

# TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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August 29th  
The Passion of St. John The Baptist

**Our Lady of Fatima Parish**  
**2010 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue**

[www.ourladyoffatimaaltoona.com](http://www.ourladyoffatimaaltoona.com)  
Rectory Office Hours:

**Monday – Friday 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM**  
**Parish Office: 814-942-0371**

## Our Lady of Fatima Mass Schedule

**Sunday: 10:30 AM - Holy Days: 6:00PM**  
**Rosary: 10:05 AM - Rosary: 5:40 PM**

**Our Lady of Fatima Parish Administrator**  
Reverend Monsignor Robert C. Mazur

**Parish Secretary**  
Carol Z. Smith

**Secretary's Assistant**  
Ellen Kelly

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

Our Lady of Fatima Church is open  
Monday through Friday: 9AM - 6PM  
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. 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.

**Our Lady of Fatima**  
Pleaded that we pray the Holy Rosary  
before Sunday Mass and  
privately from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm daily.



**August 27, 2017**

"Whatever you bind on earth  
shall be bound in heaven;  
and whatever you loose on earth  
shall be loosed in heaven."

— Matthew 16:19

**Cathedral Church Office: 814-944-4603**

**One Cathedral Square**

**Most Reverend Mark L. Bartchak, Bishop**

**Reverend Monsignor Robert C. Mazur, Rector**

**Rev. Father Dennis M. Kurdziel, Parochial Vicar**  
Christian Initiation Team: 944-4603  
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**Mail Ministry to Elderly, Homebound, Seriously Sick  
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**Directors of Religious Education:**

Chris Laraia – Pre-K thru 8 - 312-7317

Jean Koury – 9 thru 12 – 949-2777

**Religious Education Office: Sundays – 943-7424**

**Director of Music Ministry**

Leslie C. Thayer, MM, CAGO

Music Ministry Office - 944-2044

E-Mail: [ltaylor@dioceseaj.org](mailto:ltaylor@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: 6:45 AM**

8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM
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10:00 AM	12:00 Noon	12:00 Noon
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12:00 Noon	5:30 PM	Saturday : 8:00 AM
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## **Martyrdom of John the Baptist**

**AUGUST 29, 2017**

*The Church, having celebrated the earthly birthday of St. John the Baptist on June 24, today honors the anniversary of his martyrdom. Besides our Lord and our Lady, St. John the Baptist is the only one whose birth and death are thus celebrated. Today's Gospel relates the circumstances of his execution. He had the courage to blame Herod to his face for the scandal of his illegal union with his sister-in-law Herodias, whose husband was still alive. Herodias contrived to make Herod imprison him and took advantage of an unexpected opportunity to obtain through her daughter Salome the beheading of the saint.*

*In addition to the feast of the nativity of St. John the Baptist (June 24), the Church, since the fourth century, commemorates the martyrdom of Christ's precursor. According to the Roman Martyrology, this day marks "the second finding of his most venerable head." The body of the saint was buried in Samaria. In the year 362 pagans desecrated the grave and burned his remains. Only a small portion of his relics were able to be saved by monks and sent to St. Athanasius at Alexandria. The head of the saint is venerated at various places. That in the Church of St. Sylvester in Rome belongs to a martyr-priest John. Also in the Dominican church at Breslau the Baptist's head is honored.*

*Excerpted from The Church's Year of Grace, Pius Parsch*

*There is no doubt that blessed John suffered imprisonment and chains as a witness to our Redeemer, whose forerunner he was, and gave his life for him. His persecutor had demanded not that he should deny Christ, but only that he should keep silent about the truth. Nevertheless, he died for Christ. Does Christ not say: "I am the truth"? Therefore, because John shed his blood for the truth, he surely died for Christ.*

*Through his birth, preaching and baptizing, he bore witness to the coming birth, preaching and baptism of Christ, and by his own suffering he showed that Christ also would suffer.*

*Such was the quality and strength of the man who accepted the end of this present life by shedding his blood after the long imprisonment. He preached the freedom of heavenly peace, yet was thrown into irons by ungodly men. He was locked away in the darkness of prison, though he came bearing witness to the Light of life and deserved to be called a bright and shining lamp by that Light itself, which is Christ.*

*To endure temporal agonies for the sake of the truth was not a heavy burden for such men as John; rather it was easily borne and even desirable, for he knew eternal joy would be his reward.*

