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30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 25, 2026

Pastor: Fr. Tom Stabile, T.O.R., Ext. 100

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DEACON: Samuel F. Albarano, Jr.

DRE, C&YP: Position vacant

Plant Manager: Mark Stefanko, Ext. 105

Prayer Chain: Elaine Schaffranek, 814-736-9375

Parish Hall: Ext. 110

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Weekdays: Mass is celebrated at 8 AM Monday through Friday.

Adoration & Benediction Fridays, after the 8 AM Mass.

Confessions are scheduled for Saturdays, from 3 to 3:40 PM and by appointment.

Weekend Masses: Saturday at 4 PM, Sunday, 8 AM and 10:30 AM.

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Sat. Oct. 24 4:00 pm Eugene Krisko req. by Daughter Gina

Sun. Oct. 25 8:00 am +David “Dates” Nolan req. by Melodie & Dave Brunett

10:30 am PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

Mon. Oct. 26 8:00 am +Bern Sigado req. by Mark & Janice Gahagen

Tues. Oct. 27 8:00 am +Agnes Zock req. by M/M Larry Summerville

Wed. Oct. 28 8:00 am +Veronica Novak req. by Joe, Michelle & Angela

Thurs. Oct. 29 8:00 am +Bob Gorba req. by Joann & Family

Fri. Oct. 30 8:00 am +Deceased Friars, Relatives, Friends & Benefactors of the TOR Community

Sat. Oct. 31 4:00 pm +Walter Kowalczyk & Sherry Kowalczyk req. by Family

Sun. Nov. 1 8:00 am PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

10:30 am +Mike Kollar req. by Ashley & Wesley

The Church Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week for **Veronica Novak** requested by Joe, Michelle & Angela.

The Rectory Chapel Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week for **Rose Graham** req. by Ruthann Long.

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VISIT OUR PARISH WEBSITE OFTEN FOR THE LATEST UPDATES. www.holyfamilyportage.org

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Employment Opportunity: Holy Family Parish is seeking a qualified individual to fill the position of Director of Religious Education and also looking for a part-time Housekeeper. To apply or learn more, please visit our website or the diocesan website: <https://humanresources.dioceseaj.org/general-employment-opportunities/>

OUR PROFIT FROM THE BASKET PARTY WAS \$13,630.00. Thank you to all of you for your support and generous donations. Kudos to Barbara Caurvina our Chairperson, who always does an outstanding job.

Join Catholics nationwide in celebrating Respect Life Month! www.respectlife.org/celebrate. Prayer cards are available in the vestibule of the church, please take one per family. Thank You.

GOB SALE – The Sacred Heart Ushers Club is having their Gob sale Saturday November 7 and Saturday November 14th. Re Ed students received their order forms last weekend. Please be supportive. This sale benefits the Ushers Club Scholarship Fund. Order forms are also in the vestibule of the church on the credenzas. Please print your full name, phone number, how many dozen and date you will pick them up! Students need to turn their orders in by November 1st. Pick-up time is 9:30 to 11:00 am on November 7 & 14th. The cost is \$15.00 a dozen. Be sure not to double order!

JOIN US FOR THE JANUARY ZOOM CLASS! The following class is open to all!

· Christian Prayer and Spirituality taught by Deacon Michael Russo, Tuesdays from 6:00–8:30 PM (8 Weeks) beginning January 12. The cost of this class is \$40.00 plus a \$25.00 Material Fee and can only be paid by check and it MUST be turned in with the Registration Form. To register, please visit the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown Website at www.dioceseaj.org/lay-ecclesial-ministry, see your Parish Priest or Secretary for a Registration form or by contacting Jessica, Office of Adult Enrichment and Lay Ecclesial Ministry at (814) 361-2000 or jgramling@dioceseaj.org. All are welcome! Please note that the Deadline for Class Registration is Friday, November 6, No Registration Forms will be accepted after this date.

