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SUNDAY, December 18, 2022

**Thank you,
Msgr. Stan Carson**

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 18, 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 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
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:

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 18, Fourth Sunday of Advent

Duane Eichenlaub (Bryan & Eileen Starr)

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

Living and Deceased Members of Our Lady of Fatima Parish
and Benefactors

Cathedral Mass Intentions

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

December 19, Monday, Late Advent Weekday

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

December 20, Tuesday, Late Advent Weekday

12:00 PM +Elizabeth Shea Allen, Anniv. (Mother)

December 21, Wednesday, St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Dr.

12:00 PM +Deceased Family and Friends (McNelis All Stars)

December 22, Thursday, Late Advent Weekday

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

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

12:00 PM +Vera Hauck, Birth. (Corky, Dee & Maury Confer)

December 24, Saturday, Late Advent Weekday

8:00 AM +Freddie Martynuska (Mom & Dad)



Vigil: Vigil, Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord

5:00 PM +For the people

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

12:00 AM Peace in the World & an end to the war in Ukraine

8:00 AM Parishioners and Benefactors

10:00 AM Parishioners and Benefactors

There is no 5:00 P.M. on Christmas Day/Evening

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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF

Advent



DECEMBER 18, 2022

*Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel,
which means "God is with us."*

MATTHEW 1:23

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — You will be given this sign: the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel (Isaiah 7:10-14).

Psalm — The king of glory shall come in (Psalm 24).
Second Reading — God has called us to belong to Jesus Christ (Romans 1:1-7).

Gospel — The son born of Mary shall be called Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins. He shall be Emmanuel, "God is with us" (Matthew 1:18-24).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25

Tuesday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38

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

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

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

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

Sunday: **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]

Thank You Very Much

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

The contributions for Sunday, December 11, were \$1,798.



WHOSE HOUSE?

Interest in genealogy is much, much older than current fascination with using DNA analysis to trace our heritage. Matthew's Gospel opens with the genealogy of Jesus, going all the way back to Abraham, Israel's father in faith. This is what immediately precedes today's Gospel reading, and is crucial to how we hear the opening sentence: "Now this is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about." It's not so much as a starting point, but a pivot point that places Jesus firmly in the "house of David" through Joseph (in first-century Judaism, lineage and heritage was traced solely through males). An essential understanding of the Messiah was that he would come from the house and lineage of King David. For those of us who follow Jesus in faith, it's important to recall that it was through Joseph that Jesus both came from the house of David and was made a son of the covenant of Moses.

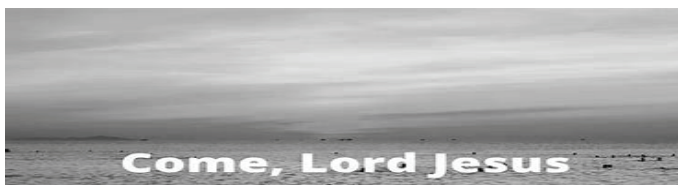
Matthew's Gospel also contains an angelic annunciation scene; we hear from it today. Another pivot point is presented, when the angel says "Do not be afraid to take Mary into your home." As with most angelic appearances in scripture, the angel provides an instruction not to fear. More importantly, Joseph is instructed by God's messenger to take Mary into his home. When Joseph and Mary were betrothed, they were officially constituted as husband and wife; the next step—approved by an angel—would have been for Joseph to take Mary into his home. So he provided a safe place for a young woman in a troubled pregnancy, and offered her child a home, a heritage, and a lineage. This rather difficult and risky move on Joseph's part might inspire us in this season to seek out and help out in those places where people are longing to have a house and—more importantly—a home.