*Since death was ever near at hand, such men considered it a blessing to embrace it and thus gain the reward of eternal life by acknowledging Christ's name. Hence the apostle Paul rightly says: "You have been granted the privilege not only to believe in Christ but also to suffer for his sake." He tells us why it is Christ's gift that his chosen ones should suffer for him: "The sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed in us."*

-Saint Bede the Venerable

## **IMPRESSIONABLE**

*When we try to make an impression, that's exactly the impression we make.*

—Anonymous

## **HAPPY PEOPLE**

*The happiest people don't necessarily have the best of everything. They just make the best of everything.*

—Anonymous

## **ONLY ONE**

*God loves each of us as if there were only one of us.*

—St. Augustine

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
AUGUST 27, 2017  
10:30 AM

**OUR LADY OF FATIMA MASS INTENTIONS**

Readings : 121: Is 22:19-23, Rom 11:33-36, Mt 16:13-20  
\*Today's Intention = Carol Riley

Readings: Jer 20:7-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27

September 3rd, Twenty-Second Sunday in OT

\*Mary Durkin, Greg and Jim Hosgood

**CATHEDRAL MASS INTENTIONS**

**August 28, Monday: Saint Augustine, Bishop, Doctor**

Readings: 1 Thes 1:1-5,8-10; Mt 23:13-22  
6:45 AM Denver C. Schenk,Jr. (Peter & Barb Rossi)  
8:00 AM Louise Mincin, Birth (Daughter, Susan)  
12:00 PM Laura Maialo (Diana Fanale)

**August 29, Tuesday: Passion of Saint John the Baptist**

Readings: 1 Thes 2:1-8; Mk 6:17-29  
6:45 AM Erin Conrad Luciano (Pat Rhoa)  
8:00 AM Vocations (Rita and Gerry Kibler)  
12:00 PM Moose Plutko (Marie Crocetti)

**August 30, Wednesday: Weekday**

Readings: 1 Thes 2:9-13; Mt 23:27-32  
6:45 AM Joe Tomlinson (Tom and Patricia Forr)  
**\*8:00 AM Jerry Smith (Chet and Barbara Kowalski)**  
12:00 PM Genevieve Moloney, Birthday (Family)

**August 31, Thursday: Weekday**

Readings: 1 Thes 3:7-13; Mt 24:42-51  
6:45 AM M. Virginia Jones (Christian Mothers)  
**\*8:00 AM David Riley (Family)**  
12:00 PM Deacon John Rys (Eddie & Lois Simanski)

**September 1, Friday: Weekday**

Readings: 1 Thes 4:1-8; Mt 25:1-13  
6:45 AM Deceased Relatives of Sisters IHM  
8:00 AM LeRoy & Peg Helfrich, Wed. Ann. (Family)  
12:00 PM Kathleen Prendergast (Niece, Kathy Grove)

**September 2, Saturday: Weekday**

Readings: 1 Thes 4:9-11; Mt 25:14-30  
8:00 AM Patrick Hallinan (Family)  
12:00 PM Marcella Kaplonski, Anniversary (Friends)

**Vigil: Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Readings: Jer 20:7-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27  
5:00 PM Kathleen Duffy, Anniv. (Husband, Jack)

*Remember Our Sick and Dying in your prayers.*

*Jesus, Son of the Living Father,  
Have Mercy on Me, A Sinner*

*Our Lady of Fatima asks us to:  
"Pray the Rosary daily for Peace."*

AUGUST 27, 2017  
Scripture Reflection

All three Synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark, and Luke) contain the confession of Peter that Jesus is the Messiah. But in today's Gospel Matthew makes significant additions. He adds Jeremiah to the list of persons that popular opinion identified with Jesus. "I, like a trusting lamb led to the slaughter, had not realized that they were hatching plots against me" (Jeremiah 12:19). More importantly, Matthew adds reflections concerning Jesus' reaction to Peter's confession, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God". Jesus blesses Simon stressing that flesh and blood had not revealed this knowledge, but the heavenly Father.

This week's Gospel reading is a complicated theological dialogue that requires some explanation. The setting, Caesarea Philippi, was a Greek colony in northern Galilee. Next to the city was a shrine called the Panion, dedicated to the Greek god, Pan. The shrine was popular with the Greco-Roman settlers of Palestine, not least because its surroundings roared with springs and were heavily wooded. The Panion provided a refreshing place to rest for travelers on the busy highway nearby. It is easy to imagine Jesus and his disciples pausing there.

