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Thank you,

Msgr. Stan Carson

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

December 26, 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 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

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

Families of our Parish

Since it falls on a Saturday, the Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God is not a holy day of obligation.

Next Sunday, January 2, Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord.

James R. Riley (Pam & Tim Seasoltz)

Cathedral Mass Intentions

December 26, Sunday, Feast of the Holy Family

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

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

5:00 PM Pro Popolo/For the People

December 27, Monday, St. John, Apostle & Evangelist

6:45 AM +Derek Behe (Mom & Dad)

12:00 PM +Jim DeStefano, Birth. (Randy & Karen Isenberg)

December 28, Tuesday, The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

6:45 AM +Deceased Members of the E.T. Smith Family
(George & Dot Smith)

12:00 PM +William Lumadue (Brother, Richard Lumadue)

December 29, Wednesday, Fifth Day Christmas Octave

6:45 AM +Anna Mercer (Children)

12:00 PM +Rose Marie Keefe (Anonymous)

December 30, Thursday, Sixth Day Christmas Octave

6:45 AM +All Poor Souls (Anonymous)

12:00 PM +Amelia Seiler (Butch Winkler)

December 31, Friday, Seventh Day Christmas Octave

6:45 AM +Msgr. Roy Kline (Estate)

12:00 PM +Elizabeth Smith (Lysinger Family)

January 1, Saturday, Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God

(This year, not a holy day of obligation.)

8:00 AM +James R. Riley (Joe & Anne Jaronieski)

12:00 PM +Eleanor Fischer (Bill & Grace Smith)

5:00 PM No Mass

January 2, Sunday, Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 AM +Mary Jeanette Marlett (Kathy & Gred Clemens)

10:00 AM +Rebecca Longwill (Tim & Anne Marie Longwill)

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. The candle is available for several months in 2022. The donation is \$30.00

December 26, 2021



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The Holy Family

OF JESUS, MARY,
AND JOSEPH

After three days Jesus' parents found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions.
Luke 2:46

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Hannah gives her son Samuel back to the LORD, leaving him in the temple at Shiloh: "As long as he lives, he shall be dedicated to the LORD" (1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28) *or* *Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14*.

Psalms — Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord (Psalm 84) *or* *Psalm 128*.

Second Reading — We are children of God when we believe in the name of God's Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us (1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24) *or* *Colossians 3:12-21 [12-17]*.

Gospel — Joseph and Mary find the lost Jesus in the temple in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking questions (Luke 2:41-52).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40

Friday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18

Saturday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

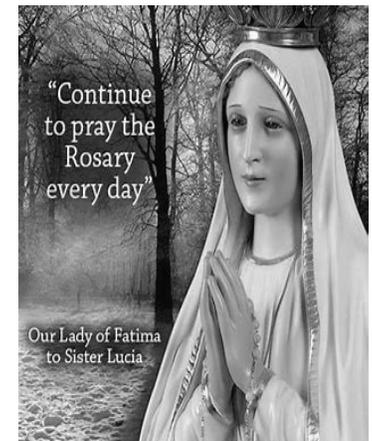
Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13;

Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Thank You

Your prayers, volunteerism, and financial support are deeply appreciated. The contributions for Sunday, December 19, were not available due to an early bulletin printing date.

Your generosity at Christmas is particularly important to our parish. Thank you.



"Continue to pray the Rosary every day"

Our Lady of Fatima to Sister Lucia

DID YOU NOT KNOW?

A child's first words are usually a source of excitement and joy for family members. Today we hear the first words of Jesus in the Gospel according to Luke. And they are challenging ones. "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" The words *astounded*, *astonished*, and *great anxiety* are used to describe Jesus' extended visit to the Temple. How familiar those emotions are to most parents! Had Jesus' parents forgotten the angel Gabriel's words or the prophecy of Simeon? In Luke's Gospel this passage foreshadows Jesus' final journey to Jerusalem where he will experience his own Passover and again be "lost" for three days. The story of Hannah in the first reading confirms the need and nature of trusting in God's activity in our lives. It seems clear that faithful attention to a family's spiritual life is no guarantee that life will be free from hardship.

Could Tolstoy have gotten it wrong when he wrote that all happy families are alike and that unhappy families are each unhappy in their own way? It seems that the opposite is equally true. Because happy families foster the unique talents and interests of each member, each person shines according to their own lights. A happy family's faith, goals, and challenges will be uniquely their own. Unhappy families, on the other hand, might look very similar in their woundedness, their fears and confrontations, and their tendency to give negative interpretations to another's actions.

It is tempting to conclude that family life today is more problematic than ever. It might be reassuring to learn that the feast of the Holy Family was added to the Church's universal calendar because of Pope Leo XIII's concern for the state of family life—one hundred years ago! During this season of Christmas when families are everywhere, we welcome Emmanuel—the God who has pitched his tent among us.

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PRAYER OF THE WEEK

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

O God, who were pleased to give us the shining example of the Holy Family, graciously grant that we may imitate them in practicing the virtues of family life and in the bonds of charity, and so, in the joy of your house, delight one day in eternal rewards. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

SAVE AROUND COUPON BOOKLETS

We are sold out of the *Save Around* coupon booklets. The parish received a profit of \$10.00 per booklet.



The drive ends on Friday, December 31. With gifts amounting to \$9,175, our parish is \$7 over target. Any additional contributions will remain in the parish. Thank you.



Gratitude is extended to the Stanley J. Krish Funeral Home for sponsoring the beautiful 2022 Catholic Art Calendar for Our Lady of Fatima Parish. They are available in the back of the church.

Our Lady of Fatima Church is always attractively decorated at Christmas. A sincere word of thanks is extended to all the volunteers who contributed their time and talent last Sunday following Mass to decorate.

