

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Twenty-First Sunday in O.T.
August 26, 2018

As for me and my household,
we will serve the LORD.

— Joshua 24:15b

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.

Our Lady of Fatima Parish
2010 12th Avenue

www.ourladyoffatimaaltoona.org
Rector 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

**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
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Cathedral Church Office: 814-944-4603

One Cathedral Square

Most Reverend Mark L. Bartchak, Bishop

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Director of Music Ministry

Leslie C. Thayer, MM, CAGO

Music Ministry Office - 944-2044

E-Mail: ltaylor@dioceseaj.org

**Reconciliation @ Cathedral: 7:00 PM Wednesday
12:30 PM Saturday**

Religious Education @ Cathedral: Pre-K through 11

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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

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10:00 AM

12:00 Noon

5:00 PM

8:00 AM

12:00 Noon

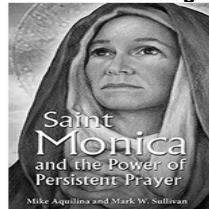
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12:00 Noon

Saturday : 8:00 AM

12:00 Noon

St. Monica Feast Aug 27th



St. Monica, mother of St. Augustine, feast day Aug. 27

On Aug. 27, one day before the feast of her son St. Augustine, the Church honors St. Monica, whose holy example and fervent intercession led to one of the most dramatic conversions in Church history.

Monica was born into a Catholic family in 332, in the North African city of Tagaste (located in present-day Algeria). She was raised by a maid servant who taught her the virtues of obedience and temperance. While still relatively young, she married Patricius, a Roman civil servant with a bad temper and a disdain for his wife's religion.

Monica dealt patiently with his distressing behavior, which included infidelity to their marriage vows. But she experienced a greater grief when he would not allow their three children – Augustine, Nagivius and Perpetua – to be baptized. When Augustine, the oldest, became sick and was in danger of death, Patricius gave consent for his baptism, but withdrew it when he recovered.

Monica's long-suffering patience and prayers eventually helped Patricius to see the error of his ways, and he was baptized into the Church one year before his death in 371. Her oldest son, however, soon embraced a way of life that brought her further grief, as he fathered a child out of wedlock in 372. One year later, he began to practice the occult religion of Manichaeism.

In her distress and grief, Monica initially shunned her oldest son. However, she experienced a mysterious dream that strengthened her hope for Augustine's soul, in which a messenger assured her: "Your son is with you." After this experience, which took place around 377, she allowed him back into her home and continued to beg God for his conversion.

But that would not take place for another nine years. In the meantime, Monica sought the advice of local clergy, wondering what they might do to persuade her son away from the Manichean heresy. One bishop, who had once belonged to that sect himself, assured Monica that it was "impossible that the son of such tears should perish."

These tears and prayers intensified when Augustine, at 29, abandoned Monica without warning as she passed the night praying in a chapel. Without saying goodbye to his mother, Augustine boarded a ship bound for Rome. Yet even this painful event would serve God's greater purpose, as Augustine left to become a teacher in the place where he was destined to become a Catholic.

Under the influence of the bishop St. Ambrose of Milan, Augustine renounced the teaching of the Manichees around 384. Monica followed her son to Milan and drew encouragement from her son's growing interest in the saintly bishop's preaching. After three years of struggle against his own desires and perplexities, Augustine succumbed to God's grace and was baptized in 387.

Shortly before her death, Monica shared a profound mystical experience of God with Augustine, who chronicled the event in his "Confessions." Finally, she told him: "Son, for myself I have no longer any pleasure in anything in this life. Now that my hopes in this world are satisfied, I do not know what more I want here or why I am here."

"The only thing I ask of you both," she told Augustine and his brother Nagivius, "is that you make remembrance of me at the altar of the Lord wherever you are."

St. Monica died at age 56, in the year 387.

Augustine recounted her in his Confessions: "I will not speak of her gifts, but of Thy gift in her; for she neither made herself nor trained herself. Thou didst create her, and neither her father nor mother knew what kind of being was to come forth from them. And it was the rod of Thy Christ, the discipline of Thy only Son, that trained her in Thy fear, in the house of one of Thy faithful ones who was a sound member of Thy Church."

St. Monica is the patroness of abuse victims, alcoholics, difficult marriages, disappointing children, homemakers, married women, mothers, victims of adultery, victims of verbal abuse, widows and wives. She has also become the inspiration for the St. Monica Sodality, which encourages prayer and penance among Catholics whose children have left the faith.

The St. Monica Sodality began at St. John Cantius Church of Chicago in 1995. The Sodality's purpose is to pray for a return to Catholic unity and provide prayerful support for those who have experienced the loss of faith of a loved one. For more, go online to www.cantius.org/go/organizations/category/st_monica_sodality.

