



Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown

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August 5, 2019

2019 Wedding Anniversary Celebration Information

TO: Clergy of the Diocese

RE: Annual Wedding Anniversary Liturgies
for couples celebrating 1, 5, 10, 25, 40, 50, 55, 60+ years of marriage in 2019

ALTOONA Liturgy—Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament—**Sunday, September 15**—2:00 p.m.

JOHNSTOWN Liturgy—Saint John Gualbert Cathedral—**Sunday, September 22**—2:00 p.m.

Couples and their families may attend either location. It is not necessary that they live in a particular geographical area. Indicate the celebration they will attend on the reservation form included with this letter.

WHO MAY ATTEND

Couples celebrating 1, 5, 10, 25, 40, 50, 55, 60+ wedding anniversary in 2019 and their families are invited to attend.

Couples (including interfaith marriages) must be in good standing and be certified by their parish priest. (*See reservation form*)

COST

No cost due to expenses being covered by a generous donor and the Catholic Ministries Drive.

PRIEST AND DEACONS INVITED

Bishop Mark will be the Celebrant and Homilist. Priests who wish to concelebrate have permission to trinate. Priests and deacons should wear the Diocesan Vestment.

RESERVATIONS (*Forms enclosed*)

Family Life Office reservation deadline
(early deadline necessary in order to prepare invitations, certificates, and mass book)

For Johnstown and Altoona,
no later than **Monday, Aug. 26**

Type or print all reservations. Please be careful of spelling. Use correct spelling the couple desires, especially with family names that may have changed through the years.

Invitations will be mailed to each couple and certificates will be prepared with the Bishop's signature. **Couples cannot receive a certificate from the Bishop unless they attend one of the celebrations.**

You can recommend a couple as a reader, gift bearer, or altar dresser. Indicate names and phone number on their reservation form. Our office will contact the couple if chosen so please do not ask them ahead of time.



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BULLETIN/PULPIT ANNOUNCEMENT

Publish the weekends of August 11, 18

(Please publish all three weekends so couples who may be on vacation will see the announcement)

**All
areas
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Diocese**

Bishop Mark Bartchak and the Family Life Office cordially invite all couples celebrating 1, 5, 10, 25, 40, 50, 55, and 60+ Wedding Anniversary in 2019 (and their families) to attend the **Annual Wedding Anniversary Liturgy**. Couples may attend Sunday, Sept. 15 in ALTOONA at Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament or Sunday, Sept. 22 in JOHNSTOWN at St. John Gualbert Cathedral. Both locations are handicap accessible. Liturgies in each location begin at 2:00 p.m. 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 Thursday, Aug. 22.

1—5—10—25—40—50—55—60+ WEDDING ANNIVERSARY RESERVATION

Please print or type names as they will appear on the certificate

Husband's First Name _____ Wife's First Name _____ Last Name _____
Address _____ City _____ Zip _____
Present Parish Name and Town _____
Marriage Date _____ **Anniversary:** (circle one) 1 5 10 25 40 50 55 60 6 _____

Will attend in: (circle one location)

Altoona 9/15/19 Johnstown 9/22/19

I certify that the above-mentioned couple belongs to this parish and are in good standing.

Mail form to:

Family Life Office
2713 W. Chestnut Ave., Altoona, PA 16601 (**Do not fax.**)

Parish Priest _____

I recommend this couple as _____ *readers* _____ *gift bearers* _____ *altar dressers* _____ *Couple's phone number* _____
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