The "Son of Man" referred to in the Gospel was a mighty warrior many believed to be coming soon. The title comes from Daniel 7:13-14, which prophesies a mysterious being who looks 'like a son of a man'. Speculation centered on Elijah, but as Peter notes, some suggested other prophets instead. Peter's faith is strong enough to profess, "You are the Christ, the son of the living God!"

Who do you say that Jesus is? Certain questions change lives, depending on our answer: "Do you take this person to be your husband/wife?" "Do you want this job?" "Can you forgive me?" The question Jesus asks today is one that certainly changes lives. Our response is not simply an academic exercise, a matter of knowing the right answer we learned from a book. Our answer must lead to a commitment that is to be lived out each day.

- How do you in your daily living proclaim that Jesus is the Messiah, the Christ?

Living The Word, World Library Publications, 2007, pg. 163;  
2010, pg. 160. America Magazine, August 11, 2017, "You Are The One" Michael R. Simone, S.J.

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**Liturgical Reflection...**

*Following the blessing and giving of rings, a hymn or canticle of praise may be sung by the whole community. The Celebration of Matrimony concludes with the Universal Prayer. The ritual offers two options. In the absence of the deacon, the couple may choose someone to pray these intercessions. Also, the couple may create their own intercessions along with the suggested petitions in the rite. Perhaps there are family members or friends who are sick or in the military, or any need that invites prayer could be added to the Universal Prayer. The priest gives the invitation to prayer and prays the closing to the General Intercessions.*

*Order of Celebrating Matrimony, Numbers 69, 103A, 135, and 216-217.*

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**August 27      Mt. 16:13-20**

*Jesus put Peter in charge of the Church and expected him to be a leader even though he was imperfect. Every parent is imperfect but Jesus expects us to lead our family despite our personal faults. Imperfection is not an excuse to neglect our role. It is our challenge.*

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**21st Sunday in Ordinary Time (August 27)**

*Christian stewards come to see everything in their midst as awesome gifts. May you use these gifts "through Him and for Him" to build up the kingdom of God on earth.*

**BOSCOV'S, 25 % OFF SHOPPING PASS...**

*Entitles you to 25% off your purchases Tuesday, October 17th only, from 9AM -11 PM . Cost is \$5.00 each. Entire donation benefits Our Lady of Fatima Parish. Plus Free Refreshments and Register To Win Prizes, including three \$500 Shopping Spree. Please fill out the stub on the back of the pass and place in the "FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS BALLOT BOX" to be eligible to win prizes. Please buy your pass early and from our parish. See Paul or call the rectory 942-0371.*

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**AUGUST 2017 Contributions**

Aug.20, 2017	Env Used	55 /150
Weekly		1276.25
Cmas Club		0
Votives		108.00
Children's		4.00
Shrine		0
Music		0
Heat & Fuel		0
Assumption		309.00
Total Dep		1677.25

**2017 Catholic Ministries Drive**

*As you can see, we are at less than \$3,000 of our shortfall. WE can make this goal! Please pray about giving and give what you can!*

**2017 Catholic Ministries Drive**

Goal	\$10973.
Pledged to date	8225.
Short fall	\$2748.
25% participation	



09/05 Patty & Joe Pufka



09/01 Corrine Baker

09/03 Joe Pufka

09/04 John Kasun, Jr.

09/04 Locklyn Keagy

09/05 Janice Frucella

*The Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Altoona is conducting tours during the month of September. This is the month in which the Cathedral was formally dedicated in 1931. Parishes and groups from throughout the Diocese are invited to come for a one-hour guided tour. Plan to take part in one of these tours during September. Our Lady of Fatima will go as a group on Sunday, Sept 17th at 1:00 PM. Please call the Parish Office, 942-0371 to sign up to attend with the OLF group.*

**HOAGIE SALE—Pickup is Sept. 27th. See signup sheets in the pews.**



**Nocturnal Adoration**

**Friday, September 1, @ The Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament.**

**8-11 PM**

**We are in Group 2, our designated time is 8-9PM**

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OUR LADY URGES US TO PRAY AND OFFER SACRIFICES  
BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE!

## OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH

*is commemorating the*

*Centennial of the Apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima  
by scheduling*

*Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction  
for two (2) hours  
on the following dates of the original Apparitions:*

*Wednesday, September 13th, and*  
*Friday, October 13th.*

*Holy Hours are from 6 to 8 PM.*

*Each holy hour will start with praying of the rosary for Peace in the World as Our Lady  
originally requested and the time in between will be spent in quiet meditation.  
All are Welcome!*