

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

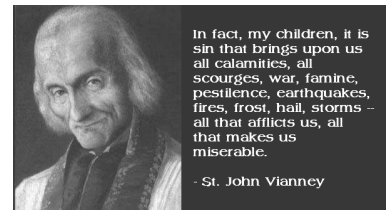
August 2, 2020

**All you who are thirsty,
come to the water!**

— Isaiah 55:1a

Our Lady of Fatima
*Pleaded that we pray the Holy
Rosary*

*privately from 7:30 am to 5:00 pm
Sunday thru Saturday*



St. Jean Marie Vianney - August 4

Our Lady of Fatima Parish
2010 12th Avenue
www.ourladyoffatimaaltoona.org
Rectory Office Hours:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday - 11 AM - 2PM

Parish Office: 814-942-0371

Our Lady of Fatima Church

Our Lady of Fatima Parish Administrator

Rev. Msgr. Stanley B. Carson

**Parish Secretary
Carol Z. Smith**

**Director of Music Ministry
Kathy McFee**

**Eucharist 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**

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Parishioners wishing to receive the sacrament of
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**OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH IS A RESULT OF THE
MERGER BETWEEN THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCHES
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One Cathedral Square

Most Reverend Mark L. Bartchak, Bishop

**Rev. Msgr. Stanley B. Carson, Administrator
PH: 814-944-4603**

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

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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 2, 2020 EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 10:30 AM	SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS <i>August 2, 2020</i>
OUR LADY OF FATIMA MASS INTENTIONS Today's Intention - Caroline Denise Keagy, 5th Birthday Readings: Is 55:1-3; Rom 8:35, 37-39; Mt 14:13-21 August 9, 2020 - Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Readings: 1 Kgs 19:9, 11-13 Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33 Paul G. Rose, Ann., (The Rose Family)	What is your new life in Christ worth to you? Do you love His words more than gold and silver, as we sing in today's Psalm? Would you, like the characters in the Gospel today, sell all that you have in order to possess the kingdom He promises to us? If God were to grant any wish, would you follow Solomon's example in today's First Reading—asking not for a long life or riches, but for wisdom to know God's ways and to desire His will?
Cathedral Mass Intention August 3, Monday: Weekday Readings: Jer 28:1-17; Mt 14: 22-36 6:45 AM + Lavelle Family (Phyllis Lavelle Sheetz) 12:00 PM + David Petrak (Wife Mary) August 4, Tuesday: St. John Vianney, Priest Readings: Jer 30: 1-2, 12-15,18-22; Mt 14:22-36 6:45 AM + Nancy Moffa Jenaway (Estate) 12:00 PM + Chester Mosey Jr. (Mary Lysinger) August 5, Wednesday: Saint Mary Major Readings: Jer 31:1-7; Mt 15:21-28 6:45 AM + For our Clergy (A Parishioner) 12:00 PM + Danyll Rougeux (Mom & Dad) August 6, Thursday: The Transfiguration of the Lord Readings: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mt 17:1-9 6:45 AM + John McCarthy (Kathy & Terry Tomassetti) 12:00PM + Mass of Thanksgiving (Anon) August 7, Friday: St Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions Readings: Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7; Mt 16:24-28 6:45 AM + John Richard Robinson (Patricia Rhoads) 12:00 PM + Robert Beck (John & Alice Joyce) August 8, Saturday: Saint Dominic, Priest Readings: Hb :12-2:4; Mt 17:14-20 8:00 AM + Gordon & Janie White (J Donald Douglas) 12:00PM + Peggy & Jim Mullen (Daughters Skip & Nancy) Vigil: Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Readings: 1 Kgs 19:9, 11-13 Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33 5:00 PM + Edgar Johnston Birthday (Wife) August 9, Sunday 8:00 AM + M Virginia Jones (Ken & Kathie Civils) 10:00 AM + Larry McConnell (Ed & Lois Simanski) 12:00 PM + Jeanie Farabaugh (M/M Greg Clemens) 5:00 PM Pro Popolo/ For the People	The background for today's Gospel, as it has been for the past several weeks, is the rejection of Jesus' preaching by Israel. The kingdom of heaven has come into their midst, yet many cannot see that Jesus is the fulfillment of God's promises, a gift of divine compassion given that they—and we—might live. We too must ever discover the kingdom anew, to find it as a treasure—a pearl of great price. By comparison with the kingdom, we must count all else as rubbish (see Philippians 3:8). And we must be willing to give up all that we have—all our priorities and plans—in order to gain it. Jesus' Gospel discloses what Paul, in today's Epistle, calls the purpose of God's plan (see Ephesians 1:4). That purpose is that Jesus would be the firstborn of many brothers. His words give understanding to the simple, the childlike. As Solomon does today, we must humble ourselves before God, giving ourselves to His service. Let our prayer be for an understanding heart, one that desires only to do His will. We are called to love God, to delight in His law, and to forsake every false way. And we are to conform ourselves daily ever more closely to the image of His Son. If we do this, we can approach His altar as a pleasing sacrifice, confident that all things work for the good—that we whom He has justified will also one day be glorified. Dr. Scott Hahn <i>Jesus, Son of the Living Father, Have Mercy on Me a Sinner.</i> <i>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.</i>

