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Thank you,

Msgr. Stan Carson

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 19, 2021

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 Parish

Rev. Msgr. Stanley B. Carson, Administrator

Parish Secretary

Paula Hall

Director of Music Ministry

Cathy 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 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

Hollidaysburg Campus (Pre-K thru Grade 4) - 695-6112

Middle School Campus (Grades 5 thru 8) - 942-7835

Directors of Religious Education:

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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) Weekdays: 6:45 AM & Noon

8:00 AM

Saturday: 8:00 AM & Noon

10:00 AM

5:00 PM

THE FATIMA TOWERS

OUR LADY OF FATIMA MASS INTENTIONS

11:30 A.M.

This Sunday, December 19, Fourth Sunday of Advent

Catherine Burr (M/M William Share)

Saturday, December 25, Christmas Day

Parishioners and Benefactors of Our Lady of Fatima Parish

Sunday, December 26, Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Families of our Parish

Cathedral Mass Intentions

December 19, Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM +Greg Hoover (Linda & Monte Strassburger)

10:00 AM +Jeannie Yorgy (Marie & Jim Williford)

5:00 PM Pro Popolo/For the People

December 20, Monday, Weekday

6:45 AM +Danyl Rougeux (Mom & Dad)

12:00 PM +Alice Winkler, Birth. (Family)

December 21, Tuesday, St. Peter Canisius, Priest

6:45 AM +Lori Keirn (Jessica Bernett Family)

12:00 PM +Ben Delozier, Anniv. (Family)

December 22, Wednesday, Weekday

6:45 AM +Francis Goss, Anniv. (Wife and Family)

12:00 PM +Mildred Brady, Anniv. (Joe & Dee Shellenberger)

December 23, Thursday, St. John of Kanty, Priest

8:00 AM +Don & Dorothy Hanekamp (Dave & Maureen Hanekamp)

12:00 PM +Mary Alice Plummer (Barbara A. Francis)

December 24, Friday, Weekday

8:00 AM +Barry Bidelspach (Farrell Family)

12:00 PM No Noon Mass

Vigil: Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord

5:00 PM People of the Parish

December 25, Saturday, Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord

12:00 AM Parishioners and Benefactors

8:00 AM Parishioners and Benefactors

10:00 AM Parishioners and Benefactors

5:00 PM No Mass

December 26, Sunday, The Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

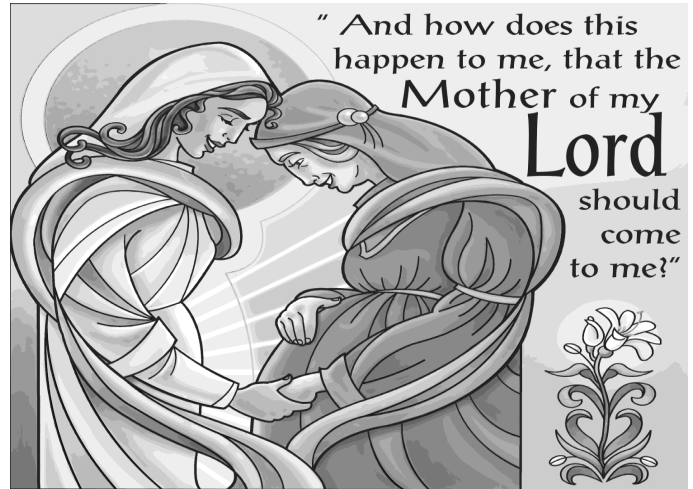
8:00 AM +Sandra Pool (Debbie Ball Family)

10:00 AM +Carrie Kibler Detwiler (Moom & Dad)

5:00 PM Pro Popolo/For the People

SANCTUARY CANDLE

The sanctuary candle for the month of December has been donated by Regina Noonan and Family in memory of John Noonan.



