

## Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

**August 24, 2025**

Our Lady of Fatima Parish  
2000 12th Avenue  
[www.ourladyoffatimaaltoona.org](http://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 24, 2025 Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Bruce Bracken (Patricia Byrne family)

August 31, 2025 Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Paul A Masic, Sr [B-8/26] (OLOF Parish)

### 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

The wonderful diversity of life and worship among Roman Catholics of the East and West is an example of God writing straight with crooked. The steady hand of the villainous Emperor Diocletian drew a line across Europe and Africa that split the empire in two, and for the most part determined how Christians would worship two thousand years later.

Italy's heel and the far northern city of Trieste fell on the Eastern side, and have had a form of Eastern liturgy ever since. Constantinople, which soon became the seat of the Roman Empire, became a base for Christianizing the East up the Russia and Poland. Poland was on the Eastern side, but a series of wars and medieval mayhem pushed the religious boundary back to the Ukraine, and Poland remains an outpost of the Latin Church to this day.

An old rule of thumb declared that whatever religion was observed by the local prince, the people had to follow. This gave rise to persecution and migration as people sought toleration for their expressions of faith. In the United States, we are accustomed to peaceful collaboration among Christians of East and West, a situation that challenges churches that still feel the pinch of age-old division. JAMES FIELD-J.S. PALUCH CO.

### GRACE AND STRUGGLE

The gift of grace increases as the struggles increase.

St. Rose of Lima

### Our Lady of Fatima Traveling Statue

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.



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.

### Today's Readings

First Reading—Brothers and sisters of every race and language will be brought to Jerusalem (Isaiah 66:18-21).

Psalm—Go out to all the world and tell the Good News (Psalm 117).

Second Reading—Strengthen your drooping hands and your weak knees (Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13).

Gospel—People from east and west, north and south recline at table in the kingdom of God (Lluke 13:22-30).

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Mt 23:13-22

Tues: 1 Thes 2:1-8; Ps 139:1-6; Mt 23:23-26

Wed: 1 Thes 2:2-13; Ps 139:7-12ab; Mt 23:27-32

Thurs: 1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 71:1-4a, 5-6ab, 15ab, 17; Mk 6:17-29

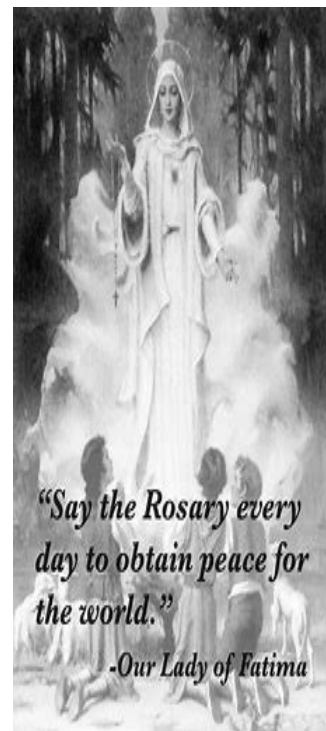
Fri: 1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1, 2b, 5-6, 10-12; Mt 25:1-13

Sat: 1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Mt 25: 14-30

Sun: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Ps 68: 4-7, 10-11; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a; Lk 14:1, 7-14

### 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 rec-  
itation 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 August 10 were \$1,378.00.

Thank you.



Our Lady of Fatima Church's parish picnic is today, 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. Come and join us!!!!



The Catholic Ministries Drive target for Our Lady of Fatima Parish is \$10,200. So far, 25 donations amounting to \$5,195 has been received or 51% of our goal. Thank you.

The CMD is more than a fundraiser—it's a call to live out our faith through action. Every gift supports vital ministries that bring Christ's love to our neighbors in need. From nurturing vocations and strengthening the Catholic education to feeding the hungry and comforting the sick, your generosity fuels the mission of the Church in our diocese.

Please prayerfully consider making a gift to the CMD. Every dollar stays within our diocese and directly supports the ministries that touch lives every day. Together, we can build a stronger, more vibrant Church rooted in faith, hope, and love.

**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



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.



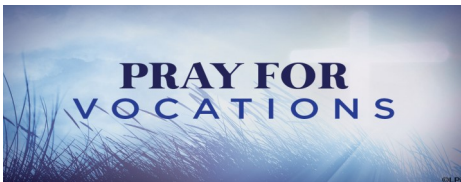
The Altoona Gabriel Project is a Catholic Pro-Life ministry dedicated to helping moms and babies with supplies, as well as providing spiritual and emotional support. Cathedral parish is a part of a group effort of several Altoona area parishes.

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.

#### **ARE YOU INTERESTED IN JOINING ST. MARY'S CHOIR(S)**

Members of Our Lady of Fatima are invited to join the St. Mary's Bell Choir and/or St. Mary's Marian Choir. Bell Choir practices are Wednesday 6:00pm. Marian choir practices are Thursday 6:00pm, both in the church balcony. Practices normally last 1 to 1 1/2 hours. If interested, contact the Rectory @ 814-942-2416.



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 24, 2025-21th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Today's readings show us that it is not enough to be Christ's disciples in name only. To be real disciples, we must live for Christ every day and in every aspect of life. This kind of life takes strength and discipline.

Intentionally and consistently offering the Lord the best of our time, talent and treasure through a stewardship way of life is a form of spiritual discipline. These spiritual disciplines teach us to become ever more aware of God's constant provisions for us and they keep us on the narrow path towards the Kingdom of Heaven. The more we embrace this way of life, the more we can be 'trained' by the Lord in the ways of true discipleship. Though difficult, these disciplines become a source of spiritual strength.

In the week ahead, let's strive to embrace the spiritual disciplines that can transform us into real disciples of Christ and lead us into the Kingdom of God.

**The Jubilee 2025 Pilgrim's Passport** needs to be returned or postmarked by September 8 and sent to: Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown Pastoral Center 2713 West Chestnut Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601 to be eligible for prizes: Overnight stay in Washington DC the weekend of the Pilgrimage, October 17, an overnight stay in Pittsburgh, or the monetary amounts, and various gift cards. There are several weeks left to travel and visit Holy Sites in our five deaneries!

#### **DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO THE BASILICA OF THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION IN WASHINGTON, D.C.**

October 17, 2025, Friday—Bishop Mark will celebrate Mass in the upper church at 2:00PM and visitors will be able to tour this historic Catholic landmark throughout the day.

#### **Registration and busing information:**

Those interested in participating are welcome to travel on their own OR register and pay to ride on one of the diocesan-organized busses that will be leaving from Altoona, Johnstown, Ebensburg, Somerset, and State College. \*Credit cards are not accepted for the bus reservation payment.

#### **REGISTRATION IS DUE BY SEPTEMBER 20.**

Contact Jeanne Thompson with further questions [jthomspn@dioceseaj.org](mailto:jthomspn@dioceseaj.org) or 814-695-5579.

You can also visit the Pilgrimage Page on the Diocesan Website.