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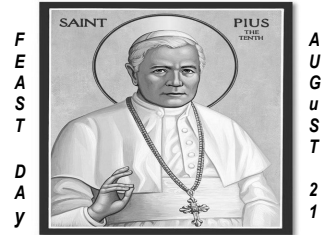
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TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 16, 2020

Observe what is right, do what is just;
for my salvation is about to come,
my justice, about to be revealed.
— Isaiah 56:1

Our Lady of Fatima
Pleaded that we pray the Holy
Rosary
privately from 7:30 am to 5:00 pm
Sunday thru Saturday



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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.

(Suspended until September/in emergency call 944-4603)

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

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick
Parishioners wishing to receive the sacrament of
healing may call the Cathedral Parish Office to
make arrangements. 814-944-4603

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.



Cathedral Church Office: 814-944-4603

One Cathedral Square

Most Reverend Mark L. Bartchak, Bishop

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

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

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

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
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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	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

<p style="text-align: center;">AUGUST 16, 2020 TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 10:30 AM</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS <i>August 16, 2020</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">OUR LADY OF FATIMA MASS INTENTIONS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Today's Intention - Poor Souls in Purgatory Readings: Is 56: 1, 6-7 Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28</p> <p style="text-align: center;">August 23, 2020 - Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time Readings: Is 22: 19-23; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20 Thomas Stoltz, Sr., (Rose Good and Martin)</p>	<p>The same basic message communicated in the first two readings is evidenced in today's gospel. The words of Jesus here probably sound shocking at first read. Let's unpack them step by step. First, fire is an image in the Bible of God's presence and love along with judgment and purification from sin. When Jesus said he has "come to set the earth on fire," he means he has come to spread God's love and purge the world of sin. Jesus desires for all people to be consumed with the love God. In other words, he wants us to be on fire for him! Jesus made this possible through his death on the cross, which is the "baptism" that he is anguished about. The word baptism, in the original Greek, simply means to be immersed. While it has come to specifically refer to the sacrament, here it refers to Jesus' passion at which he will be "immersed" in the sins of the world for the sake of our salvation. Jesus was ridiculed, betrayed, and painfully executed so we could have peace with God. Yet, Jesus says here that he did not "Come to establish peace on earth...but rather division." Jesus is the Prince of Peace and, as is clear in other parts of the gospels, he offers us peace, but that peace is not of this world. He did not come to make everyone get along. Rather, the peace that he offers transcends this world. It is a peace that is interior and that we can have even in the midst of division and war. In fact, the peace that is found in following Jesus often leads to earthly divisions because not all people are yet ablaze with the love of God. Not all people are following Christ. To use the illustration of the second reading, not all people are in the race of faith and running toward Jesus. Rather, many people have turned their backs on God. Many people are like the princes in today's first reading and are opposing what is right and true. Thus, as Christians, we can expect division as a result of following Jesus. We can expect resistance, opposition, and persecution because we are today's prophets who, like Jeremiah, are proclaiming the truth of God to a hard-hearted world. At times, this may even result in division within our own families, as Jesus talks about in the gospel. Still, in the midst of persecution, we are called to have trust in God like the heroes of faith in Hebrews 11 so we do not "grow weary and lose heart."</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Cathedral Mass Intention</p> <p>August 17, Monday: Weekday Readings: Ez 24:15-24; Mt 19: 16-22 6:45 AM + Fred & Margaret Lumadue (M/M Jack Sparks) 12:00 PM + Walt Beech Birthday (Family)</p> <p>August 18, Tuesday: Weekday Readings: Ez 28: 1-10; Mt 19:23-30 6:45 AM + Health (Anonymous) 12:00PM + Sandy Cuzzolina (Family)</p> <p>August 19, Wednesday: St. John Eudes, Priest Readings: Ez 34:1-11; Mt 20:1-16 6:45 AM Police & Law Enforcement (McNelis All Stars) 12:00 PM + Sally McNelis Birthday (Family)</p> <p>August 20, Thursday: St. Bernard, Abbott & Dr. of Church Readings: Ez 36:23-28; Mt 22: 1-14 6:45 AM + Bernadine Garcia (The Summers Family) 12:00PM + Jim Davidson (Family)</p> <p>August 21, Friday: Saint Pius X, Pope Readings: Ez 37:1-14; Mt 22:34-40 6:45 AM + Juliannne Seidel (Kay Wesner) 12:00 PM + Tom Boslet (Mother Marian)</p> <p>August 22, Saturday: The Queenship of the BVM Readings: Ez 43:1-7; Mt 23:1-12 8:00 AM + Joseph Knott (Colleen Douglass Family) 12:00PM + Carrie Detwiler (Tina Scarfone)</p> <p>Vigil: Twentieth-First Sunday in Ordinary Time Readings: Is 22: 19-23; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20 5:00 PM + Michael Dionis (Anne Musser)</p> <p>August 23, Sunday 8:00 AM + Ryan Duffy (Good Health) 10:00 AM + David Baronner (The Skip Dry Family) 12:00 PM + Trudy Eicher (Family & Friends) 5:00 PM Pro Popolo/ For the People</p>	
	<p><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></p>

