

Second Sunday of Easter/Divine Mercy Sunday

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 27, Second Sunday of Easter/Divine Mercy Sunday

Frances Kasun (Steve & Robyn Kasun)

May 4, Third Sunday of Easter

Kate Starr (George & Heidi Kopcik)

Cathedral Mass Intentions

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

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

5:00 PM Deceased Parishioners

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

April 28, Monday, St. Peter Chanel, Priest & Martyr

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

April 29, St. Catherine of Siena, V. & Dr.

12:00 PM +Lavelle Family (Phyllis Lavelle Sheetz)

7:00 PM Confirmation

April 30, Wednesday, St. Pius, V, Pope

12:00 PM +Dr. Dennis Flynn (Wife, Betsy)

May 1, Thursday, St. Joseph the Worker

12:00 PM +Linda Cacciotto, Wed. Anniv. (Carl & Family)

May 2, Friday, St. Athanasius, Bp. & Dr.

12:00 PM +Geraldine & Fred Petrunak, Wed. Anniv. (Family)

May 3, Saturday, Sts. Phillip & James, Apostles

12:00 PM +Hannah Wilkens (Richard & Nanci Hall)

Vigil: Third Sunday of Easter

5:00 PM +Dave Root (Friends)

May 4, Third Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM +Jane Lutz (Bear & Patty McCloskey)

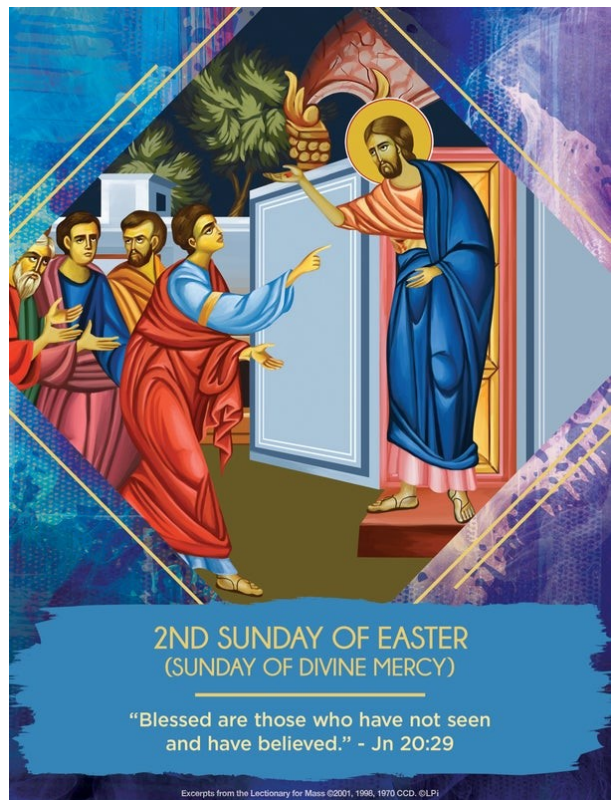
10:00 AM +Etta Pastore (Family)

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 has been lit in memory of Lori Krug. During the month of May, it is being lit in memory of Kate Starr by her husband, children, and grandchildren. Thank you.



Easter Sunday crowned the Triduum celebration and began 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 27, were \$980. Thank you.





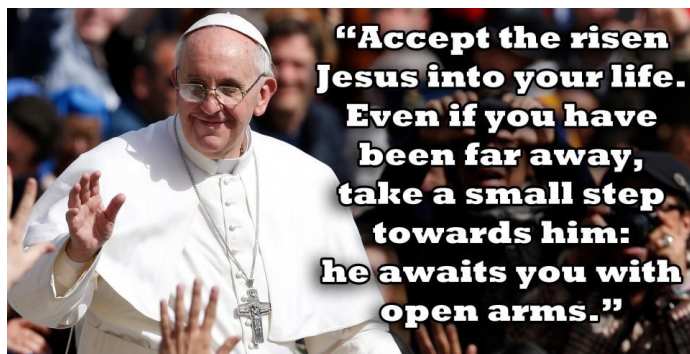
Catholic Ministries Drive

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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.

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, 6 donations amounting to \$1,610 has been received or 16% of our goal. Thank you.

