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22ND Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 31, 2025

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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. Aug. 30 4:00 pm +Delores Leatherman req. by Sally & George Chirdon & Yvonne Galan

Sun. Aug. 31 8:00 am +Raymond & Bertha Strasser req. by Family

10:30 am MASS FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

Mon. Sep. 1 8:00 am +Anthony Kunko, Jr. req. by Alice Kunko

Tues. Sep. 2 8:00 am +Fr. John L. Miller req. by Greg Bandzuh & Family

Wed. Sep. 3 8:00 am +Michael L. Bryja People Helping People

Thurs. Sep. 4 8:00 am +John “Jack” Stefanko req. by Sacred Heart Ushers Club

Fri. Sep. 5 8:00 am +Allen Novotny req. by John & Gertrude Glista

Sat. Sep. 6 4:00 pm +Aggie Zock req. by Jim & Gerry

Sun. Sep. 7 8:00 am +Veronica Novak req. by Joe, Michelle, & Angie

10:30 am MASS FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

The Church Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week for **George Leturgey** requested by Wife & Family.

The Rectory Chapel Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week for **Annunciation Parish in Minneapolis.**

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

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Bishop Mark Bartchak and the Family Life Office cordially invite all couples celebrating 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60+ years of marriage in 2025 (and their families) to attend the Annual Wedding Anniversary Liturgy. Couples may attend **Sunday, September 21 in Altoona at Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament** or **Sunday, September 28 in Johnstown at St. John Gualbert Cathedral**. Both locations are handicap accessible. Liturgies in each location begin at 2:00 p.m. Most Rev. Bishop Mark will be the celebrant and homilist at each celebration. Refreshments/snacks will be available after the Mass for anniversary couples and their families. **Reservations must be made through your parish for either celebration by Friday, September 12.**

DIOCESE OF ALTOONA-JOHNSTOWN 2025 WOMEN’S CONFERENCE – Strength in Christ Joy in the Mess Join us for our 4th Annual DAJ Women’s Conference hosted at Mount Aloysius College at the Bertschi Center on **September 20th, 2025**, 9:00am to 4:00pm. **Deadline to Register is September 6th.**

We encourage the women of our diocese to take time for some faith-filled nourishment by coming to Mass with Bishop Mark Bartchak, Confessions with our local priests, and talks by our featured speaker with guided prayer session. **Cost is \$20 Adult, \$10 for College or High School Registrant. (Ages 14-17 must Register w/Adult 18+)** We’re excited to have with us this year’s speaker, Megan Hjelmstad. She is an author, speaker, mentor, wife, mom, and veteran. Please register by calling the Parish Office at (814) 736-4279 or online at Dioceseaj.org/giving.

BASKET PARTY FUNDRAISER Sunday, October 5th – Please use the sign-Up sheet on the credenza in the vestibule of the Church to donate a Basket, Gift Card, or Money. Baskets are to be dropped off August 25 through August 28 from 6 to 8 PM in the Parish Hall. Gift Cards or Monetary donations may be placed in the Offertory Box in the Church at any time before October 5th in an envelope marked basket party. Ticket sales will start September 6 & 7th before and after all weekend Masses and Tuesday’s and Thursday’s starting September 9th from 6 to 8 PM.

Your participation in this fundraiser is much appreciated!

SYMPATHY — Our Parish family wishes to extend their sincerest sympathy to Elvera “Sis” McConnell on the recent death of her husband **Raymond McConnell**. May he rest in the peace of the Lord.

PARISH FINANCES – The stats of week 08/24/2025

Sunday/Monthly	\$3,545.00
Children	18.50
Holy Day	31.00
Loose	82.00
Energy	54.00
Missalettes/Bulletins	<u>100.00</u>
Total	\$3,830.50

UP-COMING MEETINGS & EVENTS IN THE PARISH HALL	
Aug. 30-31	– Donut Social following all Weekend Masses
Sep. 3	– Liturgy Meeting 10:00 AM
Sep. 6 & 7	– Basket Party Ticket Sales before & after all Masses
Sep. 7	– S.H.U.C. Rosary 5:30 PM Meeting 6:30 PM
Sep. 8	– K of C Rosary 6:30 PM Meeting 7:00PM
Sep. 15	– Blood Drive – 12:30 to 5:30 PM
Sep. 17	– Finance Meeting – 6:00 PM

**THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1ST
IN OBSERVANCE OF LABOR DAY**

Religious Education News and Events

- Please pick up registration forms on the credenza in the church vestibule. Only one form per family is required and they can be returned on the first day of CCD.
- We are still in the need of a volunteer 5th grade religious education teacher beginning fall 2025. Kindly call the Religious Ed. Office or the rectory @ 814-736-4279 Ext. 104.
- First Day of Religious Education is Sunday, September 7, 2025, from 9:00 - 10:15am.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE BUS TRIP TO WASHINGTON, DC

The Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown is having a bus trip for a Jubilee Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC on **Friday, October 17, 2025**. The day will include a tour of the Shrine, confessions and a Mass with the Bishop. You can purchase lunch at the Shrine Cafeteria or bring lunch. There will be a rest stop on the way to Washington and a stop on the way back to Ebensburg for dinner on your own. **To make reservations please call Jeanne Thompson at 814-317-2672 or e-mail jthompson@dioceseaj.org or Suzanne Barry at 814-695-5579. sbarry@dioceseaj.org.** The cost of the trip is \$60.00 per person, which includes a gratuity for the driver. The bus will leave at 6:30 am from Giant Eagle/McDonald’s, Ebensburg. The deadline to reserve a seat (s) and make the payment is September 20th. **Please let us know at the office if you sign up to go!**

Walking With Purpose: The better we know God, the deeper we will love Him. Do you want to grow in your faith? Walking With Purpose (WWP) is a Catholic Bible study for women. As women’s hearts are touched and turned in a deeper way to Christ through WWP, their lives and families are changed as well. Ther are two study options, Opening Your Heart Bible study will take you on an exciting journey closer to the heart of God, help you form a personal relationship with Christ, and help you find answers to life’s biggest questions through the context of the Catholic faith. Opening Your Heart is recommended for first time participants. The Grounded in Hope Bible study will guide you to know Jesus more intimately and encourage you to trust His as your true source of hope. This study is especially relevant as we celebrate the Year of Hope. These two coursed will be offered at St. John’s Church, Summerhill beginning with a **Kick-Off Social on Tuesday, September 16th, at 6 PM**. Regular weekly meetings will be held on Tuesdays beginning September 23 at 10:00 AM or 6 PM. No previous Bible experience is needed. Information and registration sheets are available at the back of Holy Family Church. **Please return the registration forms by September 7**. If you have any questions, please call Andrea 814-659-3637 or Nancy 814-421-3430.

OUR LADY OF THE ALLEGHENIES PARISH IN LILLY – Invites you to their annual 40 hours Devotion held from Sunday, September 9. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be continuous, and each evening we will have Solemn Vespers at 7:00 PM. Our Guest Homilist will be Fr. Leo Patalinghug, an EWTN personality. All are welcome!

Catholic Foundation Gala Featuring Jay Paterno – The Independent Catholic Foundation will celebrate its 35th Anniversary on Sunday, September 14 at the Blair County Convention Center. Gala guests will enjoy a delightful social hour beginning at 4:00 PM followed by a gourmet dinner, award presentations, and Jay Paterno’s inspiring reflections of his family’s Catholic legacy. The Master of Ceremonies will be WTAJ News Anchor Marty Radovanic. Individual tickets are \$65. Business attire is preferred. For complete details including ticket purchases and corporate sponsorship opportunities, please visit www.icfoundation.us or call (814) 201-2080.

We offer congratulations to Shane and Aerian Hartline on the recent convalidation of their marriage and the baptisms of their sons, Major and Macoviak. With Jackson Kozlovac and Kerin Stefanko, Aerian completes her Initiation into the Catholic Church through the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend. We thank God for these blessings upon their families and our Parish Family!

The sharing of the bounty of your gardens is working well. Please continue!



JUBILEE CELEBRATION CALENDAR AUGUST: *For Mutual Coexistence Monthly Prayer Intentions of Pope Francis. Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious or ideological reasons. Amen.*