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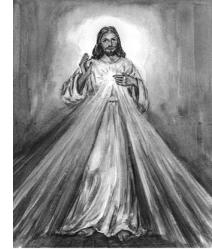
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DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
April 28, 2019

Once I was dead,
but now I am alive forever and
ever.
— Revelation 1:18a

Our Lady of Fatima
Pleaded that we pray the Holy Rosary
before Sunday Mass and
privately from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm daily.

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Our Lady of Fatima Parish
2010 12th Avenue
www.ourladyoffatimaaltoona.org
Rectory Office Hours:

Monday – Friday 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Parish Office: 814-942-0371

Our Lady of Fatima Mass Schedule
Sunday: 10:30 AM - Holy Days: 6:00 PM
Rosary: 10:05 AM - Rosary: 5:40 PM

Our Lady of Fatima Parish Administrator
Very Reverend Alan E. Thomas, VG
Parish Secretary
Carol Z. Smith

Eucharist for the home bound - weekly:
Patty Flanagan 942-0371 for arrangements.

Our Lady of Fatima Church is open
Monday through Friday: 9AM - 5PM Winter
9AM - 6PM Summer
for visits before the Blessed Sacrament.

Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals will be held
at Our Lady of Fatima.

Preparation for Baptism, and Weddings will be held at
the Cathedral. 944-4603

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick
Parishioners wishing to receive the sacrament of
healing may call the Cathedral Parish Office to
make arrangements. 944-4603

OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH IS A RESULT OF THE
MERGER BETWEEN THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCHES
OF SS. PETER & PAUL AND ST. LEO THE GREAT IN 1995.



Cathedral Church Office: 814-944-4603
One Cathedral Square

Most Reverend Mark L. Bartchak, Bishop
Very Rev. Alan E. Thomas, VG, Administrator
PH: 814-742-7075, Allison, Secretary

Rev. Father Dennis M. Kurdziel, Parochial Vicar
Christian Initiation Team: 944-4603
Catholics returning Home: 944-4603

Mail Ministry to Elderly, Homebound, Seriously Sick
and Grieving - 944-4603

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Web: www.holytrinitycatholic.school
Altoona Campus (Pre-K thru Grade 4) - 381-7011
Hollidaysburg Campus (Pre-K thru Grade 4) - 695-6112
Middle School Campus (Grades 5 thru 8) - 942-7835

Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School:

Web: www.bishopguilfoyle.org – 944-4014

Directors of Religious Education:
Chris Laraia – Pre-K thru 8 - 312-7317
Jean Koury – 9 thru 12 – 949-2777

Religious Education Office: Sundays – 943-7424

Director of Music Ministry
Leslie C. Thayer, MM, CAGO
Music Ministry Office - 944-2044
E-Mail: lthayer@dioceseaj.org

Reconciliation @ Cathedral: 7:00 PM Wednesday
12:30 PM Saturday

Religious Education @ Cathedral: Pre-K through 11
Sacramental Formation @ Cathedral: First Reconciliation
First Communion
Confirmation

Sacramental Formation @ the Cathedral: Baptismal Prep
Marriage Prep
Christian Initiation

Hospital Visitation: Call the Cathedral: 944-4603

Cathedral Eucharist:

Sunday: 5:00 PM (Vigil)	Holy Days: 5:30 PM (Vigil)	Weekdays: 6:45 AM
8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM
10:00 AM	12:00 Noon	12:00 Noon
12:00 Noon	5:30 PM	Saturday: 8:00 AM
5:00 PM		12:00 Noon

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

APRIL 28, 2019

SEEING IS BELIEVING

Seeing is believing! Since cellphone screens connect us instantly to social media, live TV, and loved ones' faces near and far, "Doubting Thomas" could be our patron saint: "Unless I see, I will not believe!" But how comforting for any of us who share Thomas's doubt, or love "doubters" who do, to see how kindly Jesus responds. By offering the very evidence that Thomas demanded, Jesus doesn't scold Thomas, but seems to understand such skepticism. Could Jesus have been thinking of us, who long to believe that "Jesus is risen!" but see so much suffering, and perhaps even cause some, that we wonder, how could something so wonderful be true? In today's reading from the Acts of the Apostles, the risen Jesus' healing love comforts through disciples who love others. In Revelation, "our brother John" doesn't just claim he saw Jesus alive, but passes on Jesus' life-giving words, "Do not be afraid." Seeing Jesus in others is believing!

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

An ancient title for this Sunday is Dominica in Albis, or "Sunday in White." During the Easter Vigil, the newly baptized are invested with a white garment, a sign that they have put on Christ. At one time, the garments were worn for a full week of celebration and reflection, and on this Sunday the newly baptized would appear in their robes again in their new place among the faithful for Eucharist.

In later centuries, the energy of new life at Easter was largely forgotten, and this Sunday was renamed "Quasimodo Sunday," or "Low Sunday." In recent years, with the recovery of the insight that Easter is the privileged time for celebrating and renewing baptism, there is nothing "Low" about this Sunday. At a week's distance, the beauty and grace of our Easter celebration is sustained by joyful alleluias, the blessing and sprinkling of holy water, and the comfort of the Lord's presence to us. He is risen, and he summons us together, opening up the scriptures for us, breaking the bread, filling us with new life.

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DON'T SAY TOO MUCH

One is almost bound to fall into error if one tries to say a great deal.

—Erasmus

A BETTER USE OF YOUR TIME

Learn to give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you'll have no time for criticism of others.

—Anonymous

***ST FAUSTINA AND
THE VILINUS IMAGE OF
THE DIVINE MERCY
WHICH GOD ASKED HER
TO HAVE PAINTED***





**VENERATION OF THE IMAGE OF
THE DIVINE MERCY WILL TAKE
PLACE FROM 11:30 AM UNTIL
6:00 PM
NEXT SUNDAY AT OUR LADY OF
FATIMA PARISH**

**VENERATION OF THE SACRED IMAGE on the Feast of Divine Mercy
(Divine Mercy Sunday)**

In 1931, Our Lord appeared to St. Faustina. She saw Jesus clothed in a white garment with His right hand raised in blessing. His left hand was touching His garment in the area of the heart, from where two large rays came forth, one red and the other pale. She gazed intently at the Lord in silence, her soul filled with awe, but also with great joy. Jesus said to her: *"Paint an image according to the pattern you see with the signature: Jesus, I trust in You ... I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish. I also promise victory over [its] enemies already here on earth, especially at the hour of death. I Myself will defend it as My own glory" (Diary 47, 48) "I am offering people a vessel with which they are to keep coming for graces to the fountain of mercy. That vessel is this image with the signature: 'Jesus, I trust in You' " (327)*

VENERATION IN THE CHURCH

Jesus said.... "I desire that this image be venerated, first in your chapel, and [then] throughout the world"(47).

"I want the image to be solemnly blessed on the first Sunday after Easter, and I want it to be venerated publicly so that every soul may know about it." (341)