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Thank you,

Msgr. Stan Carson

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

February 21, 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

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Chris Laraia – Pre-K thru 8 - 312-7317

Jean Koury – 9 thru 12 – 949-2777

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) 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

Today, Sunday, February 21, First Sunday of Lent

Catherine "Kate" Starr (Husband, Pete)

Next Sunday, February 28, Second Sunday of Lent

Paul Cassarly (Sue Stitt)

Cathedral Mass Intentions

February 21, First Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM +Barry Saletnik (Barry & Cathie Yogoda)

10:00 AM +Paul Sheets (The Cowan Family)

Noon PM +Patricia Koeck (Stan & Sue Galant)

5:00 PM Pro Popolo/For the People

February 22, Monday, Feast of The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

6:45 AM +Jeanie Farabaugh (Jim & Steph Kilkoyn)

12:00 PM +William V. Bettwy (Tim & JoAnn Bettwy & Family)

February 23, Tuesday, Lenten Weekday

6:45 AM +Fred & Margaret Lumadue (Jeff & Elaine Spencer)

12:00 PM +David Ponder (Family)

February 24, Wednesday, Lenten Weekday

6:45 AM +Helen Soyka (Karen & Steve Martynuska)

12:00 PM +Thomas & Mary Irwin (Children)

February 25, Thursday, Lenten Weekday

6:45 AM To End Abortion (Chris McNelis)

12:00 PM +Souls in Purgatory (Anonymous)

February 26, Friday, Lenten Weekday

6:45 AM +Terry J. Joyce (Family)

12:00 PM +Richard "Dick" Nelson, Birth. (Gibson Family)

February 27, Saturday, Lenten Weekday

8:00 AM +Karen Detwiler (Maureen Schoch)

12:00 PM +Jim Davidson (Tom & Patricia Forr)

Vigil: Second Sunday of Lent

5:00 PM +Joe Tomlinson (Ed & Lois Simanski)

February 28, Second Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM +Anna Mercer (Children)

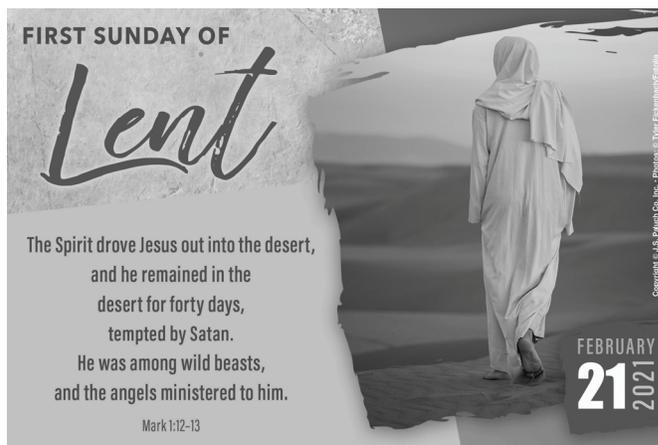
10:00 AM +Martha Maurer (Tim & Ann Marie Longwill)

12:00 PM Eric Hockenberry, Jr., Birth. (Family)

5:00 PM Pro Popolo/For the People

SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Sanctuary Candle for the month of February and March has been donated by the Noel Villadolid Family. Other months are available for \$30.00. Thank you.



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — I will set my bow in the clouds to serve as a sign of the covenant between me and the earth (Genesis 9:8-15).

Psalms — Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant (Psalm 25).

Second Reading — The water of the flood prefigured baptism, which saves you now (1 Peter 3:18-22).

Gospel — Jesus was tempted by Satan, and the angels ministered to him (Mark 1:12-15)

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48

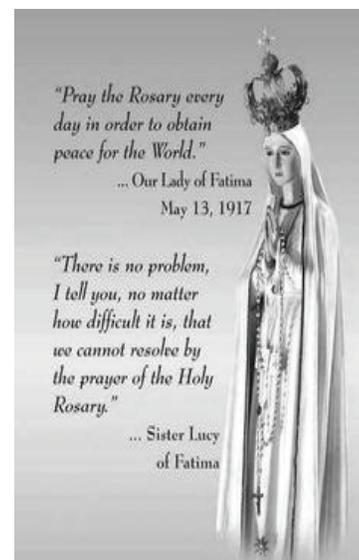
Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116:10, 15-19; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10

Thank You

Your prayers, volunteerism, and financial support are deeply appreciated. The contributions for Sunday, February 14, were \$1,344.55.

