

Fifth Sunday of Lent

April 3, 2022

Our Lady of Fatima Parish
2010 12th Avenue
www.ourladyoffatimaaltoona.org

Rectory Office Hours:
Tuesdays and Thursdays
11:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Parish Office: 814-942-0371
or call the Cathedral Office at 944-4603.

Our Lady of Fatima Parish
Rev. Msgr. Stanley B. Carson, Administrator

Parish Secretary
Paula Hall

Director of Music Ministry
Cathy McFee

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

Our Lady of Fatima Church is open
Sunday through Saturday: 7:30 AM - 5PM
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. 814-944-4603

**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

Rev. Msgr. Stanley B. Carson, Administrator
PH: 814-944-4603

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

Director of Religious Education:
Chris Laraia – Pre-K thru 8 - 312-7317

Religious Education Office: Sundays – 943-7424

Director of Music Ministry

Leslie C. Thayer, MM, CAGO

Music Ministry Office - 944-2044

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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	12:00 Noon
10:00 AM	12:00 Noon	
12:00 Noon	5:30 PM	Saturday: 8:00 AM
5:00 PM		12:00 Noon

THE FATIMA TOWERS

OUR LADY OF FATIMA MASS INTENTIONS

11:30 AM

This Sunday, April 3, 2022, Fifth of Lent

Jane Shea (Tom & Lisa Levine)

Next Sunday, April 10, 2022, Palm Sunday

of the Passion of the Lord

Joe Ianniello (Marcella Ianniello)

Cathedral Mass Intentions

April 3, Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM +Mary Alice Plummer (Bob & Joan Lozinak)

10:00 AM +Mike Kling (Geishauser Family)

5:00 PM Pro Popolo/For the People

April 4, Monday, Lenten Weekday

6:45 AM +Special Intention (Anonymous)

12:00 PM +Mary Catherine Smith (Mary Elizabeth)

April 5, Tuesday, Lenten Weekday

6:45 AM +Helen Zurilla, Birth. (Family)

12:00 PM +Walter Beckel, Jr. (Linda Kutz)

April 6, Wednesday, Lenten Weekday

6:45 AM +Michael Wagner, Birth. (Diana Fanale)

12:00 PM +Barbara Shoemaker (Bob & Chris Laraia)

April 7, Thursday, Lenten Weekday

6:45 AM To End Abortions (Anonymous)

12:00 AM Lois Duncan, Birth. (Bonnie Pfeffer)

April 8, Friday, Lenten Weekday

6:45 AM +Anthony Alianiello, Anniv. (Family)

12:00 PM +Deacon John Rys, Anniv. (Wife and Family)

April 9, Saturday, Lenten Weekday

8:00 AM +Carrie Kibler Detwiler (Mom & Dad)

Noon PM +Paul J. Renyck (Pamela Beckwith)

Vigil: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

5:00 PM +Bob Simanski

April 10, Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord.

8:00 AM +Freddie Martynuska (Mike & Lindsey Martynuska)

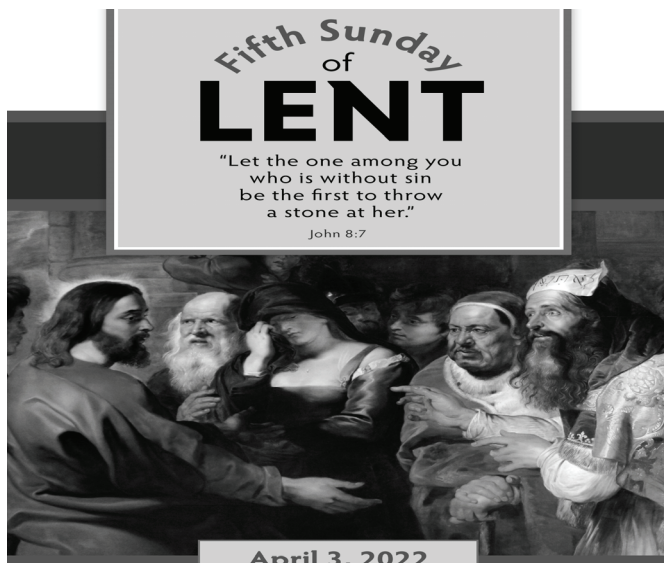
10:00 AM +Eleanor Fischer (Vogel Family)

5:00 PM Pro Popolo/For The People



SANCTUARY CANDLE

The sanctuary candle for the month of April is in memory of Herbert Summers, Sr. requested by his family. Thank you.



