



THE MARIAN

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

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – November 30, 2025

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Administrator

St. Mary's Rectory 942-2416

FOCUS: ... Stay awake, for you do not know when the Lord will come. The four weeks of Advent are meant for us to prepare our hearts for three comings of Christ: his birth in Bethlehem (which we celebrate on Christmas; his return at the end of time; and his coming to us here and now. Our preparations include prayer, reception of the sacraments, good works, and sacrifices. Although everyone's preparations will look different, they are all meant to cleanse us from sin and teach us to welcome Christ with love.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Weekday Mass Schedule at St. Mary's Church

Monday, December 1, 2025

9:00 Joseph Bott by Dr. Mark & MaryAnn Tilyou

Tuesday, December 2, 2025

No MASS

Wednesday, December 3, 2025

9:00 AM Living & Deceased Members of Parish

Thursday, December 4, 2025

9:00 AM – Sister Angelina by Trudy Schroth

Friday, December 5, 2025 First Friday

9:00 AM – Frank & Josephine Schachtner by

Denny & Josie Stitt

Weekend Mass Schedule at St. Mary's Church

Saturday, December 6, 2025

4:00 PM – Mr. & Mrs. Alois Oberneder by Daughter

Sunday, December 7, 2025

8:00 AM – John Richardson by wife, Betty

Weekend Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church on Sunday

11:30 AM

MINISTRIES FOR THE WEEKEND OF December 6, 2025 and December 7, 2025:

DATE	ALTAR SERVERS	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
Saturday, December 6 4:00 PM	Volunteer	Jim Adams	Joe Keller – Host Joan Keller – Chalice Jerome Epple – Chalice
Sunday, December 7 8:00 AM	McKenna Snare Rylee Snare	Sue Baranik	Terry Anderson – Host Nick Anderson – Chalice Noah Anderson – Chalice

VOCATIONS CHALICE – Brian Jubeck Family - (December 6) — 4:00 PM

CANDLE MEMORIAL: The Altar Candles and Sanctuary Lamp will burn the week of December 7 in memory of George & Sophia Kandlbinder from Rita Horell. 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.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION – Friday, December 5, 2025 Eucharist Adoration Holy Hour will be held after the 9:00 AM Mass.

GROUP SESSIONS ON "THE CHOSEN" will be on Monday, December 1 and then again on Monday, December 15 facilitated by Father Mariusz in the Blessed Mother Room of St. Mary's Church on Monday Evenings from 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM. The sessions will continue in January.

ST. MARY'S PARISH LIFE COMMITTEE DONUT SUNDAY – Donut Sunday will be held on Sunday Morning, December 7, 2025, in the St. Mary's Church Blessed Mother Room after the 8:00 AM Mass. Please stop in for coffee, tea and donuts. All are welcome!

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION

Adult Envelopes	\$ 3,145.00
Student Envelopes	\$ 18.00
Monthly	\$ 1,130.00
Loose	\$ 88.00
Votive Candles	\$ 9.00
CMD Over Target	\$ 1,329.00
All Souls Day	\$ 25.00
All Saints Day	\$ 25.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 300.00
Thanksgiving	\$ 220.00
Catholic Charities	\$ 1,582.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 265.00
TOTAL	\$ 8,136.00

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.

ST. MARY'S PARISH LIFE COMMITTEE COVERED DISH DINNER – The annual Immaculate Conception Feast Day Covered Dish Dinner will be held in the Memorial Hall Cafeteria on December 8, 2025, after the 4:00 PM Mass. A sign-up sheet is located in the back of the church. Please sign-up and join us for this wonderful celebration. All are welcome!

CAROLING SING-A-LONG St. Mary's Parish Life Committee Christmas Caroling Sing-A-Long is on Saturday, December 13 at 2:00 PM at Graystone Grand Palazzo Assisted Living Facility at 2611 8th Avenue. All parishioners from St. Mary's are invited to join in as we treat the residents to some Sounds of the Season. Make this one of your Family Traditions! We will meet at the Grand Palazzo Rear Entrance at 1:45 PM.

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) this weekend, 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). Thank you in advance for your help with this project.

ST. MARY'S CHRISTIAN MOTHERS/LCBA #1290 is having a "Dutch Hill Chocolate" Fundraiser. Order forms are due along with payment no later than this Monday, November 24. Checks should be made payable to St. Mary's Christian Mothers. All orders should be picked up in the St. Mary's Church Basement Blessed Mother Room after Masses the weekend of December 13 and 14.

#GIVECATHOLIC this Tuesday: Tuesday, December 2nd is a special 24-hour Day of Giving that brings together the Catholic community to give thanks and give back to the organizations that have helped to shape their souls. All donations made on #iGiveCatholic of \$10 or more are tax deductible. You can find additional information about #iGiveCatholic at iGiveCatholic.org. Join our parish to inspire and celebrate Catholic giving by spreading the word about #iGiveCatholic to your friends, family, and colleagues!

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES: The Churches in the Altoona Johnstown Diocese have scheduled Penance Services during Advent. **Our Service here at St. Mary's Penance Service will be on Monday, December 22, at 6:00 PM.** If you are not able to make it then, you can attend a Penance Service at one of the other churches as follows:

St. Rose of Lima on Wednesday, December 3 at 7:00 PM

St. Therese of the Child Jesus on Saturday, December 6 at 10:00 AM

St. Mary's Hollidaysburg on Sunday, December 7 at 4:00 PM

Our Lady of Lourdes on Thursday, December 11 at 5:30

St. John the Evangelist on Sunday, December 14 at 4:00 PM

St. Joseph's in Bellwood on Sunday, December 14 at 5:00 PM

St. Catherine in Newry on Sunday December 14 at 5:00 PM and Wednesday, December 17 at 6:00 PM

Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament on Wednesday, December 17 at 6:00 PM

Sacred Heart on Thursday, December 18 at 5:30.