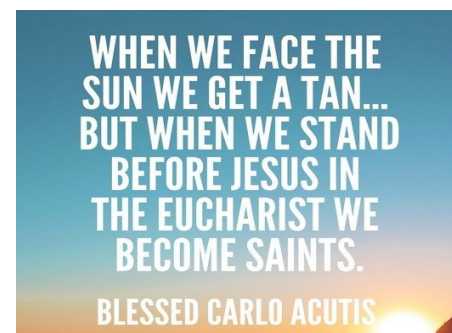


### Men's Conference: Strength in Christ!

Sunday, March 30, from 11:30 AM to 5:30 PM at Mount Aloysius College, Cresson. The day includes lunch, talks from local priests, personal testimonies, a panel discussion, and Sunday Mass. There is no cost to attend. Visit [www.dioceseaj.org](http://www.dioceseaj.org) to register online. Paper registration forms are also available at our entrances. The deadline to register is March 21st.

### Saint Aloysius Church

St. Aloysius Church is offering "The 2nd Greatest Story Ever Told" through the Divine Mercy Video Series. The videos will be presented on Tuesdays during Lent, beginning on March 11 and continue March 18 and 25, April 8 and 15, from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm in the Faith Education Center at St. Aloysius Church, Cresson. This program will end right before the Divine Mercy Novena. This is a great addition to your 2025 Lenten journey. Hope to see you there!



## Lent Schedule

Ashes will be distributed at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament during Masses at 8:00A.M., Noon, and 5:30 P.M.

Ashes will be distributed at Our Lady of Fatima during Prayer Service at 3:00 P.M.

Stations of the Cross will be prayed at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament on the Fridays of Lent at 5:30 P.M.

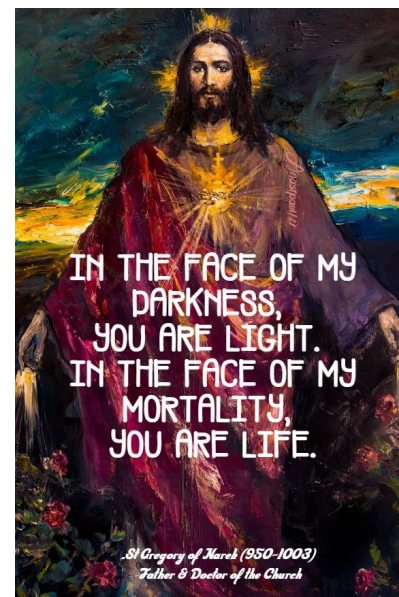
The Cathedral Communal Penance Service is on Wednesday, April 8, at 6:00 P.M.

Our Friday, except Good Friday, Fish Fry Lunch includes a Fish Sandwich, Mac & Cheese, and Coleslaw is available from 10:30 A.M. until 1:00 P.M. \$10.00 and Drive Thru Only. Starting on Ash Wednesday.

Sung Evening Prayer and Benediction will take place on Sundays during Lent at 6:30 P.M.

### Day of Fasting and Abstinence

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. All Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence. Abstinence refers to not eating meat at all on those days. Persons 14 years of age and older are to abstain. Fasting refers to one full meal, with two small meals, no eating between meals. People who have reached their 18th birthday and up to their 59th birthday are obligated to fast. In addition to these obligations, additional forms of fast and abstinence may be observed.



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

ONE CATHEDRAL SQUARE, Altoona, Pennsylvania 16601-3315

## THE SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, FEBRUARY 23, 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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E-mail: [claraia@dioceseaj.org](mailto:claraia@dioceseaj.org)

### **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.

**Church Office:** 814-944-4603

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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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