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Eighteenth Sunday in O. T.
Aug. 4, 2019

Teach us to number our days
aright,
that we may gain wisdom
of heart.
— Psalm 90:12

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.

Tuesday, August 6



Our Lady of Fatima Parish
2010 12th Avenue
www.ourladyoffatimaaltoona.org
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: 6:00 PM
Rosary: 10:05 AM - Rosary: 5:40 PM

Our Lady of Fatima Parish Administrator
Very Reverend Alan E. Thomas, VG
Parish Secretary
Carol Z. Smith

Eucharist for the home bound - weekly:
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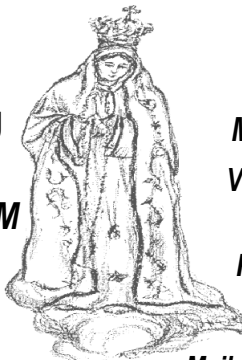
Our Lady of Fatima Church is open
Monday through Friday: 9AM - 5PM
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Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals will be held
at Our Lady of Fatima.

Preparation for Baptism, and Weddings will be held at
the Cathedral. 944-4603

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Parishioners wishing to receive the sacrament of
healing may call the Cathedral Parish Office to
make arrangements. 944-4603

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MERGER BETWEEN THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCHES
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Reconciliation @ Cathedral: 7:00 PM Wednesday
12:30 PM Saturday

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Christian Initiation

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Cathedral Eucharist:
Sunday: 5:00 PM (Vigil) Holy Days: 5:30 PM (Vigil) Weekdays: 6:45 AM
8:00 AM 8:00 AM 12:00 Noon
10:00 AM 12:00 Noon
12:00 Noon 5:30 PM Saturday: 8:00 AM
5:00 PM 12:00 Noon

August 4, 2019

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

USING OUR TIME WISELY

A jar of honey lasts practically forever. The oldest jar of honey ever discovered was over five thousand years old. Honey is quite different from market-fresh produce, then; because most fruits and vegetables last only a few days, we treat them carefully. At this time of summer, we rush to find recipes for cherries and cucumbers so we won't waste a single one. We wouldn't feel that same urgency about honey.

In our own way, we are as delightful and fragile as ripe produce. Today's readings urge us not to spoil, but to make good use of our limited time on earth. Ecclesiastes reminds us that because God provides for us now and always, we can manage our daily affairs without anxiety. Saint Paul encourages the Colossians to keep thoughts of heaven in everything they do, and Jesus himself asks us to treasure not earthly wealth, but God alone.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Apart from the period from Thanksgiving through Christmas, the summer is a favored time for family reunions. We trace family trees and recall our origins. Worship has a family tree as well, and the way we celebrate today has been influenced by various styles and customs through the centuries. We are Western Christians of the Latin Rite. By far, we are the most numerous Western Christians, but there are other ritual families as well. The Archdiocese of Milan in Italy follows the Ambrosian Rite, Toledo in Spain preserves the Mozarabic Rite and the Arab language, and Lyons in France is home to the Gallican Rite. Other liturgical families, such as the Celtic in Ireland and the Sarum in England, faded away after the Reformation. Until recent times, members of some ancient religious orders such as Carmelites and Trappists followed a pattern of Mass that varied slightly from the plan observed in Latin Rite parishes.

Isn't the Catholic Church the same everywhere? Not at all. It never has been! The existence of so many liturgical families in the West reminds us that unity, not uniformity, is what the Church seeks to achieve among her children. We are united in faith, but wonderfully diverse in rituals, ceremonies, languages, customs, and spirituality.

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NO ONE'S ENEMY

May I be no one's enemy, and may I be the friend of that which is eternal and abides.

—St. Eusebius of Vercelli

THE EFFECTS OF PRAYER

Whoever prays much by night, that person's face is fair by day.

