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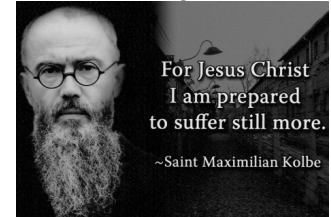
Nineteenth Sunday in O. T.
Aug. 11, 2019

Our soul waits for the LORD,
who is our help and our
shield.

— Psalm 33:20

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

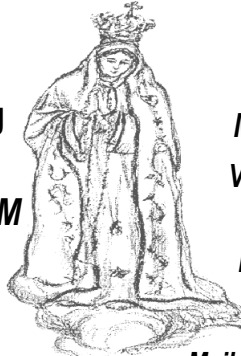
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Rectory Office Hours:

Monday – Friday 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Parish Office: 814-942-0371



Cathedral Church Office: 814-944-4603

One Cathedral Square

Most Reverend Mark L. Bartchak, Bishop

Very Rev. Alan E. Thomas, VG, Administrator

PH: 814-742-7075, Allison, Secretary

Rev. Father Dennis M. Kurdziel, Parochial Vicar

Christian Initiation Team: 944-4603

Catholics returning Home: 944-4603

**Mail Ministry to Elderly, Homebound, Seriously Sick
and Grieving - 944-4603**

Our Lady of Fatima Mass Schedule

Sunday: 10:30 AM - Holy Days: 6:00PM

Rosary: 10:05 AM - Rosary: 5:40 PM

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Web: www.holytrinitycatholic.school

Altoona Campus (Pre-K thru Grade 4) - 381-7011

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Middle School Campus (Grades 5 thru 8) - 942-7835

Our Lady of Fatima Parish Administrator

Very Reverend Alan E. Thomas, VG

Parish Secretary

Carol Z. Smith

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: lthayer@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

Eucharist for the home bound - weekly:

Patty Flanagan 942-0371 for arrangements.

Our Lady of Fatima Church is open

Monday through Friday: 9AM - 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. 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

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

**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.**

FAITH AND HOPE

Faith and hope are closely united in today's readings. The Israelites knew when the Passover was coming, and so were not in fear, but had faith and courage, "putting into effect with one accord the divine institution." In this we can see a foretelling of the Eucharist that we celebrate according to Christ's command, "Do this in memory of me."

We see that Abraham, Sarah, Isaac, and Jacob died in faith, although they did not see fulfillment of the promise. We live in hope that our faith will be fulfilled every time we celebrate this sacrament. We too are not to be afraid, but to have hope that our faith will be fulfilled in the coming of Christ.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

When Pope Pius XII died in 1958, there was the usual buzz of speculation about likely successors. Cardinal Agajanian, Patriarch of the Armenians, was highly thought of as a likely choice. This took many Catholics by surprise, since he had never celebrated the same liturgy as Pope Pius, but followed ancient Armenian customs according to the Eastern Church, which veils the Eucharistic liturgy from sight by a series of curtains, and in which the priest kneels while the people stand for Communion.

In the years that followed, the Second Vatican Council would affirm the dignity and independence of the Eastern Churches, in complete union with Rome, yet different in patterns of life and worship. We have the same faith, the same sacraments, and the same pope. Yet everywhere in the world our separate Churches are combined into families held together by the ministry of bishops. All of this serves as warning: If you ever say, "But we've always done it this way," you are on very thin ice indeed!

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POSSIBILITIES

All things are possible for one who believes, more to one who hopes, even more to one who loves.

—St. Lawrence

THE PAIN OF WAR

War is as much a punishment to the punisher as to the sufferer.

—Thomas Jefferson

NOT EASY

Faith makes all things possible—it does not make them easy.

—Anonymous

Raymund Kolbe was born on January 8, 1894, in Poland. St. Maximilian Kolbe was very active in promoting the Immaculate Virgin Mary. He is known as the Apostle of Consecration to Mary. St. Maximilian Kolbe's dedication to our Blessed Virgin Mary is said to be attributed to his mother who recited the Angelus, the Holy Rosary, and the Litany to Our Lady daily. He had a vision of our Blessed Virgin Mary when he was 12. "Our Lady showed him two crowns: one red, the other white. When asked to choose which he preferred, he chose both: to remain pure and undivided in his love for God and the Blessed Virgin, and to be a martyr." At the age of 21, St. Maximilian Kolbe earned a doctorate in philosophy. By the age of 28, St. Maximilian Kolbe would also earn a doctorate in theology. He founded monasteries in Poland and in both Japan and India. During WWII, he provided shelter for refugees and hid 2,000 Jews. St. Maximilian Kolbe's publishing house issued many anti-Nazi German publications. After his monastery was shut down, he was arrested by the German Gestapo and taken to the Pawiak prison and eventually transferred to Auschwitz. During this time, St. Maximilian Kolbe was subjected to beatings and other ill-treatment. A fellow prisoner who had tried to escape and would be punished by starving to death, cried out he had a wife and children and St. Maximilian Kolbe volunteered and took his place. Out of the 10 who were selected to be starved to death in an underground bunker, St. Maximilian Kolbe was the last left alive after two weeks of starvation and dehydration. He was then killed by an injection of carbolic acid. It is said that he calmly waited for the needle, raising his arm. Throughout these struggles, St. Maximilian Kolbe never abandoned his priesthood. St. Maximilian Kolbe died on August 14 and his remains were cremated on August 15, the feast day of the Assumption of Mary. Saint Pope John Paul II visited St. Maximilian Kolbe's death chamber in Auschwitz in 1979, and there proclaimed him "Patron Saint of our Difficult Age." St. Maximilian Kolbe was canonized as saint by Saint Pope John Paul II in 1982. St. Maximilian Kolbe is the patron saint of families, prisoners, journalists, political prisoners, drug addicts and the pro-life movement.