OLOF Weekly Contributions for Sunday, July 26 - \$1,345.00

OUR DEEPEST NEEDS

Annual Flea Market

St. Vincent dePaul Society/ St. Therese of the Child Jesus Conference Annual Flea Market. Friday August 7th & 8th, from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM both days. Located at Father Kelly Hall, Corner 25th Avenue and 5th Street, Altoona Pa.

OLOF Grotto

We are still looking for some folks to clean up the Grotto for the Church. Please call Office 942-0371.

Our Lady of Fatima traveling Statue is back home again! Anyone who would like to take her home for a time may call the rectory 942-0371.

Friar's Nook Gift Shop

Christmas in July is upon us! At the Friar's Nook Gift Shop, all clearance items are 75% off through August 1st! Also, the shop is stocked up for all your sacrament needs! The shop will continue to have modified hours through Labor Day which are Fridays and Saturdays, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM, and is located on the campus of St. Bernadine Monastery at 793 Monastery Road, Hollidaysburg. For any questions, please call 814-695-3802. Please note, face coverings must be worn for the gift shop area.

Religious Education

Registration for all students, grades PK4-11 will be held in the Education Center at 14th Street entrance before and after all Masses August 15/16 and August 22/23. Parents only, are asked to register all students at this time and receive your child's textbook. Facial covering is required.

PK/8 will be resuming classes on September 13th through the use of online program. More information will be available at registration times. If you are new to our Religious Ed program please bring a copy of your child's baptismal certificate. Please contact Chris Laraia (814-312-7317) or Jean Koury (814-949-2777) if you have any questions or concerns.

Annual Wedding Anniversary Liturgy

Bishop Mark Bartchak and the Family Life Office cordially invites all couples celebrating 1, 5, 10, 25, 40, 50, 55, and 60 + Wedding Anniversary in 2020 (and their families) to attend the Annual Wedding Anniversary Liturgy. Couples may attend Sunday, September 13 in ALTOONA at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament or Sunday, September 20 in JOHNSTOWN at St. John Gualbert Cathedral. Both locations are handicap accessible. Liturgies in each location begin at 2:00 p.m. Bishop Mark will be the celebrant and the homilist at each celebration. Refreshments/snacks will be available after the mass for anniversary couples and their families. Reservations must be made through your parish for either celebration by August 19.

The word of God serves up a tremendous feast for us today. Isaiah beckons all who hunger and thirst to come to the Lord for satisfaction. The psalmist cries out, "The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs" (Psalm 145:16). Saint Paul tells us that nothing can separate us from the love of God. Finally, in the Gospel, we hear the story of the miraculous feeding of over five thousand people from a mere five loaves and two fish. Most of us have our material needs met on a day-to-day basis. These scriptures, nevertheless, have much to say to the contemporary believer. We must ask ourselves, "Where are my deepest hungers? Where are my thirsts?" After material needs are satisfied and, in some cases, over-satisfied, many people still experience a deep longing for spiritual balance and well-being. As the loaves and fish are multiplied in today's Gospel, perhaps our prayer can be a longing for the satisfaction of the deepest needs that only God can fill.

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SAINT JOHN MARY VIANNEY (1786-1859) August 4

A busy pastor jokingly suggests the secret of John Vianney's holiness: "He died seventeen years before telephones!" Call they didn't, but visit they did, keeping Vianney eighteen hours a day in the confessional. Stories abound of reading hearts and exorcisms, but Vianney's first miracle was getting ordained. Difficulty with studies delayed him, prompting the rector's apology to the bishop, "So far to ordain just one, especially this one!" The bishop, who could not know he was ordaining the future patron saint of parish priests, replied, "No burden to ordain one good priest!" In Ars, only an elderly handful attended Mass, "praying," one told Vianney, "for a priest with brains." But he stayed forty-two years, fulfilling the promise he made the day he arrived. In a sculpture just outside the village Vianney points skyward: "Show me the way to Ars," he tells a boy, "and I'll show you the way to heaven." To someone who feared there was no heaven beyond the grave, Vianney smiled, "My child, it would have been heaven enough to have lived as Jesus' disciple on earth."

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PRAYER AND HUMILITY

Arm yourself with prayer rather than a sword; wear humility rather than fine clothes.

—St. Dominic

THIRST

You have put salt in our mouths that we may thirst for you.

—St. Augustine



Our Lady asks us to pray the rosary daily and make sacrifices before it is too late!



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