August 26, 2018
TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
10:30 AM

OUR LADY OF FATIMA MASS INTENTIONS

Readings: Jos. 24:1-2, 15-18; Eph 5:21-32; Jn 6:60-69
*Today's Intention - Vanessa Burr

Readings: Dt 4:1-2,6-8; Jas 1:17-18,21-22,27; Mk 7:1-8,14-15,21-23
*Sunday September 2nd, Ron Geis, B/day, Ann., Family

Cathedral Mass Intentions

August 27, Monday: Saint Monica

Readings: 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12; Mt 23:13-22
6:45 AM Nancy Sassana Mignogna (Estate)
8:00 AM Julianne Seidel (Ann Gates)
12:00 PM Christina Flanagan (Pat Byrne & Family)

August 28, Tuesday: Saint Augustine, Bishop & Doctor

Readings: 2 Thes 2:1-3, 14-17; Mt 23:23-26
6:45 AM Charles Brady (Paul and Kathy Vincent)
8:00 AM Lewis Mincin, Birthday (Daughter Susan)
12:00 PM Thomas and Mary Irwin (Irwin Family)

August 29, Wednesday: Passion of Saint John the Baptist

Readings: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18; Mk 6:17-29
6:45 AM Betty Ann Jenkins (Fran & Chrissy Dambeck)
8:00 AM David Conrad (Joan and Bob Conrad)
12:00 PM Bernadine Garcia, Birth. (Sisters, Mary & Kate)

August 30, Thursday: Weekday

Readings: 1 Cor 1:1-9; Mt 24:42-51
6:45 AM Joseph Mangiacarne (Dan & Ann Costlow)
8:00 AM Billie Baker (John and Anita Jubas)
12:00 PM Genevieve Moloney, Birth (Madeline Vogel Fam)

August 31, Friday: Weekday

Readings: 1 Cor 1:17-25; Mt 25:1-13
6:45 AM Joe Tomlinson (Jay and Amy Labriola)
8:00 AM Mike Chisko (Family)
12:00 PM Pat Rabine (Madeline Vogel Family)

September 1, Saturday: Weekday, Blessed Virgin Mary

Readings: 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 25:14-30
8:00 AM Patrick Hallinan (Family)
12:00 PM Barbara Byers (Adam and Jean Thur)

Vigil: Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Dt 4:1-2,6-8; Jas 1:17-18,21-22,27; Mk 7:1-8,14-15,21-23
5:00 PM William R. Seymour (Diana & Clarence Seymour)

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

*Please keep the sick folks of the parish in your
prayers!*

August 26, 2018
Scripture Reflection

In life we face many important choices, and today's readings illustrate some of them. In the Letter to the Ephesians, Paul speaks about the foundational choice man and woman make when they commit themselves totally to each other: "and the two shall become one flesh." In their self-sacrificing love for each other in marriage, we glimpse the depths of Christ's self-sacrificing love for the Church.

The Book of Joshua presents the foundational choice the people of Israel face on entering the Promised Land: "Decide today whom you will serve, the gods your fathers served beyond the River of the gods or the gods of the Amorites?" Memories of God's faithful love, mercy, and care influence their decision. "Therefore, we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God." The people renew themselves to the covenant relationship with God.

At the conclusion to the Bread of Life discourse, Jesus asks his followers to make their foundational choice for or against him. So many were shocked by Jesus' words and walked away when he identified himself as the "Bread that come down from heaven" and then went further by adding "unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood you have no life in you." So Jesus asked his own disciples if they too wished to leave. As usual, Peter replies on behalf of the others, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life."

- Can you remember a time in your life when you felt abandoned by God? Were you able to say as Peter, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of life."*

2018 Catholic Ministries Drive (Goal = 9602, Cash received = 9472, To reach Goal = 100)

Adult Enrichment

To become once again a Church driven by evangelical momentum and audacity, we must again become faithful and evangelized disciples. —Pope Francis

Formation in the faith is a lifelong pursuit, both the duty and the joy of the Christian life. The Office of Adult Enrichment and Lay Ecclesial Ministry has announced classes for 2018-2019 which begin this fall. For class information and registration forms please visit us online at www.dioceseaj.org/lay-ecclesial-ministry/ or contact us directly at (814) 361-2000 or by email at mheinze@dioceseaj.org. All are welcome!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS... This is the weekend to sign up!!!!

Registration weekend will be held in the Seton Suite before and after all Masses on August 25/26. All new and returning students must be registered before the first class on Sept 9th.

FIRE: Sunday afternoon time changed to 2-4 PM. Parent meetings scheduled for Sunday, Sept 9, 2018. 9th Grade after 10:00 am Mass; 10th Grade after noon Mass; 11th grade after 5:00 PM Mass.