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The LORD does something new for the chosen people (Isaiah 43:16-21) *or* Ezekiel 37:12-14.

Psalms — The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy (Psalm 126) *or* Psalm 130.

Second Reading — The supreme good is knowing Jesus as Lord (Philippians 3:8-14) *or* Romans 8:8-11.

Gospel — A woman caught in the act of adultery is brought to Jesus. He challenges anyone without sin to throw the first stone (John 8:1-11) *or* John 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45].

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62]; Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:12-20

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10-12abcd, 13; Jn 11:45-56

Sunday: Lk 19:28-40 (procession); Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14 — 23:56 [23:1-49]

Thank You Very Much

Your prayers, volunteerism, and financial support are deeply appreciated. The contributions for Sunday, March 27, were \$1,178.35.



AN AGE-OLD STORY OF JUDGEMENT

In our Gospel today we hear an ancient story, but one that feels like it could be taken out of the headlines today. We can be very quick to pass judgment on others, those with different political or cultural backgrounds, or perhaps with a different sexual orientation. Jesus was teaching in the temple, and the scribes and Pharisees did not like the message that he was proclaiming or the popularity he was gaining. When a nearby woman was caught in adultery, they thought it was the perfect chance to trip Jesus up, wondering how he would respond when the Mosaic Law provided clear consequences for such behavior. Many would be able to quote instantly chapter and verse of the law pertaining to the infraction. Instead of answering their question, Jesus turned it back on the accusers: "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her."

Awaiting the response of those challenging him, Jesus bent over and wrote in the sand. According to scripture scholar John Pilch, this was a simple technique that peasants used to buy time in a discussion or argument. Instead of looking the scribes and pharisees in the eye, he looked down and did his own thing while they all slipped away. The scriptures do not tell us what the woman was doing during this time. But by not looking at her, Jesus gave her a chance to restore her own dignity. He didn't comment on her innocence or guilt. Rather, he instructed her to go forth and sin no more. It is not our past that matters as much as the choices we make now and in the future. Again and again, God gives us the chance to start our life over. This is our challenge this Lent, to continue to use the opportunities we are given to repent and grow.

Today's Readings: Is 43:16–21; Ps 126:1–2, 2–3, 4–5, 6, 12a; Phil 3:8–14; Jn 8:1–11

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Fast & Abstinence

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Good Friday, April 15, is a day of abstinence and fasting. All Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence.

Abstinence means that people 14 years of age and older are not to eat meat at all on the designated days.

Fasting means eating only one full meal, with two small meals, and no eating between meals. People who have reached their 18th birthday and up to their 59th birthday are obligated to fast. Additional forms of abstinence and fasting may also be undertaken.



The blessing of Easter Food Baskets will take place here on Holy Saturday, April 16, at Noon.

PRAY FOR UKRAINE



Our sacrificial gifts of prayer and treasure will make an immediate impact on ministries that care for the poor, strengthen family life, nurture our youth, and provide servant leadership development for clergy and laity. Our Lady of Fatima Parish's target is \$8,641. Any contributions received above target will be returned to the parish.



RECONCILIATION

Bishop Mark will be leading the annual Lenten **Communal Penance Service** at the Cathedral on Wednesday, April 6, at 6:00 P.M. You are strongly encouraged to experience God's mercy, love, and kindness in preparation for Easter.

Msgr. Carson will be available for Confessions here at Our Lady of Fatima Church on Sunday, April 10, (Palm Sunday) at 2:00 P.M.