—Islamic saying

"What was the meaning and importance of the transfiguration?"
Answer: About a week after Jesus plainly told His disciples that He would suffer, be killed, and be raised to life (Luke 9:22), He took Peter, James, and John up a mountain to pray. While praying, His personal appearance was changed into a glorified form, and His clothing became dazzling white. Moses and Elijah appeared and talked with Jesus about His death that would soon take place. Peter, not knowing what he was saying and being very fearful, offered to put up three shelters for them. This is undoubtedly a reference to the booths that were used to celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles, when the Israelites dwelt in booths for 7 days (Lev. 23:34-42). Peter was expressing a wish to stay in that place. When a cloud enveloped them, a voice said, "This is My Son, whom I have chosen, whom I love; listen to Him!" The cloud lifted, Moses and Elijah had disappeared, and Jesus was alone with His disciples who were still very much afraid. Jesus warned them not to tell anyone what they had seen until after His resurrection. The three accounts of this event are found in Matthew 17:1-8, Mark 9:2-8, and Luke 9:28-36.

Undoubtedly, the purpose of the transfiguration of Christ into at least a part of His heavenly glory was so that the "inner circle" of His disciples could gain a greater understanding of who Jesus was. Christ underwent a dramatic change in appearance in order that the disciples could behold Him in His glory. The disciples, who had only known Him in His human body, now had a greater realization of the deity of Christ, though they could not fully comprehend it. That gave them the reassurance they needed after hearing the shocking news of His coming death.

August 4, 2019
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
10:30 AM

August 4, 2019 *Scripture Reflections*

OUR LADY OF FATIMA MASS INTENTIONS

Readings: Eccl 1:2, 2:21-23; Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21

Today's Intention -Fred Weakland

Readings: Wis 18:6-9; Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 12:32-48
Sunday Aug 11th, Grace Ruscito, Jackie Calabresae

"If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts." Today's readings contain God's challenge to reassess life's priorities and live accordingly. "Vanity of vanities. . . . All things are vanities," shouts the preacher who offers a sober evaluation of life and work. He questions the value of someone working so hard to acquire a fortune that on death will go to an idle, lazy person. Trust should be placed in what matters.

Cathedral Mass Intention

August 5, Monday: Ded. of the Basilica St. Mary Major

Readings: Nm 11:4-15; Mt 14:13-21

6:45 AM Anna Marie Jacobs (Strayer Family)

12:00 PM Danyll Rougeux, Birthday (Mom & Dad)

August 6, Tuesday: The Transfiguration of the Lord

Readings: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Lk 9:28-36

6:45 AM Grace Ruscito (Dave & Kathy Baronner)

12:00 PM Father James Zatalava (Gerry Rose)

August 7, Wednesday: St. Sixtus II, Pope & Companions

Readings: Nm 13:1-2, 25-14:1, 26-29, 34-35; Mt 15:21-28

6:45 AM Deceased Members of the Holy Name Soc.)

12:00 PM Bob Smithmyer (Wife and Family)

August 8, Thursday: Saint Dominic, Priest

Readings: Nm 20:1-13; Mt 16:13-23

6:45 AM Pat Vierkorn (Pinky Newberry)

12:00 PM Benita Jorkasky (Joseph & Betsy Cote)

August 9, Friday: St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

Readings: Dt 4:1, 32-40; Mt 16:24-28

6:45 AM Verna Bell (Dave & Maureen Hanekamp)

12:00 PM Carrie Detwiler (Bob & Joan Lozinak)

August 10, Saturday: St. Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr

Readings: 2 Cor 9:6-10; Jn 12:24-26

8:00 AM Kristina Giblock (Cathedral Parish)

12:00 PM Alice Winkler (Andrew & Kathy Kitchura)

Vigil: Nineteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Readings: Wis 18:6-9; Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 12:32-48

5:00 PM Mary Kay Moran (Stan & Susan Galant)

Paul answers a question raised by the First Reading. Ultimately, our priorities should be set on "what is above, not what is on earth." In Baptism, we have died with Christ and have been raised to a new creation. We are called to a life with Christ in God for eternity.

Jesus' parable challenges a reassessment of true security. A rich man placed all his security in amassing an ever larger fortune. He dies suddenly and "things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?" The lesson of the parable is that we should place our security in our relationship with God rather than on earthly wealth.

