

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 3, 2025

Our Lady of Fatima Parish
2000 12th Avenue
www.ourladyoffatimaaltoona.org
Office Hours:
Tuesdays and Thursdays
11:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.
Parish Office: 814-942-0371

Our Lady of Fatima Parish
Rev. Mariusz Gorazd, Administrator
Residing at St. Mary's Rectory, Altoona
Emergency Phone Number 814-942-2416

Administrative Assistant
Paula Hall

Eucharist: Sunday: 11:30 AM
Holy Days: 5:30 PM
Holy Communion for the home bound - weekly:
Patty Flanagan 942-0371 for arrangements.
Religious Education—Contact St. Mary's at
814-942-2416

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.

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick
Parishioners wishing to receive the sacrament of
healing may call the office.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH IS A RE-
SULT OF THE MERGER BETWEEN THE
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCHES OF
SS. PETER & PAUL AND ST. LEO THE
GREAT IN 1995.

******IF YOU HAVE A GLUTEN ALLERGY,
PLEASE RECEIVE COMMUNION FROM
FR. MARIUSZ GORAZD'S LINE*****

THE FATIMA TOWERS
Cathedral Eucharist:

OUR LADY OF FATIMA MASS INTENTIONS

11:30 A.M.

August 3, 2025 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Charles Robert McCall (Karen Querry)

August 10, 2025 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Paul & Gerri Rose (Kathleen Davis)

August 15, 2025 The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

5:30 P.M.

Robert & Shirley McCall (Theresa Heasley)

ATTENTION!! FYI!!

OUR LADY OF FATIMA OFFICE IS NOW
LOCATED IN THE CHURCH!!

Since the sale of the Rectory, the Church Office is now located inside the Church in the Reconciliation Room. Hours will remain the same: Tuesdays and Thursdays 11Am-4PM

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 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 varies 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.



During August, the Sanctuary Candle is being lit in memory of Tucker Keagy by Chris, Kelly, Killian, Chase and Caroline Keagy. Thank you.

Please Update Information

Parishioners are asked to please update their contact information with the parish office. If you have had a change of address, discontinued a land line phone number, or have a new cell phone number, inform the office or put a note in your envelope.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA TRAVELING STAT- UE

Our Lady of Fatima traveling statue is available to sign out and take home. Please ask Chris Keagy after mass or contact the office if interested.

Prayer to Our Lady of Fatima

O Most Holy Virgin Mary, Queen of the most holy Rosary, you were pleased to appear to the children of Fatima and reveal a glorious message. We implore you, inspire in our hearts a fervent love for the recitation of the rosary. By meditating on the mysteries of the redemption that are recalled therein may we obtain the graces and virtues that we ask, through the merits of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Redeemer.

Amen.



Thank You Very Much

Your prayers, volunteerism, and financial support are deeply appreciated. The contributions for July 27 were \$1,220.

Thank you.



Our Lady of Fatima Church's parish picnic will be on Sunday, August 24, at St. Stan's Hall from 1-3 P.M. The parish will provide chicken and hot dogs, soda and water. You're asked to bring a covered dish. There's a sign-up sheet in the vestibule.



The Catholic Ministries Drive target for Our Lady of Fatima Parish is \$10,200 . So far, 20 donations amounting to \$4,360 has been received or 43% of our goal. Thank you.



You are invited to help Our Lady of Fatima Parish by supporting this year's FHF fundraiser which will take place on Wednesday, October 22, from 8 AM until 11 PM. A donation of \$5.00 for a shopping pass entitles you to 25% off the lowest sale price. Our parish keeps the \$5.00 donation. More details are available on the pass. They are available in our office and following our weekend Mass.

2025 Annual Wedding Anniversary Celebration

Bishop Mark Bartchak and the Family Life Office cordially invite all couples celebrating 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60+ years of marriage in 2025 (and their families) to attend the Annual Wedding Anniversary Liturgy. Couples may attend Sunday, September 21 in ALTOONA at Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament or Sunday, September 28 in JOHNSTOWN at St. John Gualbert Cathedral. Both locations are handicap accessible. Liturgies in each location begin at 2:00PM. Most Rev. Bishop Mark will be the celebrant and homilist at each celebration. Refreshments/shacks will be available after the mass for anniversary couples and their families. Reservations must be made through your parish for either celebration by Friday, September 12th.

BISHOP'S NIGHT OF VOCATIONS 2025

Who do you know that's hearing the call...maybe it's you?

