



THE MARIAN

ST. MARY'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, ALTOONA, PENNSYLVANIA

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29th Sunday of Ordinary Time – October 19, 2025

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Administrator

St. Mary's Rectory 942-2416

FOCUS: ... We have been equipped for every good work. All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching ... and for training in righteousness, so that one who belongs to God may be ... equipped for every good work. With this statement, Paul is asserting that whatever else we may need in our striving for holiness and in sharing the Gospel, the word of God is the basis for all truth and the foundation for every good thing. The Lord has provided us with all that is necessary to keep his Word; let us ask him in prayer to help us answer his call.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Weekday Mass Schedule at St. Mary's Church

Monday, October 20, 2025

9:00 AM Jean Foster by Kathleen Foster

Tuesday, October 21, 2025

No MASS

Wednesday, October 22, 2025

9:00 AM Living & Deceased Member of the Parish

Thursday, October 23, 2025

9:00 AM Katie Gehl by Deb Picano

Friday, October 24, 2025

9:00 AM Nancy Benton by Vinny Johnson

Weekend Mass Schedule at St. Mary's Church

Saturday, October 25, 2025

4:00 PM – Karl & Mary Holzer by Mary Lou Lee

Sunday, October 26, 2025

8:00 AM – John Bomeisl by John & Kathie Bomeisl

Weekend Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church on Sunday

11:30 AM

MINISTRIES FOR THE WEEKEND OF October 25, 2025 and October 26, 2025:

DATE	ALTAR SERVERS	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
Saturday, October 25 4:00 PM	Volunteer	Joe Varner	Jim Adams – Host Laurie Woomer – Chalice Jim Woomer – Chalice
Sunday, October 26 8:00 AM	Gaby Sparacino Dominic Sparacino	Mike Sparacino	Tina Johnston – Host Jill Helsel – Chalice Doug Wise – Chalice Dee Bradfield - Choir

VOCATIONS CHALICE – Barry & Dee Bradfield (October 26) — 8:00 AM

CANDLE MEMORIAL: The Altar Candles and Sanctuary Lamp will burn the week October 26 is for Living & Deceased Members of the John & Juliana Horell Family from the family. If you would like to make an offering in memory of someone or a special intention, please call the rectory.

CONFESSIONS: Saturday at 3:00 PM.

PRAYER CHAIN: Please call the St. Mary's Rectory at 814-942-2416 to request a person be added to the prayer list.

LOW GLUTEN HOSTS AVAILABLE: For individuals who have Celiac Disease and want to receive Communion, please go to Father Mariusz's line for Communion and let him know by saying "Low Gluten" and he will give you the Low Gluten Host.

SAINT MARY'S PARISH LIFE COMMITTEE is having the Boscov's Friends Helping Friends Fundraiser. Shopping Passes for 25% Off are on sale at the Rectory Office for \$5.00. Shop on Wednesday, October 22, 2025 from 8:00 AM – 11:00 PM and receive 25% Off your purchases for that day. Please support Saint Mary's Parish Life Committee by getting your \$5.00 Shopping Pass from us so we get to keep the \$5.00 donation. Thank you.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT, LIVING WILL, AND/OR POWER OF ATTORNEY PREPARED If you signed up for this service, you should have received a phone call to set up your appointment. If you did not receive a phone call and you called the Rectory for your name to be added to the list, please contact the rectory for your appointment time.

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION

Adult Envelopes	\$ 4,013.00
Student Envelopes	\$ 20.00
Monthly	\$ 864.00
Loose	\$ 66.00
House Collection	\$ 155.00
CCD Tuition	\$ 25.00
Catholic Univ	\$ 10.00
Retired Priests	\$ 5.00
Votive Candles	\$ 5.00
Memorial Candles	\$ 20.00
World Mission	\$ 30.00
All Souls	\$ 10.00
All Saints	\$ 10.00
TOTAL	\$ 5,233.00

REGISTRATION OF PARISHIONERS: We are always happy to welcome new parishioners to Saint Mary's Parish. Please introduce yourself to a member of the parish staff and register at the rectory. Registration, the practice of stewardship, and regular participation in the Eucharist indicate that a person is an active member of the parish and is eligible to act as a godparent or sponsor. As a Church community seeking to be faith-filled disciples and good stewards, the sacrifice of our time, talent and treasure is essential for the common good.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: The Sacrament of Baptism for Infants normally takes place during a weekend celebration of the Eucharist or on Sundays at 9:00 AM. For the baptism of their first child, parents are expected to attend a baptismal session with Father Mariusz. Please call the rectory office for an appointment. Godparents for infants must be at least 16 years of age, confirmed, and regularly practicing the faith with the freedom to receive the Eucharist. Sponsor certificates for Godparents are necessary and can be obtained from their parish office of their current Church registration.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY MATRIMONY: Please call the Pastor/Administrator nine months in advance to arrange for instruction and planning the marriage ceremony.

