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1:30 P.M.**

SUNDAY, December 11, 2022

**Thank you,
Msgr. Stan Carson**

Third Sunday of Advent

December 11, 2022

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
Paula Clemens, Secretary
PH: 814-944-4603

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

Director 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
E-Mail: lthayer@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:

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| 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

OUR LADY OF FATIMA MASS INTENTIONS

11:30 A.M.

This Sunday, December 11, Third Sunday of Advent

Dave Conrad (John & Kathy Kasun)

Next Sunday, December 18, Fourth Sunday of Advent

Duane Eichenlaub (Bryan & Eileen Starr)

Sunday, December 25, Solemnity of The Nativity of the Lord

Living and Deceased Members of Our Lady of Fatima Parish

Cathedral Mass Intentions

December 11, Third Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM +Deacon John Rys, Birth. (Family)

10:00 AM +An Rhodes (Tom & Beth Moore)

5:00 PM Pro Popolo/For the People

December 12, Monday, Our Lady of Guadalupe

12:00 PM +Bernard G. Plank, Birth. Anniv. (Family)

December 13, Tuesday, St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr

12:00 PM +Pete & Sally Colledge, Special Intention
(Children)

December 14, Wednesday, St. John of the Cross, Priest & Dr.

12:00 PM + Helen Anderson (Mary Lysinger)

December 15, Thursday, Advent Weekday

12:00 PM +James P. Kilkoyn (Jim & Steph Kilkoyn)

December 16, Friday, Advent Weekday

12:00 PM +Dorothea Allman, Birth. (Shamba Elijah)

December 17, Saturday, Advent Weekday

12:00 PM +Charles Barnard, Birth, (Daughter)

Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Advent

5:00 PM +Mary Kantoski, Birth. (Family)

December 18, Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM +Walter Beckel, Jr. (Wife & Family)

10:00 AM +Patrick Duffy (Jean Koury & Donnie Rabine)

5:00 PM +Pro Popolo/For the People

There is Mass at 11:30 A.M. at Our Lady of Fatima Parish.



**TABERNACLE
CANDLE**

During the month of December, the sanctuary candle is being lit in memory of John G. Kasun, Sr. by John & Kathy Kasun. Thank you.



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The barren deserts will rejoice and flower. Tired bodies will receive strength. Aching hearts will be made glad (Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10).

Psalm — The Lord saves us when he comes (Psalm 146).

Second Reading — Be patient, for the coming of the Lord is as sure as the rain (James 5:7-10).

Gospel — Tell of what you hear and see: The blind regain their vision, the crippled their movement, the deaf their hearing (Matthew 11:2-11).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 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, or any readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712

Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23; Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday: Is 45: 6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday: Is 54:1-10; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b; Lk 7:24-30

Friday: Is 56:1-3a, 6-8; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Jn 5:33-36

Saturday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17

Sunday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

Thank You Very Much

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

The contributions for Sunday, December 4, were \$1836.60



PATIENCE . . . NOW!

A friend walked me through his newly planted garden to help me see how it would look in spring. He finally stopped and said, “You can’t picture any of this, can you?” I couldn’t until I saw it in full bloom the following springtime. Then I could understand why he planted the seeds where he had. Then I saw the beauty and bounty that his planting represented. “Tell John what you hear and see,” Jesus says to John’s disciples. The signs of the Messiah proclaimed by the prophets are beginning to bloom. Look and see! Hear the singing of those once mute and the rejoicing of the crowds who witness these works. The beauty and the bounty of our generous God are all around.

James wrote to a community experiencing hardship, like the exiled Israelites in today’s first reading. Isaiah and James exhort people to trust that they will see God’s presence in their midst once again, so be patient. That’s easier said than done, isn’t it? Saint Francis de Sales says to be patient with everyone, and most of all with ourselves. Patience means accepting suffering and delay without becoming angry or upset. Easier said than done. Praying for this virtue each day, sometimes often throughout the day, does help. Breathe in the Spirit of God and say, “Give me patience, Lord.” Then exhale anger, upset, and impatience. Staring at a garden won’t make a shoot spring up any faster; however, giving thanks for the seed, the water, the soil, and the Giver of all life can deepen our trust that the garden will grow. So be patient. Rejoice always. See and be the signs of God’s beauty and bounty in our world today.

Today’s Readings: Is 35:1–6a, 10; Ps 146:6–7, 8–9, 9–10; Jas 5:7–10; Mt 11:2–11

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Our parish is selling **SaveAround** coupon booklets for the Altoona/State College & Surrounding Areas. The cost is \$25.00 per booklet. The parish makes a \$12.50 profit on each booklet sold. They are available in the vestibule on Sunday at Mass time and in the office during the week.