<p>PROPER BURIAL OF THE BODY AND CREMATED REMAINS</p>	<p><i>Liturgical Reflection</i></p> <p><i>The faithful departed remain part of the Church, made up of the living and the dead. The reservation of the ashes of the departed in a sacred place ensures that they are not excluded from the prayers and remembrance of their family or the Christian community. It prevents the faithful departed from being forgotten or their remains from being shown a lack of respect when the immediate subsequent generations have too passed away. Tombs are holy places respecting the dignity of deceased Christians.</i></p> <p><i>Instruction, Ad resurgendum cum Christo , Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, 2016, Number 5.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">2018, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 S. Logan Blvd., Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania 16648</p>
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	<p><i>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. Please call your Parish Office for further information.</i></p> <p>Tuesday, September 11th at 7:00 PM Tuesday, September 25th at 7:00 PM</p> <p>Sunday, September 16th at 1:00 PM Sunday, September 30th at 1:00 PM</p>
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**"SATURDAY, Sept.8, 2018"- St. Catherine of Siena Church/Shrine
BIRTH OF MARY CELEBRATION (37th)
Duncansville, PA Old Route#22**

**Theme of Displays - Requests of our Lady at Fatima!
MASS IN CHURCH-7:45a.m. and 12:00 noon Celebrant: Msgr. Robert Saly.
CONTINUOUS ROSARY-8:30a.m. to 4:30p.m.
5:00P.M.-SHRINE MASS, PROCESSION
CELEBRANT/HOMILIST-Fr. Richard Davis, TOR**

**Minister Provincial, St. Francis Friary, Loretto, PA
Sandwiches, Soup, Salads, Desserts – available 11 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time (September 30)

In today's Gospel we hear Jesus reminds us that nothing is more important than entering the reign of God. According to the U.S. bishops' stewardship pastoral letter of 1992, "mature disciples make a conscious decision to follow Jesus, no matter what the cost."

August 26 John 6:60-69

Even though many found the teachings of Jesus "difficult," He did not back down. In our families it is important to say what is difficult to hear, to speak the truth with kindness, to correct with love and guide with understanding.

Columbus Day celebration in conjunction with a time of prayer. The affair will be held at the St. Michael the Archangel Basilica in Loretto, Pa on October 7, 2018. Rosary will be recited at 1:45 PM, and Bishop Bartchak will celebrate Mass at 2:00 PM. Immediately following Mass a dinner will be held in the Community Hall. Knights along with their family members, friends and all parishioners are invited to this social celebration Cost of the dinner is \$15.00 Adults and \$7.50 Children 12 yrs and younger. Reservation must be in advance! No money transaction at the evening of the banquet. Please submit individual names for name tags (not M/M), along with your check to: Wm. Stasko, CPA; 8 Entrance Drive, Johnstown, Pa 15905



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August 26, 2018

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

HOUSEHOLDS IN GOD'S SERVICE

In the ancient world, “household” was a wide-reaching concept. When Joshua today speaks of his household serving the Lord, he meant not just those people who lived inside his walls or those related to him by blood or marriage; he meant slaves or servants and their families, and anyone indebted to him in any way. Even his livestock and other possessions would be consecrated to service of God. In our world, we value allowing individuals their freedom to choose how they live, and wouldn’t think of offering our pets to the service of God. But, as we discern our vocation as disciples baptized into Christ, we can come to realize how far-ranging the “households” of our lives still are: how we act toward our spouses, children, roommates or anyone we live with; our behavior with neighbors; or in public as we encounter many “strangers” every day in stores or traffic who suddenly are “next door” to us. How can we use our time, our resources, or gifts for selfless reasons rather than personal gain? No matter what life our witness to the Good News calls us to, we all have a “household” that must be consecrated to service of the Lord our God.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

This is the height of vacation season, but as anyone who has ever been to Rome in the summer knows, no time to visit there! The city is sweltering, and in a pre-air-conditioned world long ago, Romans figured out that they needed a break in the surrounding hills. Even the pope clears out. His destination is usually Castelgandolfo, a lovely little hill town southeast of Rome, overlooking a tranquil lake. It has been a papal possession since about 1600, and in 1929, when most of the papal states were finally lost, the papal dwelling was given “extraterritorial rights,” meaning that it is an extension of Vatican City and not under Italian rule. The Vatican observatory maintained telescopes here for decades, far from the glare of the city lights of Rome, but although the observatory offices remain here year round, the telescopes are in Arizona. Pope Francis spends less time here than his predecessors, though he still slows down the pace of his work in Rome.

Vacations can help us visit friends and relatives, and revive those human contacts that the pace of our lives keeps us from cultivating. The pope needs a break, and so do you. Vacation comes from a word meaning to empty oneself. There’s still time to clear the calendar for at least one golden summer day even if you don’t have a personal castle in the hills!

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TRUST

I may trust Jesus too little, but I can never trust him too much.

—Anonymous

OCCUPANCY

The value of life does not depend upon the place we occupy. It depends upon the way we occupy that place.

—St. Thérèse of Lisieux

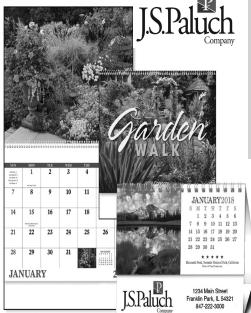


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PEACE AND OFFER
SACRIFICES BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE!**

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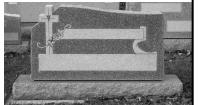
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