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Thank you,

Msgr. Stan Carson

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 6, 2020

Our Lady of Fatima Parish
2010 12th Avenue
www.ourladyoffatimaaltoona.org

Rectory Office Hours:
Tuesdays and Thursdays
11:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Parish Office: 814-942-0371 or call
the Cathedral Office at 944-4603.

Our Lady of Fatima Church

Our Lady of Fatima Parish
Rev. Msgr. Stanley B. Carson, Administrator

Parish Secretary
Paula Hall

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

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick
Parishioners wishing to receive the sacra-
ment of healing may call the Cathedral Par-
ish 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
Hollidaysburg Campus (Pre-K thru Grade 4) - 695-6112
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

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Director of Music Ministry

Leslie C. Thayer, MM, CAGO
Music Ministry Office - 944-2044
E-Mail: ltthayer@dioceseaj.org

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

THE FATIMA TOWERS

December 6, 2020
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
10:30 AM

OUR LADY OF FATIMA MASS INTENTIONS
Today's Intention - Ronald Geis (Family)

Feast of the Immaculate Conception - Bebe Milliron (Janet Frank)
The Third Sunday of Advent 2020 - Carol Riley (Maureen L. Schoch)

Cathedral Mass Intentions

December 6, Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM +Richard Anthony (Tom & Debbie Swires)
10:00 AM +John Adams (Mary & Albert Yurinko)
Noon PM +Beverly Woodring (Mike & Sherry Byrne)
5:00 PM Pro Popolo/For the People

December 7, Monday, St. Ambrose, Bp. & Dr.

6:45 AM All Priests (Anonymous)
12:00 PM +Betty Capouellez, Birth. (Family)
5:30 PM +John Duffy (Lorraine Bienick)

**December 8, Tuesday, The Immaculate Conception
of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

8:00 AM +Jane Davidson (Tom & Patricia Forr)
12:00 PM +Patricia Koeck (Vera Nazaruk Family)
5:30 PM +Dorothy Berger (Kevin & Jane Byrne)

December 9, Wednesday, St. Juan Diego

6:45 AM +Susan Bauer (Children)
12:00 PM +Madeline Vogel (Toots, Maureen, & Kathleen)

December 10, Thursday, Weekday

6:45 AM +Hilda Conrad (Dave & Pat Zeak)
12:00 PM +Tillie Winkler Harris, Anniv. (Family)

December 11, Friday, Weekday

6:45 AM Rosemarie Fedeli (Family)
12:00 PM +Deacon John Rys, Birth. (Family)

December 12, Saturday, Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:00 AM +Bernard G. Plank, Anniv./Birth. (Family)
12:00 PM +Fred & Margaret Lumadue (Jack & Carolyn Sparks)

Vigil: Third Sunday of Advent

5:00 PM +Helen Anderson (Mary Lysinger)

December 13, Third Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM +Dorothy Stephens (Russ & MaryAnn Pleva)
10:00 AM +Todd Campbell (Ed & Lois Simanski)
12:00 PM +Paul Rose, Birth. (Kathleen Rose Davies)
5:00 PM Pro Popolo/For the People



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The rugged land shall be made a plain; the rough country, a broad valley (Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11).

Psalm — Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation (Psalm 85).

Second Reading — Conduct yourselves in holiness, hastening the coming of the day of God (2 Peter 3:8-14).

Gospel — I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit (Mark 1:1-8).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9, 10-13ab; Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47.

Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-50, 53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

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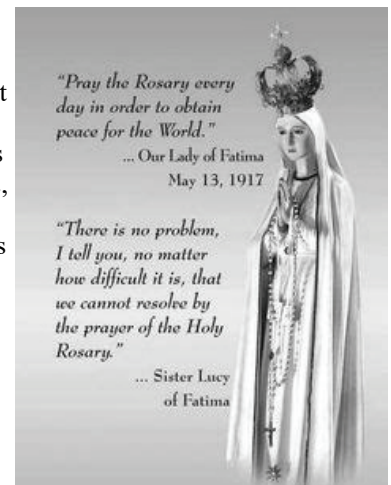
Your prayers, volunteerism, and financial support are deeply appreciated.

Parishioner contributions on Sunday, November 22, amounted to \$1,321.00.

Last week's contributions were \$1,045.00.

Please Remember

Please remember to wear some form of facial covering when you enter our church and keep a safe physical distance if you are not with family.



THE BEGINNING

With COVID-19, much time is spent wondering “where did it start?” or “who passed it on to whom?” Though science can tell us much there are many unanswered questions. Today’s Gospel is about as concrete as sacred scripture gets. We know this is the beginning of the Gospel of Mark, which was the first Gospel to be written down in about 70 AD. Unlike Luke and John, Mark does not begin with an infancy narrative of Jesus. He starts by proclaiming the prophecy of Isaiah. This section was written six hundred years before Christ, in another time of great upheaval, as the Israelites were displaced from their homeland during the Babylonian Exile. The first words of Isaiah 40 are “Comfort, comfort, my people.” John the Baptist starts by explaining he is the go-between, sent to “Prepare the way.”

While proclaiming the coming Christ is a thing of joy, John’s words are also harsh, reminding us to repent and prepare. People were threatened by them two thousand years ago, and some still are today. People can hear them and be turned off by “fire and brimstone,” and none of us like to be told what to do. But think about it. This year, we have all engaged in social distancing and endured hardships to protect our families and others.

Similarly, when you have company coming, you do house cleaning, meal prep, and lots of things to make the place ready for the arrival of your guests—necessary preparation. So we as individuals must make ourselves ready for the coming Christ to reside in us. This may mean repenting for sins, seeking the sacrament of penance, or taking time with a spiritual director. Perhaps it means carving out more times and places for Christ to be born in our hearts or taking on another spiritual practice. Maybe it means simply doing what the psalm asked and using our eyes and ears and mind and heart to seek Christ.

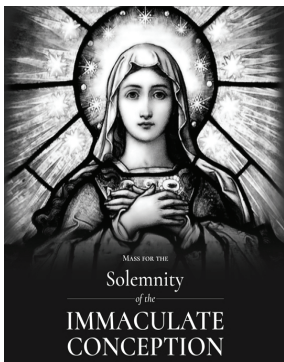
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OPLATKI/CHRISTMAS WAFERS

Packets of oplatki are available on the tables in the back of the church. The donation is \$2.00 per packet; each packet has three pieces of wafer/bread. The legacy of the custom and a prayer are printed on the packet. The oplatki are shared at the Christmas meal (usually on Christmas Eve) as an expression of family unity and love with wishes of blessings and happiness. It is dipped in honey by some as a symbol of God’s sweet goodness and generosity.



Tuesday, December 8, is the Solemn Feast of the Immaculate Conception, normally a holy day of obligation, though due to the pandemic Bp. Mark has waived the obligation. A Mass will be celebrated on Monday, December 7, at 6:00 P.M.



VOTIVE CANDLES The light signifies our prayer offered in faith coming into the light of God. With the light of faith, we petition our Lord in prayer, or petition the saint to pray with us and for us to the Lord. The light also shows a special reverence and our desire to remain present to the Lord in prayer even though we may depart and go about our daily business. The donation is \$3.00.

SAVE AROUND COUPON BOOKLETS

The 2021 *Save Around* coupon booklets are now available for \$20.00. The parish receives a profit of \$5.00 per booklet.

See Paul Masic following Mass.