OLOF Weekly Contributions for Sunday, Aug 9 - \$1,159.00

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.

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.

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time (August 16)

Saint Paul reminds us that "the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable." We are each and all uniquely gifted by God in a variety of ways. Taking ownership of our gifts, especially our talents and abilities, is not being prideful or egotistical. It is living in true humility when we credit God with our gifts and put them in His service.

Our unique gifts include our very lives and the time we have been given, our faith and the Church, our relationships, our work and vocations, our abilities and interests, experiences and passions, our money and possessions, the environment and our citizenship, even our obstacles, weaknesses and mistakes.

How will you use these gifts God entrusted you to carry out your personal vocation? Let the depth of faith God has given you continue to "walk the stewardship walk."

(<https://diocesehelena.org/offices-and-ministries/stewardship-services-2/discerning-gifts-of-time-talent>)

WHY PRAY?

The "foreigners" as Isaiah calls them, the "Gentiles" as Paul calls them, or the "Canaanites" as Matthew calls them are called to worship the one true God in prayer. As we listen to today's readings, perhaps we are tempted to ask: Why pray? The question is rhetorical; it is tantamount to asking why should friends talk to one another or people in love kiss one another. Prayer is a way of relating to God, a way of talking to God. The apostles had the opportunity to talk to Jesus in the flesh. We have the opportunity to talk to Jesus Christ in prayer. Our relationship with him must be enthusiastic; it cannot be faint-hearted. John Donne, a fifteenth-century poet, knew what the qualities of good prayer were. Donne asks God to treat him differently from most Christians. The poet does not want God to merely "knock, breathe, shine, and seek to mend," but also to "break, blow, burn, and make me new" (Holy Sonnets, XIV).

It takes a dynamic faith on our part to come to God in prayer. As Jesus once said, "Knock and the door will be opened to you" (Matthew 7:7). It may take pounding the door down, but if we are as persistent as the woman in today's Gospel, the results will follow.

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SAINT PIUS X (1835-1914)

August 21

Presidential vetoes we understand. But imagine vetoing a papal election! Yet in the conclave of 1903, the Archbishop of Cracow (ironically, a predecessor in that office of Karol Wojtyla, the future John Paul II) vetoed the leading candidate on the order of the Austro-Hungarian emperor. Instead, the cardinals elected Giuseppe Sarto of Venice as Pius X, the first pope, after a succession of nobles and diplomats, to hail from humble origins. Nor did the papacy alter his endearing simplicity. Tailors eventually made his cassock cuffs detachable because he absentmindedly wiped his fountain pen on them, forgetting that his old black cassock had been replaced by papal white! Taking as his motto "To restore all things in Christ" (Ephesians 1:10), Pius condemned the theological innovations called "modernism," yet dramatically altered the then-common practice whereby people rarely received Communion for fear of unworthiness, mandating early First Communion and urging everyone to frequent reception. Refusing to bless troops assembled in Saint Peter's Square—"I bless peace, not war!"—he died brokenhearted as World War I engulfed Christian Europe despite his peacemaking efforts. —Peter Scagnelli, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

GRATITUDE

O Thou who has given us so much, mercifully grant us one thing more—a grateful heart.

—George Herbert

GOOD EXAMPLE

A faithful Christian, illumined by the rays of grace like a crystal, ought to illumine his neighbor with the light of good example, through word and deed.

—St. Anthony.



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