

Bulletin # 102656

**Our Lady of Fatima
2010 12th Avenue
Altoona, PA 16601**

Phone: 814-942-0371

Attn: Msgr. Stan Carson

E-Mail: olfoff10@hotmail.com

Software

**Microsoft Publisher 10
Adobe Acrobat 10 X STANDARD
Windows 7**

Printer

**Brother MFC-7840W, Savin 8025e,
PCL 6**

**Transmission Time: March 30, 2023
2:30 A.M.**

Sunday, April 2, 2023

**Thank you,
Msgr. Stan Carson**

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

April 2, 2023
R

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: Sunday: 11:30 AM
Holy Days: 5:30 PM

Holy Communion 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 sacra-
ment 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
Paula Clemens, Secretary
PH: 814-944-4603

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

THE FATIMA TOWERS

OUR LADY OF FATIMA MASS INTENTIONS

11:30 A.M.

This Sunday, April 2, Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

John Kasun, Jr. (Bryne Family)

Next Sunday, April 9, Easter Sunday of the Resurrection

Parishioners and Benefactors



HOLY WEEK

Cathedral Mass Intentions

April 2, Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

8:00 AM +Michael Wagner, Birth. (Lisa DeGol)

10:00 AM +John Vargo, Birth. (Family)

5:00 PM Pro Popolo/For the People

April 3, Monday of Holy Week

11:00 AM Chrism Mass +Deceased Clergy

April 4, Tuesday of Holy Week

12:00 PM+ Mary Harris (Dave & Maureen Hanekamp)

April 5, Wednesday of Holy Week

12:00 PM +Jim Weaver, Birth. (Family)

April 6, Thursday of Holy Week-Holy Thursday

7:00 PM Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

April 7, Friday of the Passion of the Lord-Good Friday

1:00 PM Celebration of the Lord's Passion

April 8, Holy Saturday

8:30 PM The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

Parishioners & Benefactors

April 9, Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

8:00 AM +Parishioners & Benefactors

10:00 AM +Pro Popolo/For the People

There is no 5:00 P.M. Mass

There is Mass at 11:30 A.M. at Our Lady of Fatima Parish.



**TABERNACLE
CANDLE**

During the month of April the Sanctuary/Tabernacle Candle has been donated in memory of Thomas Riggleman, Sr. by Carol Riggleman.



© J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

TODAY'S READINGS

Gospel at the Procession with Palms — Jesus' entry into Jerusalem (Matthew 21:1-11).

First Reading — In spite of my sufferings I am not disgraced. I am not put to shame (Isaiah 50:4-7).

Psalms — O my God, why have you cast me off? (Psalm 22)

Second Reading — Christ emptied himself, and God filled this emptiness with exaltation (Philippians 2:6-11).

Gospel — The account of Christ's passion according to Matthew (Matthew 26:14 — 27:66 [27:11-54]).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday:Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34;

Mt 26:14-25

Thursday:**Lord's Supper:** Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

Friday:Is 52:13 — 53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 — 19:42

Saturday:a) Gn 1:1 — 2:2 [1:1, 26-31a]; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35; or Ps 33:4-7, 12-13, 20-22;b) Gn

22:1-18 [1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18]; Ps 16: 5, 8-11; c) Ex 14:15 — 15:1; Ex 15:1-6, 17-18; d) Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13;

e) Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-6; f) Bar 3:9-15, 32 — 4:4; Ps 19:8-11;g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3-4 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; h) Rom 6:3-11; i) Mt

28:1-10

Sunday:Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23;

Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9' or Mt 28:1-10 or Lk 24:13-35

Thank You Very Much

Your prayers, volunteerism, and financial support are deeply appreciated.

The contributions for Sunday, March 19, were \$1,086.





Catholic Ministries Drive

DIOCESE OF ALTOONA-JOHNSTOWN

The 2023 Catholic Ministries Drive target for Our Lady of Fatima Parish is \$9,224. The target is calculated as 10% of our regular offertory averaged over the previous three years (2020-2022). The CMD supports programs and services beyond the resources of any single parish. Please be supportive. Thank you for helping our parish hit this year's target.



