

The Fifth Sunday of Lent

April 6, 2025

Our Lady of Fatima Parish
2010 12th Avenue
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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 sacrament of healing may call the Cathedral Parish Office to make arrangements. 814-944-4603

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

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: ltayer@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.

April 6, The Fifth SUNDAY of Lent

Elaine Smithmyer (Joe & Diane Yeager)

April 13, Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Howard "Pete" Colledge (Kathy Kasun Family)

Cathedral Mass Intentions

April 6, Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM +Geraldine Petrunak (Richard & Dottie Gonsman)

10:00 AM +Rita McCloskey (Jerry & Fran Fulare)

5:00 PM Pro Popolo/For the People

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

April 7, Monday, St. John Baptist de la Salle, Priest

12:00 PM +Terry Smith, Birth. (Family)

April 8, Tuesday, Lenten Weekday

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

April 9, Wednesday, Lenten Weekday

12:00 PM +Sr. Rose Tomlinson, RSM (Diana Fanale)

April 10, Thursday, Lenten Weekday

12:00 PM +Etta Pastore, Anniv. (Family)

April 11, Friday, St. Stanislaus, Bp. & M.

12:00 PM +Souls in Purgatory (Anonymous)

April 12, Saturday, Lenten Weekday

12:00 PM +Mildred Mazur (Anonymous)

Vigil: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

5:00 PM +Mary Martha Kilcoyne (Jim & Steph Kilcoyne)

April 13, Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

8:00 AM +Pete & Jimmy Banholzer (Peggy & Bernie Joyce Family)

10:00 AM +Ruth Novack (Vickie DeStefano)

5:00 PM +Pro Popolo/For the People

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



The Sanctuary Candle during the month of April the candle is lit in memory of Lori Krug. Thank you.



5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus bent down and began to write on the ground with his finger. But when they continued asking him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." - Jn 8:6b-7

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD

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Readings for the week of April 6, 2025

Sunday: Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Jn 8:12-20

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/Jn 10:31-42

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

Next Sunday: Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)/Phil 2:6-11/ Lk 22:14—23:56 or 23:1-49

Thank You Very Much

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

The contributions for March 30, were \$1,585.00. Thank you.





The Catholic Ministries Drive target for Our Lady of Fatima Parish is \$10,200 (which is 10% of our regular receipts averaged over the previous three years, 2022-2024).

This year the theme is Follow Me-the Words "Follow Me" invite us into a deeper relationship with Jesus as we share in His mission to love and serve.

This is Commitment Weekend. Our sacrificial gift of prayer and treasure will make an immediate and lasting impact on our ministries that focus on evangelization, serving those in need, and the formation of our priests and deacons. So far, one donation of \$250 has been received.

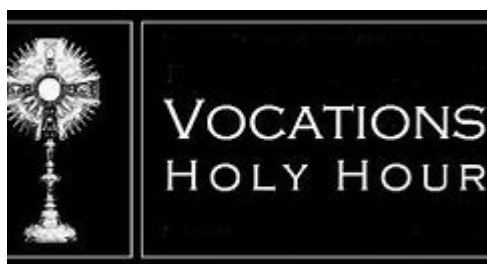
By now, you should have received a letter from Bishop Mark.

7th Grade Religious Education, Community Service Update

This is an update about Sophia Riggleman our little one with spina-bifida. She is approaching another surgery, but still has a smile on her face through the past few months in spite of this news. The day after her 5th birthday, on March 20, 2025, her father, William Riggleman unexpectedly passed away. When the family was presented with your generous donations in December, Mr. Riggleman was overwhelmed with gratitude and had quiet tears running down his face. Sophia, her older brother Elijah and her mom Katie, will surely miss him and would appreciate some encouraging cards of sympathy and encouragement. Please contact Jeanne Thompson at jthompson@dioceseaj.org if you would like their mailing address.



The Cathedral's Easter Egg Hunt is next Sunday, April 13th, beginning at 2:00P.M., in the lower parking lot. Bring your own basket. There will be a special appearance by the Easter Bunny. Hop on over for egg-cellent fun! Anyone wishing to donate candy for the Easter Egg Hunt may drop off their donations at the Cathedral Office Monday to Thursday 9:00AM-4:30PM, and Friday 9:00AM-3:00PM. It will be a fun time for parishioners and neighbors.



You are invited to pray A Eucharistic Holy Hour for Vocations at noon on Thursday, April 17, at the Cathedral. Since the only Mass celebrated on Holy Thursday will be the Mass of the Lord's Supper at 6:00 P.M., the Holy Hour will replace the noon Mass.

Fiftieth Anniversary Celebration of Ordination

You are invited to join Father Dennis Kurdziel for the celebration of his Fiftieth Anniversary. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, the 4th of May, 2025 at three o'clock in the afternoon, at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, 2700- Broad Avenue, Altoona Pa 16601. A buffet reception will follow at Our Lady of Lourdes Church Hall immediately following Mass. Please RSVP by April 21st to dmkurdziel50@aol.com or text 814-931-2971.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE
DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

April 6, 2025

5th Sunday Lent: John 8:1-11

“The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery and made her stand in the middle” (John 8:3). Why do they make her stand in the middle? Why not expose her on the periphery? The reason is something that affects us practically every day.

The center is what stabilizes a community’s identity. We humans tend to center ourselves around an accused and condemned victim — though we rarely admit it. This renews our fragile communities and our power as those who weaponize the accusation. This is effective because it is often a victim who represents something truly dangerous for the group. In this case, adultery stands for the breakdown of a community and those within it, because it forces questions like: who is my father? Whose child is this? Is this child one of us, or that of an outsider? The accusers place the adulteress in the center because their community, like most, is built around turning an enemy into a victim.

Once you understand this, you’ll see it almost anywhere humans group together (families, politics, workplaces, sports, schools, etc.). The good news is Jesus exposes this dynamic by deftly pointing out the sin-infected hearts of everyone besides the woman. They all leave, symbolizing the breakdown of the old order, and she is “left alone before him.” A new community has begun, structured around the merciful love of Christ.

What is in your center? What is in the center of our parish and family communities? Strive to center on Christ’s forgiveness, and we experience the new, lasting community we call the Church.

— Father John Muir

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Stations of the Cross will be prayed at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament on the Fridays of Lent at 5:30 P.M.

The Cathedral Communal Penance Service is this Wednesday, April 9, at 6:00 P.M. Confessions at 7:00 P.M. are cancelled.

The Cathedral’s Fish Fry Lunch includes a Fish Sandwich, Mac & Cheese, and Coleslaw is available from 10:30 A.M. until 1:00 P.M. \$10.00 and Drive Thru Only, every Friday, except Good Friday.

Sung Evening Prayer and Benediction will take place on Sundays during Lent at 6:30 P.M.

Day of Fasting and Abstinence Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. All Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence. Abstinence refers to not eating meat at all on those days. Persons 14 years of age and older are to abstain. Fasting refers to one full meal, with two small meals, no eating between meals. People who have reached their 18th birthday and up to their 59th birthday are obligated to fast. In addition to these obligations, additional forms of fast and abstinence may be observed.