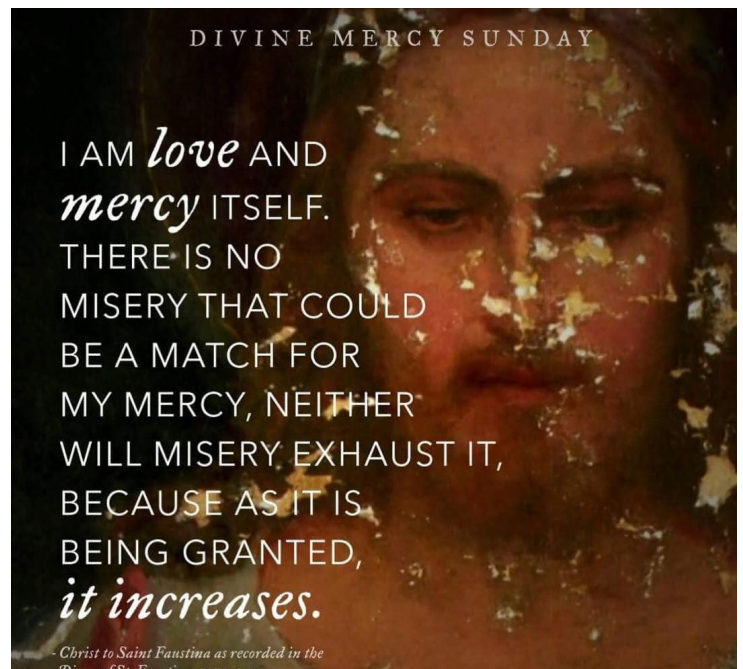


This year's Baby Bottle Campaign for Precious Life, Inc. begins on Mother's Day, May 11, and continues until Father's Day, June 15. Please be supportive.



You are invited to join Bishop Mark as he celebrates a Memorial Mass for the repose of the soul of Pope Francis on Monday, April 28, at Noon.

We pray that Pope Francis, called to the heavenly kingdom by the Lord, may rejoice forever at the banquet table of heaven.



GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIP- TURE

April 27, 2025

2nd Sunday of Easter: John 20:19-31

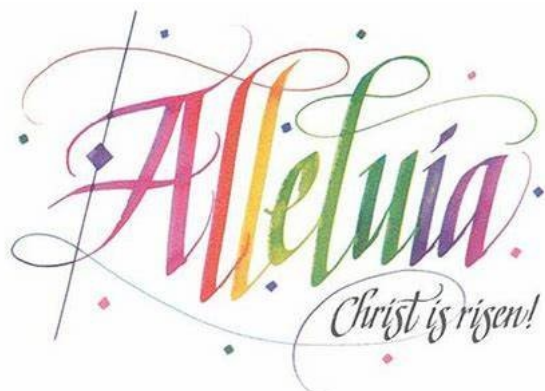
It's common for Catholics to hear the question, "Why do I have to go to a priest to have my sins forgiven?" I've never liked that question because not only is it clunky (confession is the ordinary way for the pardoning of serious sins, not lesser ones). But it misses the larger context: the wonderful origins of the sacrament itself. And this context is deeply Jewish.

Ancient Jews associated forgiveness of sins with priests offering sacrifices in the Jerusalem temple. It was a solemn, public, and tangible way to access God's mercy. So when the risen Jesus breathes on the Apostles and says, "Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained" (John 20:23), the upshot is remarkable: he is the new temple and his Apostles are the new priests. Jerusalem is no longer the place to find forgiveness from sin. Jesus' body, the Church, is.

So why should we go to the Sacrament of Confession? For the same reason ancient Jews went to the temple in Jerusalem: to experience the intimacy, joy, and life-giving power of God's eternal forgiveness.

— Father John Muir

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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

The World Is Watching

If you're a parent, you know this to be true: the world is watching. All it takes is one slip-up — one bad word, one selfish action, one uncharitable commentary, and that's the thing your child seems to notice.

When he or she calls you on it, the only thing you can do is come clean. "Yep, I did that," you have to say. "I'm a work in progress, but luckily, God never stops working."

I think it's fair to say that we don't think enough about the wounds of Christ. It's a little understandable, of course. Our human bodies flinch at the sight of such pain and mortification. It's a lot to handle, the physical trauma of a crucifixion. It carries an R rating in a PG world.

But the wounds of Christ are the only thing that could make Thomas believe. Literally nothing else was so powerful, not even the testimony of his most trusted friends. Only by looking at and feeling the torn flesh — by beholding that messy reality — did this Apostle, this actual companion of Christ, come to believe in the Resurrection.

"Christ has no body now but yours," goes the famous quote attributed to St. Teresa of Avila. What she's saying is that we have become the means through which God chooses to accomplish His will in the world. Us, the broken. Us, the weary. Us, the imperfect. Yes, miraculous events and apparitions still occur from time to time, but by and large, if a person is going to come to believe in Jesus Christ in this day and age, it will be because of something we Christians do or say.

Christ has no wounds now but ours. Our brokenness, our weariness, our imperfection — our reality. It all belongs to him, and the world is watching.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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