Stations of the Cross will be prayed at the Cathedral this Friday at 5:30 P.M. The service lasts 1/2 hour.

FAST AND ABSTINENCE

Good Friday, April 7, 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 voluntarily on a personal basis.

STRENGTH IN CHRIST

Our diocesan Men's Conference is on Saturday, April 29, at Mt. Aloysius College in Cresson. Registration forms are available in the back of our church. The cost is only \$20.00. The conference begins at 9:00 A.M. and ends at 3:30 P.M. Bishop Mark will be celebrating Mass at 4:00 P.M.



Effective this Holy Thursday, Bishop Mark has directed that parishes may begin distributing Holy Communion under both forms. Parishioners who feel comfortable receiving from the chalice are invited to do so. It is important to remember that the complete presence of Jesus Christ's resurrected body, blood, soul, and divinity is present under each of the Eucharistic species of bread and wine. It is also important to remember that Holy Communion has a fuller form as a sign when it takes place under both kinds.



The Blessing will take place at Noon on Holy Saturday at Our Lady of Fatima Church

A typical Eastern European Easter Basket would include a variety of symbolic foods. The basket would contain all or some of these items: bacon (a symbol of God's abundant mercy), bread (representing the staff of life given by God, Easter Bread/Paska Bread (reminiscent of the risen Lord), butter, sometimes shaped like a lamb, (symbolic of the Paschal Lamb), Candles (symbolic of Jesus the Light of the world), cheese (to remind Christians of moderation), colored eggs (indicate hope, new life, and Christ rising from the tomb), ham (symbolize great joy and abundance), linked sausage/kielbasa (symbolic of the chains of death that were broken when Jesus rose from the dead), horseradish (reminds us of the bitterness and harshness of the Lord's passion), salt (adds zest to life and preserves us from corruption), sweets (suggest the promise of eternal life or the good things to come).

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Most Christians today receive a bunch of palm fronds, olive branches, pussy willow, or forsythia (a relative of the olive) to carry in procession and to bear home in blessing. Some even offer sprigs of palm or other branches as a gesture of peace to those they have offended. The desire is to make a clean sweep of your spiritual house before the Easter feast.

Accepting the branch is a token of the bearer's willingness to journey with the Church through a grateful remembrance of Jesus Christ's passion, death, and life-giving resurrection. Traditionally, the plants associated with today's feast are planted in cemeteries as a sign of Christ's victory over death and the promise of new life.

The joy of this day's opening procession soon gives way to a solemn reading of the Passion, this year according to Matthew. The ritual is meant not only to strengthen us to hear this account, but to stir us up to accompany the Church on this journey through Holy Week. It also prepares us for next Sunday's joyful renewal of our baptismal vows. —Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



OUR FASCINATING FAITH The Sacred Paschal Triduum

Christians observe Easter on the first Sunday after the first full moon that follows the vernal equinox. For Christians, Easter is the anniversary of the creation of the world.

Did you know that the full moon rises just as the sun sets? And that it sets when the sun rises? On the night of a full moon there is no moment of the night when the moon isn't shining. Christians think that this phenomenon makes a wonderful image of heaven's perpetual light. Easter is our sacramental entrance into the light of Christ, the light of eternity.

The Sacred Paschal Triduum, the three-day Passover of the Lord, is our Easter festival. It begins on Holy Thursday at sunset. We count the days in the Jewish manner, from sunset to sunset. In this way the Triduum begins on the biblical "sixth day of the week," the day God created human beings. Its middle day is the "seventh day of the week," the Sabbath, the day of rest. And its final day is the "first day of the week," the day God began the work of creation by creating light and separating it from darkness. God the Father chose a "first day" to raise his Son from the dead. God the Spirit gave birth to the Church on a "first day" as well, the day of Pentecost.

Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.



Loving God,
We pray for the people of Ukraine,
for all those suffering or afraid,
that you will be close to them and protect them.

We pray for world leaders,
for compassion, strength and wisdom
to guide their choices.

We pray for the world
that in this moment of crisis,
we may reach out in solidarity
to our brothers and sisters in need.

May we walk in your ways
so that peace and justice
become a reality for the people of
Ukraine and for all the world. Through