

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 31, 2025

Our Lady of Fatima Parish
2000 12th Avenue
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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
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Eucharist: Sunday: 11:30 AM
Holy Days: 6:00 PM

Confession-Sunday 11:00am-11:25am

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
RESULT 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.

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

September 7, 2025 Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

John Kasun, Jr [B 9/4] (Eileen Edwards)

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 readings today center on mindfulness, awareness of where we stand in God's plan. The mountain of Sinai carries a message of the majesty and distance of God, while Jesus' presence as host of the banquet speaks of intimacy and mystery. September's shadow calls us all to mindfulness as we prepare to return to life outside of summer. The Christian life holds these two places of knowledge of God in careful balance. Even in the accounts of the Passion we see the table of the upper room in balance with the Mount of Olives.

Altar "means" high place," yet it is also a table. The former liturgy of the Latin Rite began with the priest bowing at the foot of the altar's three steps, chanting *Introibo ad altare Dei*, or "I will go to the altar of God," followed by the altar servers' response, "The God who gives joy to my youth." Many parishioners can recall and recite this scene by heart. As with so many things in liturgy, there are layers of meaning in our worship. The altar table evokes memories of the high places once reserved for encounter with the holy, and the intimacy of the table where hospitality draws us to share food and drink.

—James Field, J.S. Paluch Co.

PRIDE

The proud hate pride—in others.

—Benjamin Franklin

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—Conduct your affairs with humility (Sirach 3: 17-18, 20, 28-29).

Psalm—God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor (Psalm 68).

Second Reading—You have approached the city of the living God (Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a).

Gospel—Those who humble themselves will be exalted (Luke 14:1, 7-14).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon: 1 Thes 4:13-18; Ps 96:1, 3-5, 11-13; Lk 4:16-30

Tues: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 4: 31-37

Wed: Col 1:1-8; Ps 52: 10-11; Lk 4:38-44

Thurs: Col 1:9-14; Ps 98:2-6; Lk 5:1-11

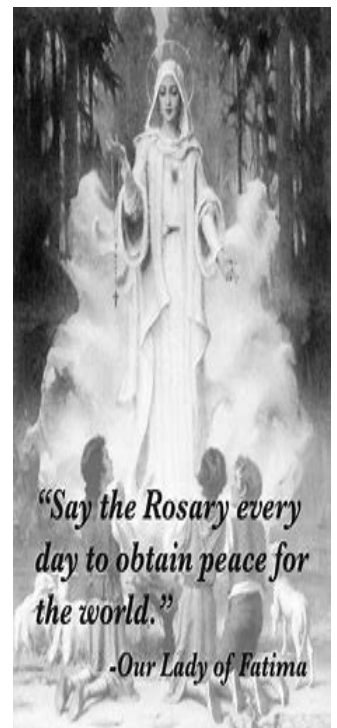
Fri: Col 1:15-20; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 5:33-39

Sat: Col 1:21-23; Ps 54:3-4, 6, 8; Lk 6:1-5

Sun: Wis 9:13-18b; Ps 90:3-6, 12-17; Phlm 9-10, 12-17; Lk 14: 25-33

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. Correction, the contributions for August 17 was \$1480 and August 24 was \$1312.

Thank you.



Thanks to all who attended and enjoyed the delicious food, games and fellowship. Special thanks to all who helped make the picnic a success! Cotton candy and snow cones were a sweet touch! Hope to see everyone at the picnic in 2026!!!!



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.

HUMILITY...is a virtue we don't see much in our times. It seems that bragging, swaggering, and arrogance dominate our fashion for everything and our Internet conversations. Who hasn't been irritated by the "trolls" who try (usually with bad grammar and poor spelling) to start an online fight with those whose opinions do not align with theirs? Our stores, catalogs, and online shopping sites are full of useless items geared in use and price to the very rich, as ordinary, useful things seem to fade off the sales scene. As the rich get richer, the poor get poorer and the middle class is fading away. What is the antidote to this? Humility is a good place to start. Devotion to God is worth more than riches. "The father of orphans and the defender of widows is God in his holy dwelling. God gives a home to the forsaken; [God] leads forth prisoners to prosperity." J.S. Paluch Co



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 31, 2025-22th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's readings remind us of a chief virtue that characterizes the Christian steward: humility. This is a virtue that is widely thought of as a form of self-abasement. But that understanding is off the mark. Humility is simply the awareness of who (and Who's) we truly are.

On one hand, we are children of the Most High God who loved us into existence; children whose Father sent His son to die for our sins, children who, by virtue of our Baptism, have the Holy Trinity dwelling within us. On the other hand, we are children who are completely dependent on God for our very existence and for every breath we take. The Christian steward lives with an awareness of these two realities—our great dignity as sons and daughters of God, and our total dependence on Him for all that we are and all that we have been given.

Our attitude and how we serve and share should be centered on true humility— recognizing that we are all 'little' ones in the eyes of God. We are all His children; brothers and sisters invited to our Father's heavenly banquet.

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 or 814-695-5579.

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