Is God calling you to a life of service as a Permanent Deacon?

Deacons are leaders in identifying the needs of others and calling God's people into service.

The Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown invites you to a special evening of inspiration, discernment, and fellowship.

Meet current Deacons, Candidates, their wives, as well as others who are discerning their vocation.

Location: U.S. Hotel & Tavern-401 S. Juniata

Street, Hollidaysburg

Date: Wednesday, October 8, 2025

Time: 7:00PM

Light refreshments will be served.

RSVP BY SEPTEMBER 2, 2025-CALL 814-361-2000

BLESSINGS

As my service as the administrator of Our Lady of Fatima Parish comes to an end, be assured of an affectionate remembrance in my prayer. May the Lord hold you close to His heart, and may the maternal intercession of Mary be a source of graceful comfort.

Blessings, Msgr. Stan Carson



The Altoona Gabriel Project is a Catholic Pro-Life ministry dedicated to helping moms and babies with supplies, as well as providing spiritual and emotional support. Cathedral parish is a part of a group effort of several Altoona area parishes.

The Cathedral has a collection crib at the alley entrance of the Cathedral for non-perishable baby items (diapers, wipes, clothing, bibs, towels, blankets, etc.)

The Cathedral will also be a site for the distribution to moms and babies in our section of the city. Items will be distributed on Thursdays from 1:30-2:30 P.M. If you would know of someone in need of support, or would like to volunteers, please call 814-440-1021.



Loving and Generous God, it is You who call us by name and ask us to follow You. Help us to grow in the Love and Service of our Church as we experience it today.

Give us the energy and courage of Your Spirit to shape its future. Grant us faith-filled leaders who will embrace Christ's Mission of love and justice.

Bless the Church of Altoona-Johnstown by raising up dedicated and generous leaders from our families and friends who will serve Your people as Sisters, Priests, Brothers, Deacons and Lay Ministers.

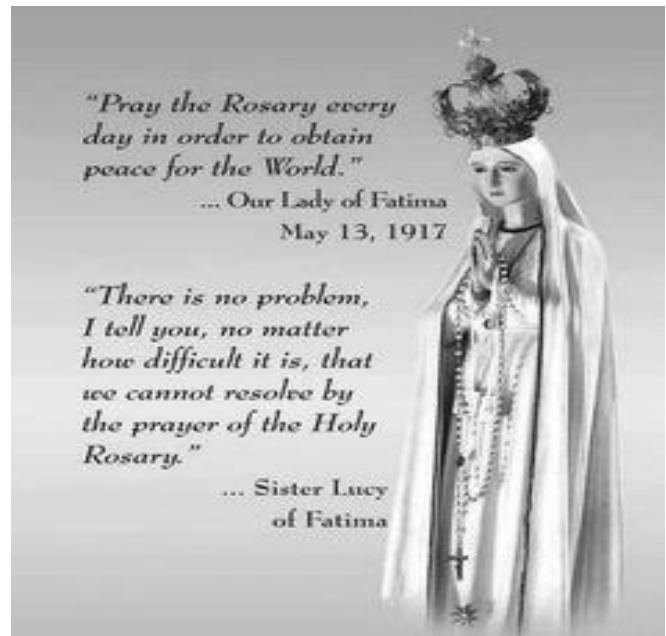
Inspire us to know You better and open our hearts to hear Your call. We ask this through our Lord. Amen

August 3, 2025—18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's readings come as a pat on the back from Heaven for all of us striving to live a stewardship way of life. They remind us why we live the way we do, make the choices we make, and leave other things aside. Let's face it, if we truly embrace this way of life, there will be people who find our choices downright foolish.

To many people in our materialistic world, setting priorities that are not focused on earthly goals like wealth, status and power is foolish and naïve. But look at what Jesus has to say about priorities in today's Gospel passage from Luke. He makes it clear that life is not about 'stuff'. "Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions."

Don't be ashamed of living differently from the people around you. Be confident as you set priorities based on what is above. You are wise in God's eyes, Christian steward. And you will be rich in what matters most.



OUTDOOR MASS FOR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES ENTERING OR RETURNING TO COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY, TRADE SCHOOL, WORKFORCE, OR MILITARY

Bishop Mark will be celebrating the annual Mass for your intentions on Sunday, August 3, at 7:00P.M. at the historic Our Lady of the Alleghenies Shrine in Loretto. Bring a lawn chair. If it rains, Mass is in the Basilica.