

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

April 20, 2025

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 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: ltthayer@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 20, Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Parishioners and Benefactors

April 27, Second Sunday of Easter/Divine Mercy Sunday

Frances Kasun (Steve & Robyn Kasun)

Cathedral Mass Intentions

April 20, Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

8:00 AM +Parishioners and Benefactors

10:00 AM +Parishioners and Benefactors

5:00 PM NO EVENING MASS

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

April 21, Monday within the Octave of Easter

12:00 PM +Rita Kibler (Emma & Paul Kowalski)

April 22, Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

12:00 PM +Donnie Rabine, Anniv. (Family)

7:00 PM Confirmation

April 23, Wednesday within the Octave of Easter

12:00 PM +Terry Smith (Randy & Jean Koury)

April 24, Thursday within the Octave of Easter

12:00 PM +Theresa Karcz (Family)

April 25, Friday within the Octave of Easter

12:00 PM Special Intention Jay & Lisa Koch
(McLucas & O'Connor Families)

April 26, Saturday within the Octave of Easter

12:00 PM Charlotte McCall (Greg & Karen Querry)

Vigil: Second Sunday of Easter

5:30 PM +Diane Johnston, Birth. (Mom & Family)

April 27, Second Sunday of Easter/ Divine Mercy Sunday

8:00 AM +Deceased Members of the Seymour & Farber
Families (Family)

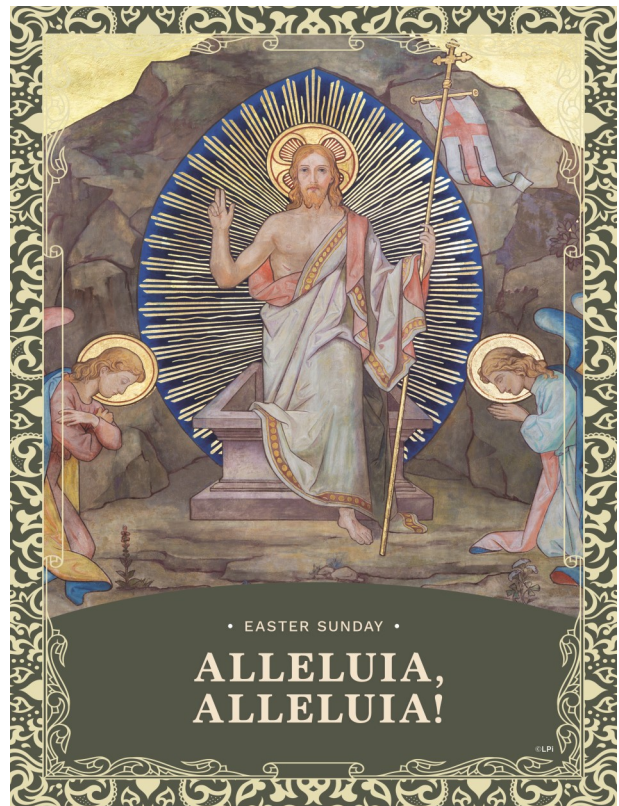
10:00 AM +Patrick Miller (George & Polly Cardone)

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.



Easter Sunday crowns the Triduum celebration and begins a new period within the liturgical year. Easter Sunday is the pattern and purpose for all other Sunday celebrations of the year and begins a time of reflecting on how followers of Jesus came to receive and understand his resurrection from the dead.

Every Sunday of the year is a commemoration of our Lord's victory over sin and death. As we celebrate the fifty days of the Easter Season, may you and those who love come to experience more deeply the peace and joy of being a disciple of Jesus. Enlivened by the Holy Spirit dwelling with us, we are called to live as witnesses of the Risen Lord.

Happy Easter, Msgr. Stan Carson

Thank You Very Much

Your prayers, volunteerism, and financial support are deeply appreciated. The contributions for April 13, were \$1,410. 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, 5 donations amounting to \$1,360 has been received or 13% of our goal. Thank you.

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.

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC – BENEATH THE SURFACE

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Mini Reflection: Everybody’s trying to find God. They may not admit it. They may not even know it. But the search defines them, and it defines us.