Today's Readings: Is 7:10–14; Ps 24:1–2, 3–4, 5–6; Rom 1:1–7; Mt 1:18–24

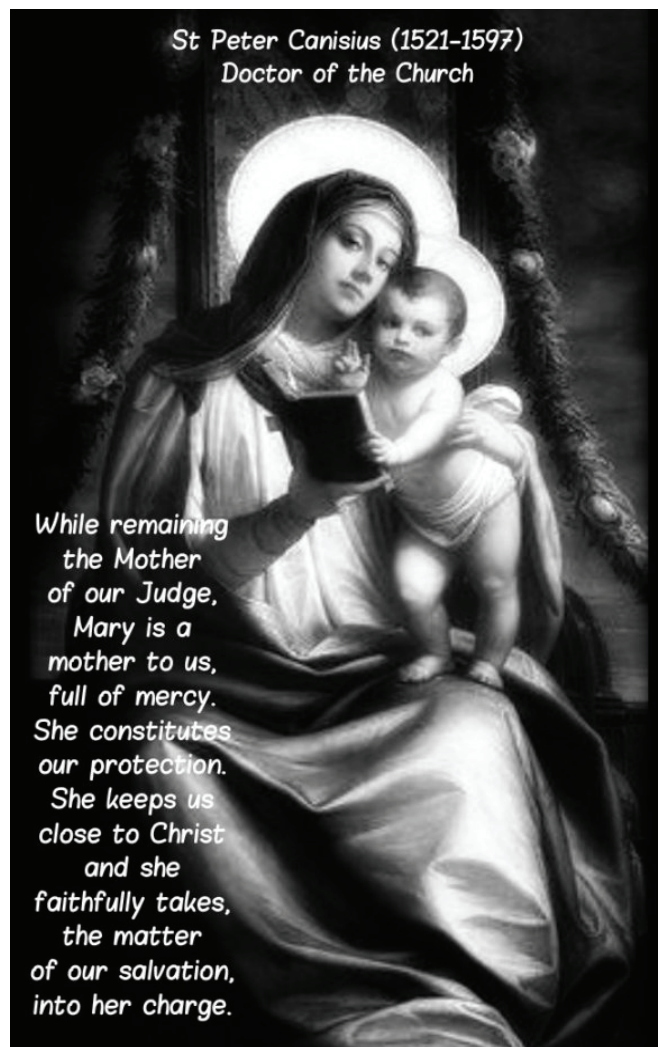
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DECORATE the Church

**Your help is needed today, Sunday,
December 18, at 12:30 P.M.**



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.





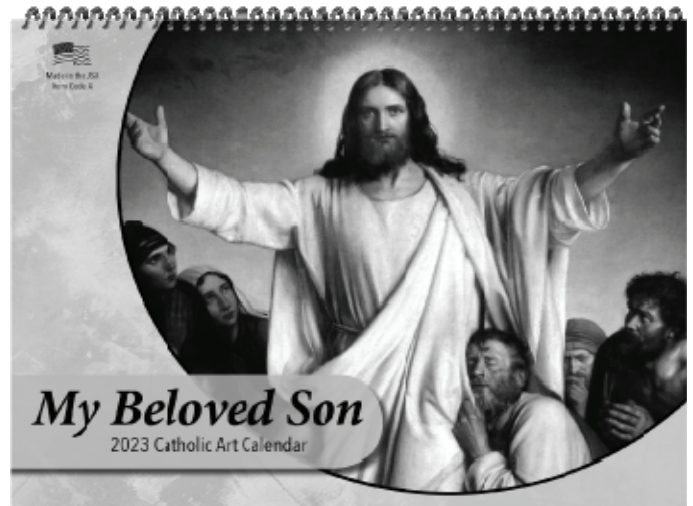
TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

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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PENANCE SERVICES
 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
 Our Lady of Fatima Parish
 Sunday, December 18, 12:30 P.M.
 Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament
 Wednesday, December 21, 7:00 P.M.
 (Confessions are not scheduled on Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24)



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.

<p>FEAST OF ST. JOHN CANTIUS 23RD DECEMBER</p> <p>St. John Cantius (St. John of Kanty), 1390-1473, was a Polish priest, Scholastic philosopher, physicist and theologian.</p> <p>If he saw someone in need he helped with what he had — teaching his students this philosophy:</p> <p><i>“Tight all error, but do it with good humour, patience, kindness, and love. Harshness will damage your own soul and spoil the best cause.”</i></p>	
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Echoes of a Polish Christmas
 All Saints Parish in Boswell on Sunday, January 8, at 2:00 P.M. will host their annual singing of Polish Christmas Carols (known as Kolendy) at 325 Quemahoning Street. The singing will be followed by Benediction and then refreshments in the church hall.

Catholic Ministries Drive 2022
 Our parish needs only \$599 to reached our goal for this year. If you able, please participate.
 Thank you.