August 11, 2019
NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
10:30 AM

August 11, 2019 Scripture Reflections

OUR LADY OF FATIMA MASS INTENTIONS

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

Today's Intention -Grace Ruscito

Readings: Rv 11:19; 12:1-6; Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56

**Thursday, Aug 15th, 6PM, Assumption BVM, Incr. of
Priest's for Altoona-Johnstown Diocese &
10th Ann. of Kelly and Chris Keagy**

Readings: Jer 38:4-6,8-10; Heb 12:1-4; Lk 12:49-53

Twentieth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Thomas W. Stoltz, Sr., (Marcella, Jesse, Lauren Goldberg)

All of today's readings speak about people on the move in search of a new homeland. The reading from Wisdom reminds us in the night of Passover when the people of Israel, trusting in God's promises, journeyed from slavery to freedom in a new homeland God had promised.

In the reading from the Hebrews, we hear how Abraham placed his faith and trust in God's promises and journeyed to a land promised him and his descendants. "He went out, not knowing where he was to go." He simply and faithfully trusted in God's guidance. As the reading states, "Faith is the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen."

The Gospel reading presents us with a parable in which Jesus reminds his followers to trust in the Father's promises: "Do not be afraid any longer, little flock, for your Father is pleased to give you the kingdom." Followers are to be patient as they await the return of their master, who will bring them into their new homeland. Jesus touches on the yearning for this eternal homeland that lies in the human heart. However, Jesus adds that we must be attentive and prepared for the arrival of this homeland. We must do our part and act as faithful stewards of our talents and obligations. "Much will be required of the person entrusted with much, and still more will be demanded of the person entrusted with more."

We do not journey alone. Our journey is united with others also responding to God's call to prepare for the coming of God's kingdom. Ours is the task to support them through lives of service and solidarity.

- What impression does the definition of faith in the Letter to the Hebrews have on you?

AT HOME with the WORD 2019, Archdiocese of Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications, pg. 115

Cathedral Mass Intention

August 12, Monday: Saint Jane Frances de Chantal

Readings: Dt 10:12-22; Mt 17:22-27

6:45 AM Billy Geis, Birthday (Family)

12:00 PM Janette Roland, Birthday (Family)

August 13, Tuesday: Sts. Pontian, Pope and Hippolytus

Readings: Dt 31:1-8; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

6:45 AM Christina Flanagan (Wiedemer Family)

12:00 PM Sally Colledge (Pete Colledge Family)

August 14, Wednesday: St. Maximillian Kolbe, Priest

Readings: Dt 34:1-12; Mt 18:15-20

6:45 AM Msgr. Paul Panza (Bell & Breinich Families)

12:00 PM Nancy Moffa Jenaway (Estate)

Vigil of Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Readings: 1 Chr 15:3-4,15-16,16:1-2; 1 Cor 15:54-57; Lk 11:27-28

5:30 PM John Adams (Wife)

August 15 Thursday: The Assumption of the BVM

Readings: Rv 11:19; 12:1-6; Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56

8:00 AM Alma Reismeier (Jim & Steph Kilcoyne)

12:00 PM Jack Bauer (Rosemarie Fedeli)

5:30 PM James Joseph Luther (Mary Schnaubelt)

August 16, Friday: Saint Stephen of Hungary

Readings: Jos 24:1-13; Mt 19:3-12

6:45 AM David Baronner (Jay Fiocchetta)

12:00 PM Mark Farrell (Mary and Jim Farrell)

August 17, Saturday: Weekday

Readings: Jos 24:14-29; Mt 19:13-15

8:00 AM John Gates (Flor - Seidel Family)

12:00 PM Walt Beech III, Birthday (Family)

Vigil: Twentieth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Readings: Jer 38:4-6,8-10; Heb 12:1-4; Lk 12:49-53

5:00 PM Sr. Caroline Carita, Birth. (M/M Herman Nagle)

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.

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

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. We only have 2 months to sell them. Your \$5.00 stays with the parish!

August 11

Lk 12: 32-48

"From everyone to whom much is given, much will be expected." We complain about utility bills while millions of families don't have running water or electricity. Today Jesus teaches us that the less fortunate people "have been entrusted" to us. A Christian family reaches out to others. In what ways is your family reaching out?

