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SUNDAY, December 25, 2022

**Thank you,
Msgr. Stan Carson**

The Nativity of the Lord

December 25, 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:

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 25, Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord

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

Next Sunday, January 1, Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God

World Peace, Especially in Ukraine

Cathedral Mass Intentions

December 25, Nativity of the Lord

8:00 AM Parishioners and Benefactors

10:00 AM Parishioners and Benefactors

5:00 PM No Mass

December 26, Monday, St. Stephen, the First Martyr

12:00 PM +Don & Dorothy Hanekamp (M/M Dave Hanekamp)

December 27, Tuesday, St. John, Apostle and Evangelist

12:00 PM +Danyll Rougeux (Mom & Dad)

December 28, Wednesday, The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

12:00 PM +James Kenawell, Sr. (Family)

December 29, Thursday, Fifth Day of the Octave of Nativity

12:00 PM +Memory, Bill Pfeffer (Bonnie Pfeffer)

December 30, Friday, Feast of the Holy Family

12:00 PM Mass of Thanksgiving (Barbara Dixon)

December 31, Saturday, St. Sylvester, Pope

12:00 PM +Elizabeth Smith, Birth. (Mary Lysinger)

Vigil: Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God

5:00 PM +Ann Rhodes, Birth. (Daughter, Carol)

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

8:00 AM +John Duffy (Patricia Byrne Family)

10:00 AM +Amelia Seiler (Jim & Steph Kilkoyne)

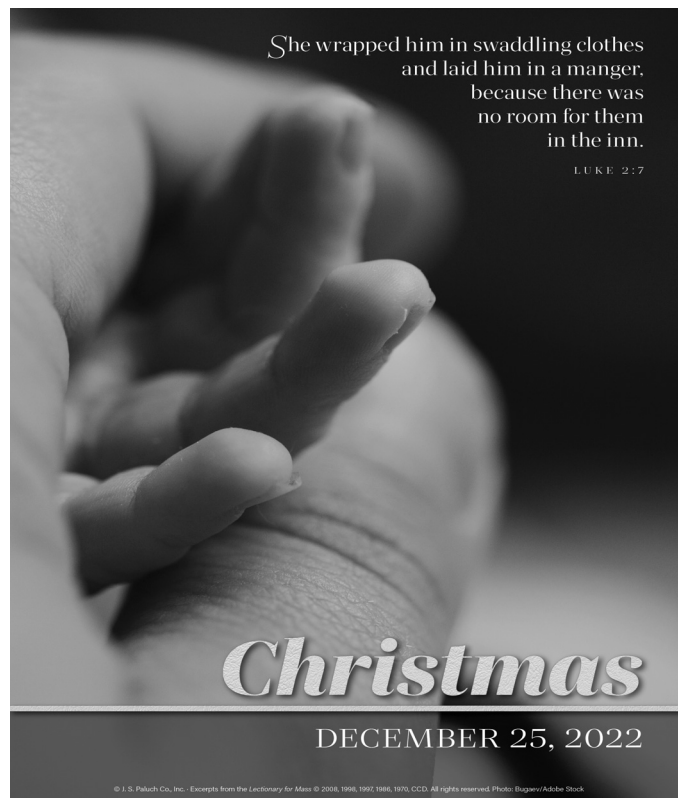
5:00 P.M. Pro Popolo/For the people

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. For the month of January, the candle has been donated by the Peter Starr Family for Ukraine. Thank you.



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — All the ends of the earth will behold the salvation of our God (Isaiah 52:7-10).

Psalms — The whole world has seen God's salvation (Psalm 98).

Second Reading — God has spoken to us through the Son, the very imprint of God's being (Hebrews 1:1-6).

Gospel — The Word became flesh; from his fullness we have all received grace (John 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22

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

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

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:36-40

Friday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 [12-17]; Ps 128:1-5; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

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

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

Thank You Very Much

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

The contributions for Sunday, December 18, were \$1,281



THE SEASON OF LIGHT

It is customary to celebrate Christmas with lights of all sorts. This even happens in the southern hemisphere, where people aren't experiencing the shorter, darker days of northern climates. From little twinkles on Christmas trees to the glow of candles in church, Christmas is a celebration of the light born today in God's Word-made-flesh. As with other types of lights, the Christ-light takes on different forms. Sometimes its light is direct, while at other times it is a reflection. The lights of Christmas, like Jesus the Light of the world, offer comfort, ease fears, show us the way, and help us to see that God is present here. While we believe that Jesus is the light that no darkness can overcome, it can seem at times it seems as though the gloom around us is overcoming the light. We all are familiar with darkness's different forms that seem to bombard us daily, hourly—minute by minute, if we allow them to. And yet . . .

The relentless daily reports of darkness can easily lead us not to see the many glimmers of light around us. We who follow the Christ-light must always be on alert for signs of that light around us. Likewise, we who have that Christ-light in us must let it shine forth. No matter how little we think our light may be, we must recall that it is the light of Christ we bear within us. Like John the Baptist in today's Gospel passage, we are meant to testify to the power of light, to help others see glimpses of God-with-us. Our actions must bear good news, they must announce glad tidings. Even small deeds of light can shine brightly, giving birth to Jesus once again each day. On Christmas day and every day we are called to be people of hope, messengers of peace who offer comfort and make God's glory known. Let the light of Christ in your life be one of the season's brightest!

Today's Readings: Is 52:7–10; Ps 98:1, 2–3, 3–4, 5–6; Heb. 1:1–6; Jn 1:1–18

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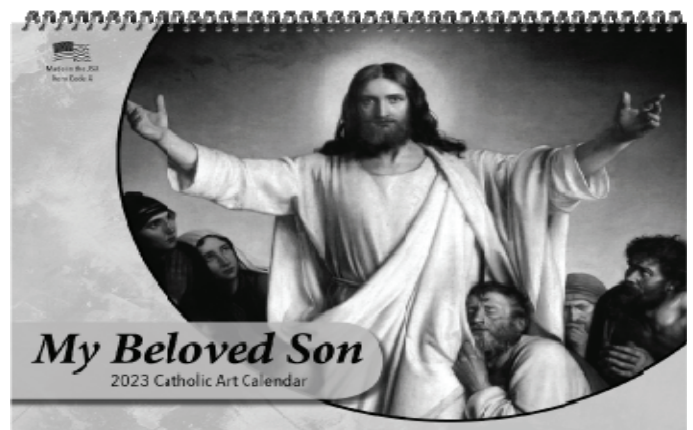


Our parish is selling **SaveAround** coupon booklets for the Altoona/State College & Surrounding Areas. The cost is \$25.00 per booklet. The parish makes a \$12.50 profit on each booklet sold. They are available in the vestibule on Sunday at Mass time and in the office during the week.



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.



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.