The Search

Everybody’s trying to find God. They may not admit it. They may not even know it. They may talk around it, shy away from saying the name, both to others and to themselves: God. But I know for a fact that every person who was ever born into this world spent their lives searching for Him - somewhere, somehow, even if the only place they thought to look was in money or drugs.

It’s a comforting fact, really — a reminder of how alike we all are. Catholic, Jewish, Muslim, atheist, rich, poor, Black, white. When it comes right down to it, the history of humanity is a never-ending Easter morning scene that plays in perpetuity. The sorrow, the shock, the confusion. Again and again, as each newborn baby opens his eyes, the search begins anew. Where did he go? What has happened? Where can I find him?

Catechesis isn’t enough. Even those who learn about Jesus Christ, who accept his word, hang hesitantly outside the tomb, afraid to go in. Jesus’ best friend — the disciple whom he loved — ran faster than Peter, so desperate he was to find his Lord. But when he got to the tomb and saw it empty, he got spooked. He froze.

Sometimes, we expect God to be right where we left Him — in a certain parish, with a certain priest, in a certain relationship, at a certain job. We show up, and we’re heartbroken to see that our expectations have been turned upside down. He’s left us, we think dejectedly, but we’re wrong.

There is no one who has been abandoned by God. There are only those who stop looking for Him.

Don’t let the empty tombs define you. It’s the search that defines you.

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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

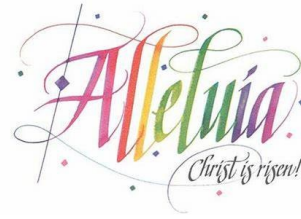
April 21, 2019
Easter Sunday

This Easter, in churches all over the world, people will be fully initiated in the Catholic Church. Those who have come from another Christian denomination have already begun their journey with Jesus Christ. But for those who are baptized at the Easter Vigil, a new reality has come to pass. Each newly baptized man, woman, and child have become new creations in Jesus Christ. They have died and risen with the one who rose on the third day and whose empty tomb we celebrate every Easter. Easter Sunday morning, they awake after many months of RCIA and all have the same question before them: "Now what?"

When one finds themselves having journeyed through various thresholds of conversion and now they bear the name of Christian, the time comes to chart the course of life as a disciple. Stewardship is that course of life. How one lives out their life from now on is the life of stewardship. The less one understands true stewardship and the value of their gifts and talents to the Body of Christ, the harder the journey.

Those of us who were baptized many years ago can easily fall into a false sense of comfort. We forget that sense of excitement those coming into the Church experience at the Easter Vigil. However, the story of that empty tomb reminds us of the power behind our baptism. Today, we, too, are called to discipleship and a stewardship way of life. Jesus continues to provide the answer to our, "Now what?"

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



Discernment

Question:

How do I discern if a call to do something big is really from God?

Answer:

Each day we face plenty of decisions about following God: whether or not to pray, how to treat people, and how to prioritize our time. Sometimes there can be something much more significant we discern: a vocational call, a promotion at work that requires a move, or a new ministry position at church. In addition to a pro-con list or a cost-benefit analysis, here are a few things to prayerfully consider and to talk over with trusted individuals.

Does it conform to God's will revealed in the Church? God doesn't call us to do something that contradicts the moral law. *Will it encourage spiritual growth?* Sometimes we need to choose between multiple good options. Consider the personal impact on you and others you are responsible for, like family. Other times we might be invited to do good for others, but when we assess our other life commitments, we see that saying yes to this would actually impede our prior responsibilities in the long run. *Does the call seem consistent?* This isn't to say that God won't do something new. Even so, consider if the call is consistent with your gifts and abilities. Can you see a "through-line" so to speak, with how your experiences have led you to this point? *Do others confirm it?* Share your reflections with trusted, insightful confidantes. Have they seen the same things you have, or are they bringing up new points to consider? Humbly add their relevant points to your considerations. *Don't forget your gut.* After you've carefully considered everything in your mind, don't neglect your instincts. Does your heart say yes or no?