



THE MARIAN

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

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22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time – August 31, 2025

Rev. Mariusz Gorazd

Administrator

St. Mary's Rectory 942-2416

FOCUS: ... *God calls us to humble service. Humility helps us to see ourselves clearly and not to grasp at what is beyond our strength. Both the reading from Sirach and Luke's Gospel tell us that those who humble themselves will find favor with God. They also point to a connection between humility and service. Those who give alms – who give without expecting repayment – will receive their reward in heaven.*

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Weekday Mass Schedule at St. Mary's Church

Monday, September 1, 2025

9:00 AM James High by Kathryn High

Tuesday, September 2, 2025

No MASS

Wednesday, September 3, 2025

9:00 AM Maria Lundberg by Gary & Janet Roesch

Thursday, September 4, 2025

9:00 AM Karen Pacifico by Matt & Judy

Friday, September 5, 2025

9:00 AM Jake Spahn by Timmy Spahn & Tina

Weekend Mass Schedule at St. Mary's Church

Saturday, September 6, 2025

4:00 PM – Irene Barhnmeier by Rose Ehgartner

Sunday, September 7, 2025

8:00 AM – Harold & Peg Horell by Children,
Grandchildren, and Great-grandchildren

Weekend Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church on Sunday

11:30 AM

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

DATE	ALTAR SERVERS	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIN MINISTERS
Saturday, September 6 4:00 PM	Volunteer	Carolyn Becker	Jim Adams – Host Jerome Eppe – Chalice James Woomer – Chalice
Sunday, September 7 8:00 AM	Myah Dodson Grayson Dodson	Lucas Helsel	Jill Helsel – Host Anita Wavrek – Chalice Mary Rose Poorman - Chalice

VOCATIONS CHALICE (September 7) – Jill Helsel Family – 8:00 AM

CANDLE MEMORIAL: The Altar Candles and Sanctuary Lamp will burn the week of September 7 is for Clara Westley from Ruth & Alicia. 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.

DONUT SUNDAY sponsored by the Parish Life Committee is Sunday, September 7, 2025 after the 8:00 AM Mass in the Blessed Mother Room (Church Basement). Please stop by and have some coffee, juice and donuts as we kick-off the start of school, football season, and Fall!

CHRISTIAN MOTHER'S LCBA #1290: The September meeting of the Christian Mother's will be held on Monday, September 8, in the Blessed Mother Room Church Basement. Rosary begins at 6:15 PM and the meeting will follow at 6:30 PM.

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION

Adult Envelopes	\$ 3848.00
Student Envelopes	\$ 18.00
Monthly	\$ 116.00
Loose	\$ 145.00
House Collection	\$ 50.00
Assumption	\$ 38.00
St. Vincent dePaul	\$ 5.00
Memorial Candles	\$ 20.00
CMD Over Target	\$ 60.00
TOTAL	\$ 4,300.00

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.

BIBLE READINGS AND FAITH SHARING SESSIONS – You are cordially invited group faith sharing which will begin Thursday, October 2 in the Church Basement Saint Joseph Room. These sessions will be facilitated by Joan Keller. We will begin our sessions at 9:30 AM, which would allow participants to attend Mass at 9:00 AM. In these weekly sessions we read the daily and weekend scriptures, then discuss the meaning of the passages as they relate to our lives. If you have any questions, please call the rectory office (814-942-2416) between the hours of 8:00 AM and 1:00 PM Monday thru Friday or call Joan at 814-696-3951. All are welcome! Hope to see you!

DO YOU HAVE A LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT, LIVING WILL, AND/OR POWER OF ATTORNEY PREPARED? If you would like the opportunity to get one or all of these done, one or two attorneys are willing to offer appointments at St. Mary's if there is enough interest. Please contact the rectory office for more information (814-942-2416).

ASSISTANCE NEEDED: A member of our Parish Family is in need of someone to help with light housekeeping, grocery shopping, etc. in Altoona. For more information, please contact Vicky at 814-660-6531.

ANNUAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARY LITURGIES for couples celebrating 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60+ years of marriage in 2025 are invited to attend either at the Altoona Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament on Sunday, September 21, 2025, at 2:00 PM; or in Johnstown St. John Gaulbert Cathedral on Sunday, September 28, 2025, at 2:00 PM. Reservations must be made no later than Friday, September 12. Reservation forms can be obtained by calling the Rectory Office at 814-942-2416.

44th ANNIVERSARY BIRTH OF MARY CELEBRATION will be held on **Monday, September 8, 2025**, at Saint Catherine of Siena Church & Fatima Shrine, 308 Old Route 22, Duncansville, PA. Mass Times are 7:45 AM (Reverend Jeremy J. Mohler, Celebrant and Homilist), 12:05 PM (Reverend John Lynam, Celebrant and Homilist), 5:30 PM (Reverend Allen Zeth (Celebrant and Homilist). Rosary will be at 8:15 AM, 11:15 AM, 1:00 PM and 4:30 PM. Evening Mass and Rosary Procession at the Shrine. Please bring a Lawn Chair. In case of inclement weather, the outdoor Mass will be celebrated in the Church. The Theme is Mary for the Salvation of Souls. Food, exhibits, religious raffle, rosary makers, and crafts will be in the church hall. Coffee and Donuts will be in the church hall following morning Mass. Conclude the day with birthday cake and beverages for everyone in the church hall. Address petitions to: Birth of Mary Celebration, PO Box 88, Duncansville PA 16635.

"SPONSORS OF HOPE" CAMPAIGN The Permanent Diaconate Community of the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese is launching a "Sponsors of Hope" campaign to raise funds to continue supporting our foreign mission program. With the guidance of Pakistani priest Father Khalil Maqsood, we have opened a school for the Brickyard Children," who work daily in the brickyards and have no opportunity to receive an education. For more information about this program, please see the Deacon's Website: <https://www.deaconaj.org>.

DONATIONS MADE TO THE ST. MARY CEMETERY/MEMORIAL FUND or MASS IN MEMORY OF CATHERINE "KATIE" GEHL:

Janet Kristofco Shirley Zitzlsperger

DONATIONS MADE TO THE ST. MARY CEMETERY/MEMORIAL FUND or MASS IN MEMORY OF BARBARA KARL:

Janet Kristofco

DONATIONS MADE TO THE ST. MARY CEMETERY/MEMORIAL FUND or MASS IN MEMORY OF CHARLES HINTERBERGER:

Louise Hinterberger

DONATIONS MADE TO THE ST. MARY CEMETERY/MEMORIAL FUND or MASS IN MEMORY OF JIM MOCK:

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