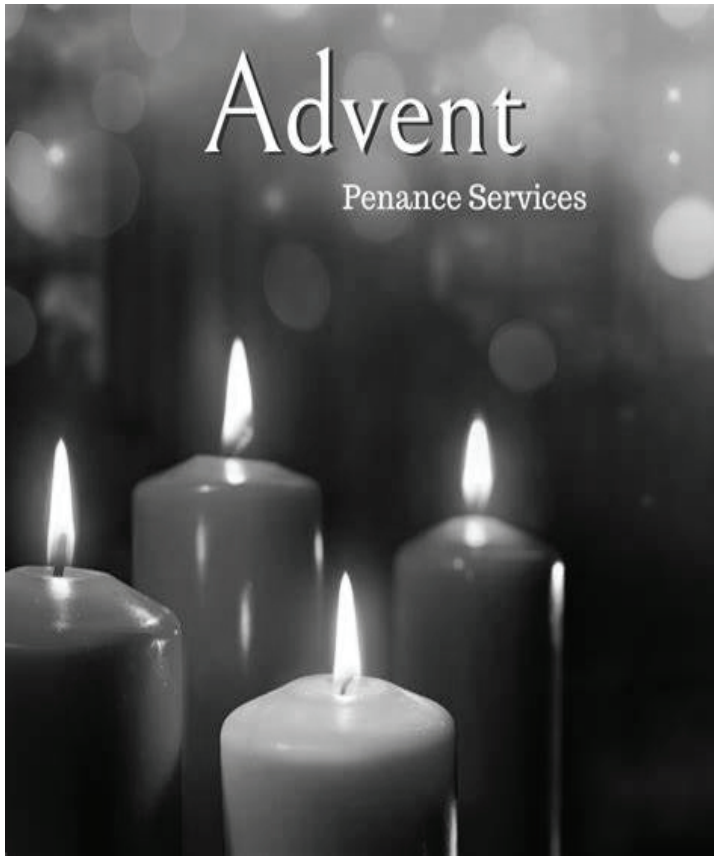


OUR FASCINATING FAITH

Our Lady of Guadalupe (December 12)

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas, first appeared to Cuauhtlatzin (Juan Diego) on December 9, 1531 while he was on his way to a Eucharistic celebration in Tlatelolco, Mexico. The Virgin addressed him by his indigenous name, asking him to go to the palace of Archbishop Zumárraga to request that a shrine be erected there at the site of the apparition, in Tepeyac, so as to share her love and compassion for all believers. Juan Diego did so, but the archbishop did not believe him, demanding proof of his story and of the Lady’s identity. He returned to Our Lady daily, and on December 12, he conveyed to her the archbishop’s request for proof. She showed him Castilian roses blooming there through the stony ground despite the winter’s cold. He picked the flowers and carried them in his *tilma* (mantle) to the archbishop. When he unfolded his *tilma* to present the roses, Mary’s image was imprinted on the mantle! Her blue sash and the flower over her womb were traditional Aztec symbols of pregnancy and new life. But her features were those of a *mestiza*, indicating mixed Aztec-European heritage. Thus Our Lady of Guadalupe remains the enduring icon of unity-in-diversity, the fruit of our one baptism into Jesus, her Son.

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PENANCE SERVICES

Sunday, December 11, 4:00 P.M., St. Mary Church, Hollidaysburg
Monday, December 12, 7:00 P.M., Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, Altoona and St. Rose of Lima Church, Altoona
Wednesday, December 14, 6:00 P.M., Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, Altoona
Thursday, December 15, 7:00 P.M., St. Michael Church, Loretto
Sunday, December 18, 4:00 P.M., St. John the Evangelist Church, Lakemont
Thursday, December 22, 5:30 P.M. Sacred Heart Church, Altoona

INDIVIDUAL CONFESSIONS

Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament
 Saturday, December 17, 12:30 P.M.

(Confessions are not scheduled on Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24)

Wednesday, December 21, 7:00 P.M.

Our Lady of Fatima Parish

Sunday, December 18, 12:30 P.M.

ST. LUCY

Feast, December 13

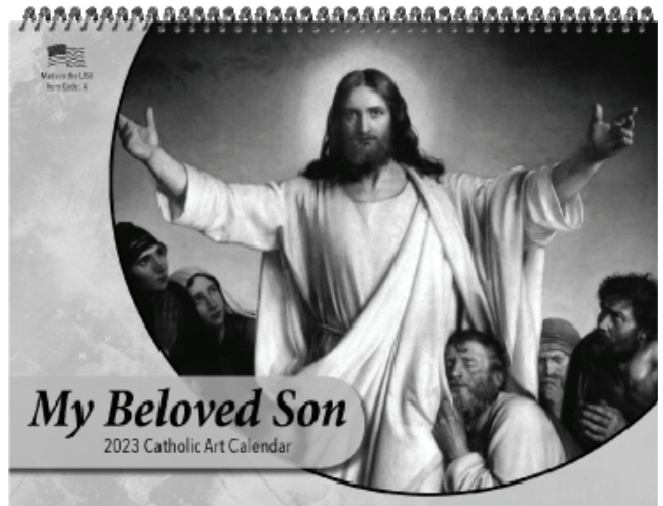


SAINT LUCY, whose beautiful name signifies *light*, by the light of Faith which God bestowed upon you, increase and preserve his light in my soul, so that I may avoid evil, be zealous in the performance of

good works, and abhor nothing so much as the blindness and the darkness of evil and sin.

Obtain for me, by your intercession with God, perfect vision for my bodily eyes and the grace to use them for God's greater honor and glory and the salvation of souls.

St. Lucy, virgin and martyr, hear my prayers and obtain my petitions. Amen.



Gratitude is extended to the STANLEY J. KRISH FUNERAL HOME for generously donating this year's Catholic calendar for the home. The calendars remind us that all time is a gift from God and each day is a blessing. The year and the seasons are sanctified by the redemptive presence of Jesus Christ. The saints support us with their prayers.