(August 11) Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Look beyond financial matters whenever you hear the well-known verse "For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be." (Luke 12:34) As a servant and steward ask yourself, "What do I treasure?" Is it your family, your friends, your parish faith community, your hope and faith in the Lord Jesus?

"But who am I, and who are my people, that we should have the means to contribute so freely? For everything is from you and we only give you what we have received." (1 Chronicles 29:14)

Annual Wedding Anniversary Liturgy

Bishop Mark and the Family Life Office cordially invite couples celebrating their 1st, 5th, 10th, 25th, 40th 50th, 55th and 60th+ Wedding Anniversary in 2019 (and their families) to attend the Annual Wedding Anniversary Liturgy to be held Sunday, September 15th here in the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament. The Liturgy begins at 2:00 PM and light refreshments will follow. Parishioners are encouraged to call the Parish Office at 944-4603 to register by Tuesday, August 23.

Religious Education

Registration for Grades PK-11 will be held in the Parish Center Education floor, 14th St. entrance, before and after all masses on August 17 and 18. If you are new to the program please bring a copy of your child's baptism certificate. All students must be registered before the start of classes on September 8th. Please call Chris Laraia (312-7317) for PK/8, or Jean Koury (934-7316) for 9-11.

Catholic Ministry Drive Goal = \$9,271.00

Report for EOM July, 2019. - We received \$4,280.00 in one time gifts and pledges. Still owing is \$4,991.00

Aug 4th collection \$3050.15

BIRTHDAYS: Joe Gaeto 8/06; Mason Summers 8/7; Kerry Byrne 8/11; Patty Flanagan 8/11; Elizabeth Stitt 8/11; Kathy Koeck 8/12; Rick Summers 8/12;

ANNIVERSARIES: Mary Ann and Stanley Krish 8/12; Kelly and Chris Keagy (10th) 8/15;

I APOLOGISE FOR THE LATE BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY ENTRIES.

Blair Garden Club Trip / Renziehausen Park

The Garden Club of McKeesport Rose Garden and Aboretum and tea Thursday, September 12th. Leaving Lowe's parking lot at 9:30 AM. Arrive at McKeesport for luncheon and tea approximately 12 Noon. Guided tour of garden after luncheon. Cost is \$60.00... includes bus, luncheon and tip for driver. Appx. return time to Lowe's is 6:00 PM. Contact Emma Kowalski at 942-0202 home or 932-0375 cell.



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

St. Maximilian Kolbe Prayer

St. Maximilian, amidst the hate and lonely misery of Auschwitz, you brought love into the lives of fellow captives and sowed the seeds of hope amidst despair. You bore witness to the world by word and deed that "Love alone creates." Help me to become more like you. With the Church and Mary and you, may I proclaim that "Love alone creates." To the hungry and oppressed, the naked and homeless, the scorned and hated, the lonely and despairing, may I proclaim the power of Christ's love, which endures forever and ever. Amen.

Family Ritual

Mary's Assumption into Heaven August 15

Mary went to a place we all hope to be some day—in heaven with Jesus! Celebrate with balloons and a "Hail Mary" together. Invite godparents or godchildren to celebrate with you.

The Assumption

Stories of how Mary died and went to heaven have been circulating in the church since the second century. Around the year 600, Emperor Maurice set the feast day on August 15 in the Roman empire. In 1950 Pope Pius XII proclaimed the Assumption an article of faith. Here are a few lines from A New Catechism to help explain its significance: "Mary has already been raised from the dead, body and soul. Of the other dead we may only say that they will be made alive, they are about to arise, but we acknowledge that Mary is already glorified."

"Just as Christ's resurrection is effective among us through his forceful, vivid presence in the life of the world, so too, is the glory or the 'Assumption' of Mary...We can experience the presence of Christ and Mary by living on earth in the Spirit of Christ and by speaking to them in prayer. The same may be said of the other dead. Some great saints and good people are more powerfully present than others. Does this perhaps indicate that they are already further on the way of resurrection?"

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Pick Your Own Apples

Most communities are not too far away from an apple orchard. Look in the newspaper for an orchard where you can pick your own fruit. Call and find out if you must let them know ahead of time when you plan to come.



Take time to see all there is to explore at the orchard. Look at their apple picking equipment. If there is a cider press, try to see it being run. Is there a device for sorting the apples by size? Enjoy the smells of the apples. Try to pick some different kinds so that you can see variety in texture, shape, color, and taste.

When you get home with your apples and cider have your children help to make a pie or applesauce and heat up some of the cider and enjoy a hot cup of cider with your children.

Family TimePennState

Prayer for Peace

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace! Where there is hatred —Let me sow love Where there is injury—pardon Where there is doubt— faith Where there is despair —hope Where there is darkness —light Where there is sadness —joy O divine master, grant that I may not so much seek To be consoled — as to console To be understood — as to understand To be lived — as to love For It is in giving—that we receive It is in pardon— that we are pardoned

And it is in dying — that we are born to eternal life.



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