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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — From Bethlehem-Ephrathah shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel (Micah 5:1-4a). **Psalm** — Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved (Psalm 80). **Second Reading** — We have been consecrated through the offering of the body of Christ once for all (Hebrews 10:5-10). **Gospel** — Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken by the Lord would be fulfilled (Luke 1:39-45).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45

Wednesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56

Thursday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66

Friday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79

Saturday: **Vigil:** Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29;

Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25] **Night:** Is 9:1-6;

Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14 **Dawn:** Is 62:11

-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20 **Day:** Is

52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; Ps

128:1-5 or Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or 1

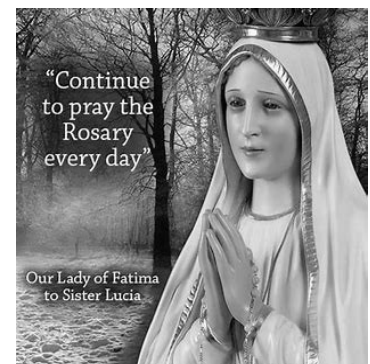
Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52

Thank You

Your prayers, volunteerism, and financial support are deeply appreciated. The contributions for Sunday, December 12, were \$1,815.50.

Your generosity at Christmas is particularly important to our parish.

Thank you.



COMFORT AND SALVATION

All of today's scriptures seem to declare Christmas's "comfort and joy." Micah declares that, as small as Bethlehem is, the child born there will bring peace that "shall reach to the ends of the earth." Hebrews proclaims that, despite pain and suffering, the "offering of the body of Jesus Christ" saves us all.

In today's Gospel, bearing the Christ Child within her, Mary, barely more than a child herself, immediately, unselfishly sets aside her own preoccupations—and as a betrothed but as yet unmarried mother-to-be, how many they must have been—to travel in haste, over dangerous terrain, a four-day journey (the scholars say) from Nazareth to Ain-Karem, to the home of Elizabeth and Zechariah.

Then, just as David leapt and danced before the ancient Ark of the Covenant that bore precious signs of God's abiding presence, so John leaps in his mother Elizabeth's womb as Mary arrives, a living ark bearing God's living presence. Elizabeth joyfully greets Mary in words that we pray daily in the "Hail Mary": "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb." Why Mary is so "blessed" Elizabeth then explains: "Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled." Likewise, we may dare hope to be "blessed" for "believing that what was spoken" to us "by the Lord"—Jesus' promise of mercy—will be fulfilled as we share God's mercy with everyone. For by reason of our baptism and, more immediately and repeatedly, because of our participation in the Eucharist, we too bear within ourselves the living Christ. To whom, or to what situation, do we need to bear Christ this Christmas? Indeed, throughout the year, how selflessly do we set our own concerns aside? How eagerly—"in haste"—do we, disregarding difficulties, traverse whatever dangerous terrain needs conquering to be of service to another?

Today's Readings: Mi 5:1–4a; Ps 80:2–3, 15–16, 18–19; Heb 10:5–10; Lk 1:39–45

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Christmas Day (December 25) TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

An old joke asks, "What time is Midnight Mass?" The answer is not really obvious, since Christmas is unique in having several distinct celebrations. The readings and prayers vary greatly from hour to hour. The Vigil Mass hinges on the family heritage of Jesus and his origins. The concept of "midnight" predates clock time, and really has to do with a celebration in the hours of darkness. Years ago, it was not possible to receive Communion without fasting for a full day, so the late hour of this Mass made it possible for the people to receive. The first Mass after sunrise, the Mass at Dawn, was once known as "The Shepherds' Mass," and later Masses set aside stories of Jesus' birth to focus on the key to the day's celebration: John the Evangelist's majestic theology of Christ's identity as the Word made flesh, dwelling among us. One feast, four separate Masses. Only monasteries manage the whole round. Parishioners typically take just one entry point into the mystery. Yet there is much to savor and celebrate in the coming of Christ into the world. Christmas is not a day, but a season. You still have two weeks to send those Christmas cards before you're officially late!

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You are invited to help decorate our church this afternoon Sunday, December 19, following the 11:30 A.M. Mass. Christmas flower donations and memorials can be made by using the special envelope that is available on the tables in the back of the church.

Msgr. Stan Carson will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation following today's 11:30 A.M. Mass.



Cathedral-Christmas Eve-5:00 P.M.

Cathedral-Christmas Day-Midnight

Cathedral-Christmas Day-8:00 A.M.

Cathedral-Christmas Day-10:00 A.M.

Our Lady of Fatima-Christmas Day-11:30 A.M.



Packets of oplatki are available in the back of the church. The donation is \$2.00 per packet of three wafers. The custom is explained on the envelope.

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.