SACRAMENT OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION: Anyone interested in becoming a member of the Catholic Church should contact a member of the parish staff by calling the Rectory Office.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK: You are encouraged to notify the rectory as soon as there is a serious illness. You are also asked to notify the rectory when a relative is admitted to a hospital or nursing home.

GROUP SESSIONS ON "THE CHOSEN" the next session, facilitated by Father Mariusz in the Blessed Mother Room of St. Mary's Church on Monday Evenings from 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM, is Monday, October 20. The sessions will continue December 1, December 15. There will be no sessions in November.

ANNUAL PRAYER SERVICE FOR THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF ST. MARY'S will be held on Sunday, November 2, at 2:00 PM in Saint Mary's Church. Come light a candle during this service in memory of your deceased loved ones.

CHRISTIAN MOTHER'S LCBA #1290 – will hold its November meeting on Monday Evening, November 3, at 6:15 for the Rosary. The meeting will begin at 6:30 PM.

ST. MARY'S PARISHIONERS AND THE YOUTH OF SAINT MARY'S CHRISTMAS GROUP SERVICE PROJECT 2024:

DURING ADVENT (begins November 30) - FILL THE FOOD BOXES WITH THE FOLLOWING ITEMS• BOX OF CEREAL• JAR OF PEANUT BUTTER• JAR OF JELLY• BOX OF STUFFING MIX• BOXED POTATOES• MACARONI AND CHEESE• CANNED FRUIT• CANNED TOMATOES• CANNED TUNA OR CANNED MEAT• DESSERT MIX• JAR OF APPLESAUCE• CANNED SWEET POTATOES• CRANBERRY SAUCE• CANNED BEANS• BOX OF CRACKERS• PACKAGE OF RICE• PACKAGE OF OATMEAL• PACKAGE OF PASTA• SPAGHETTI SAUCE• CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP• TOMATO SOUP• CAN OF CORN• CAN OF MIXED VEGETABLES• CAN OF CARROTS• CAN OF GREEN BEANS - Items can be brought to Church and placed in the boxes in the Blessed Mother Room or can be dropped off at the Rectory Office no later than Sunday, December 21. Boxes will be sorted on that date by the 8th, 9th, 10th & 11th Grade Sacrament Prep Students and picked up by local food pantries. This year the items will be given to the Altoona Food Bank and St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry. Thank you in advance for your continued generosity.

ANGEL TREE: St. Mary's Christian Mothers/LCBA 1290 is once again sponsoring the Angel Tree. The tree will be located at the Elevator Entrance (ground floor) on November 22/23. The gifts need to be back in the church the weekend of December 13/14. When you take an angel from the tree, go to the book on the podium and sign your name and phone number next to the angel that matches the number on the angel you took from the tree. When you bring the wrapped gift back, please tape the angel on the front of the package and place it under the tree or in the Blessed Mother Room in the church basement. (They may also be dropped off at the St. Mary's Rectory). If you know of someone in need that you would like placed on the tree, please submit the names, ages, gender of the person and some likes and clothing sizes before November 14. Please include your name and phone number. Thank you in advance for your help with this project.

SPAGHETTI DINNER. Christian Mothers LCBA 1290 Spaghetti Dinner (take out only), will be held on Saturday, November 1st from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The pick-up location is the Saint Mary's Memorial Hall. Dinners are \$12. Tickets will be sold after Mass at St. Mary's Blessed Mother Room the weekends of October 4th and 5th, October 11th & 12th, October 18th & 19th, and October 25th & 26th. You can also purchase tickets at the St. Mary's Rectory (814-942-2416) or from any member of Christian Mothers. Deadline for orders is Tuesday, October 28.

SPAGHETTI DINNER – Saturday, November 1, 2025

Name _____ Phone # _____

Address _____

of Dinners _____ @ \$12.00 each = \$ _____ Make Checks Payable to Saint Mary's Christian Mother's