Another dimension to this parable emerges from its context. The parable is given in response to the question shouted from the crowd: "Teacher tell my brother to share the inheritance with me." Jesus turns the query back on the questioner: "Is money more important than your relationship with your brother?" The parable proved a challenge to reassess our priorities in life. Our focus should not be on temporal wealth that soon disappears but on a spiritual relationship with God and one another.

- How does the parable in the Gospel challenge us to see our relationship with new eyes?**

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

Please pray for all of our parishioners, especially for those who have illnesses great and small and our seniors who are lonely and need comfort and care.

PIPE ORGAN CONCERT

An organ concert will be held at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, 8th Avenue & 11th Street, Altoona 16602 on Saturday, August 10, at 6:30 pm. Blair County native, Nicholas J. Will, will be the guest organist. Mr. Will is currently the Director of Liturgical Music at the Pontifical North American College, Vatican City, where he oversees all aspects of liturgical music, organist, and director of the seminary choir. A free will offering will be taken to benefit the Mt. Carmel Pipe Organ Campaign.

Boscov's Friends helping Friends are on sale now for \$5.00 in the vestibule. Please get your cards early and sell to family and friends. Your \$5.00 stays with the parish!

(August 4) Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Jesus uses the parable in today's Gospel to help us realign our values. Society defines "success" as an accumulation of material possessions. Jesus calls us to serve others through the faithful management of all our God-given gifts. What path will we take to accumulate God's gifts? What will be "our inheritance" to leave to those in need?

As Christians, we are called to express our gratitude and love for God fulfilling our obligation to return to God the fruits of the gifts we have received. Do you serve others in a spirit of love and gratitude?

Tim Burr has announced his retirement as organist as of today. We wish he and wife Linda blessings in their endeavors. ===== Please call the rectory if you know someone who may be interested in playing for OLOF.

Bishop to Celebrate Outdoor Mass for Newly Graduated

The annual outdoor Mass for students entering or returning to college will be celebrated on August 4 at 7:00 p.m. at the Our Lady of the Alleghenies Shrine in Loretto. Bishop Mark L. Bartchak will be the celebrant and homilist. All college students, as well as 2019 high school graduates who are entering the military or workforce, are invited with their family. The Bishop will offer a special blessing to the students, words of wisdom, and a small gift. Bring your own lawn chair. If it rains, the Liturgy will be celebrated inside the Basilica of Saint Michael the Archangel next to the Shrine.

Eucharistic Adoration @ Cathedral

Eucharistic adoration will be the first Wednesday of next month, August 7th from 12:30 PM until 8:00 PM. Please note this in your schedules and plan to spend some quality time in prayer before the Sacrament in exposition.

Altoona Flea Market-St. Therese Conference of the St. Vincent DePaul Society. Annual Flea Market and Bake Sale Friday August 9 and Saturday, August 10, from 8:00 AM until 1:00 PM at Father Kelly Hall, 25th Ave and 5th St., Altoona Pa. Proceeds will be used to help the mission of St. Vincent DePaul Society in our area. If you have any questions please call Sandra Lear 814-215-4970 or email cslear@gmail.com.

Catholic Ministry Drive Goal = \$9,271.00

Report for EOM June 30, 2019. - We received \$3,915.00 in one time gifts and pledges. Still owing is \$5,356.00.

COLLECTION JULY 28th was \$0.00 What was received will be added to Aug 4th collection

BIRTHDAYS: Makenzie Baranik 8/01; Vicki Burr 8/04; Caroline Keagy 8/05; Melinda Jo Summers 8/05;

August 4 Lk 12: 13-21

In today's gospel Jesus tells us: "One's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." We spend so much time working to obtain more stuff that we don't have time for the people in our lives. What is enough?



**OUR LADY URGES US TO PRAY THE HOLY ROSARY
FOR
PEACE AND OFFER
SACRIFICES BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE!**



Then Jesus said to the crowd,
“Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich,
one’s life does not consist of possessions.” Lk 12:15

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