The Harvest Fest Committee extends their heartfelt gratitude to everyone who donated cookies, candy, and time to make this year’s Portage Community Harvest Fest possible and a great success. We are already planning for next year!

PARISH FINANCES –
The Stats of week 10/18/2026

Sunday/Monthly	\$ 4,442.00
Children	24.25
Loose	127.00
Church Improvements	320.00
World Mission	465.00
 Total	 \$ 5,378.25

UP-COMING MEETINGS & EVENTS 2026

Oct. 25 – Polish Food Fest- Doors open at 11:30 AM-Meal at 12:00
***All tickets were pre-sale, please present your ticket at the door!**
Nov. 1 – SHUC – Rosary 5:30 PM Meeting 6:30 PM
Nov. 2 – Day of Remembrance Annual Memorial Mass 6:00 PM
Nov. 8 – Pinochle 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM
Nov. 15 – Turkey Bingo 1:00 PM Doors open at 11:30 AM
Nov. 15 – K of C Rosary 5:30 PM Meeting 6:00 PM

Child & Youth Protection: All Parish volunteers & personnel are required to have themselves fully cleared. Clearances are to be renewed every FIVE years. Stop by the rectory office or call 814-736-4279 to check what clearance you need to update. We will walk you through the process in case you need assistance.

Religious Education News

November 1st Re. Ed. Class and Mass @ 10:30 AM - The Eighth-Grade Students will serve at this Mass. All students are invited to dress up as their favorite Saint.

SPAGHETTI DINNER & BASKET RAFFLE – Benefits Joe Harker and his courageous battle with ALS. Sunday, November 8th 11 AM – 2 PM at Bishop Carroll Catholic High School. Dinner is \$10. Basket drawing at 2pm. If you cannot attend but would like to help, financial contributions can be sent to the school or a basket donation will be so appreciated. For additional information contact Tammy Golden 814-659-6582 or Bishop Carrol Catholic High School at 814-472-7500.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY – Saint Francis University has informed us of the launch of a scholarship for students who attend public high schools and are active members of a parish in the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown. The new scholarship is called the "Altoona-Johnstown Catholic Leadership Scholarship" and awards \$5,000 per year for each of their four years of undergraduate study for a total of \$20,000 over their four years. Impressively, this is in addition to their academic-merit scholarship!

This scholarship also compliments the university's other scholarships that are provided exclusively to graduates of Catholic high schools.

Here is the link to the full press release: <https://www.francis.edu/blog/new-20000-catholic-scholarship-opportunity-students-altoona-johnstown-diocese>

To qualify for the scholarship, students must:

1. have applied and been accepted to SFU for the Fall 2027 start term for full-time, undergraduate study at the Loretto campus (scholarship is not eligible for online programs)
2. submit a letter of endorsement from their parish priest or administrator verifying their confirmation and activity within the parish by November 15th. Letters of Endorsement can be emailed to admissions@francis.edu or mailed to:

Saint Francis University
Office of Admissions
169 Lakeview Drive
Loretto, PA 15940

TURKEY BINGO!! Sunday November 15 at Holy Family Parish Hall in Portage at 1:00 PM. Doors open at 11:30 AM. 25 Turkeys will be given as prizes. Admission is \$5 a person and includes a chance to win a door prize. Children who are 17 years old and younger get free admission. Bingo cards are 3 for .50 per game. Several specials will be played at \$1 each “Winner take half”. Qualifiers and 50/50 chances will be sold. Food and beverages will be available to purchase.

PORK & SAUERKRAUT SUPPER – Sunday, November 1 at St. John the Baptist Social Hall, Summerhill, PA. TAKE OUT ONLY – DRIVE THRU \$15 / Dinner. 4 PM – Until Sold Out. All are Welcome.

SYMPATHY – Our Parish Family wishes to extend their sincerest sympathy to the family of **Ed Alexander**. May he rest in the peace of the Lord.