Arise Together in Christ

Arise faith-sharing groups will resume during the Easter season. If interested, call Chris Laraia at 814-312-7317 so materials can be ordered on time.



GOOD MORNING! WELCOME TO LENT!

You probably did not get that greeting from your priest today, and you probably did not expect it. Isn't Lent a time of reflection and repentance? Somber purple, no "Alleluias"? Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving; attending to one's relationship with God?

True enough; however, there are Lenten practices that have a festive air woven into these penitential elements. One example is in the Church's retrieval of ancient Lenten practices that made up the final preparation of persons elected to receive the Easter sacraments of baptism, confirmation, and eucharist. Jesus' urgent preaching in today's passage from Mark comes soon after his own baptism and reminds us that these sacraments still signal a dramatic change in a person's life: they have responded to Jesus' preaching of the kingdom and are now publicly professing themselves to be disciples of the Lord and fully initiated members of his visible church. The prayer, fasting, and almsgiving during Lent were part of that preparation. Repentance was then, and remains today, important also for those already fully initiated; the work of repentance, of prayerfully examining our lives and making changes in anticipation of God's reign, is an ongoing aspect of our life in Christ.

Other changes with baptism are more subtle and personal. When Noah and his family emerged from the ark, they saw that the floodwaters had receded after cleansing the world of human sinfulness. Everything was clean and fresh—a new creation, with a rainbow to guarantee God's promise to never again destroy the world with water. So, too, will the newly baptized emerge from the font and be anointed with chrism. Like the earth after the great flood, they are a new creation. Washed clean of sin and anointed with chrism, they are renewed in the embrace of the God of covenant love.

This is why Lent is always a festive anticipation of Easter and always about baptism, just as it is always about the repentance that draws us more deeply into God's kingdom.

Today's Readings: Gn 9:8–15; Ps 25:4–5, 6–7, 8–9; 1 Pt 3:18–22; Mk 1:12–15

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Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will be prayed publically at the Cathedral at 5:30 PM on Fridays. You are also encouraged to pray them privately in our church or at the cathedral.

Ash Wednesday (February 17) was and Good Friday (April 2) will be a day of **fast and abstinence**. All Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence. **FASTING** refers to only one full meal, with two small meals and no eating otherwise for the day. **ABSTINENCE** refers to not eating meat at all during the day. The Church directs the holy FAST to all those in their 18th year until their 60th year (Canon 1252). The ancient practice of fasting and abstaining can occur throughout other days in Lent.



PRAYER



FASTING



ALMSGIVING

Copies of "**My Little Black Book**" are available on the tables in the back of the church. They contain daily 6-minutes worth of meditation and prayer material for the season of Lent. Be sure to take a copy.

Almsgiving is an important component of Lent. We are encouraged to support Catholic Relief Services' ministry to the poor by using the **donation boxes** available in the back of the church. "What you give up for Lent changes lives." Please be generous.

FEAST OF FAITH

Seasonal Changes for the Liturgies of Lent

Today is the First Sunday of Lent. During this season of preparation for Easter, our churches look stark and simple—no flowers at the altar, no festive banners or decorations. And our liturgies feel different, too. Musical instruments are quiet except to accompany the singing of the assembly. The Gloria, our Sunday song of rejoicing, is not heard except on solemnities, and we will not sing the Alleluia, our joyful acclamation of praise, until the Easter Vigil. "Alleluia cannot always / Be our song while here below," says an eleventh-century hymn. "Alleluia our transgressions / Make us for a while forego; / For the solemn time is coming / When our tears for sins must flow" (*Alleluia dulce carmen*, J. M. Neale, trans.).

These changes in the liturgy will catch our attention, and make us eager for the festive outpouring of joy that will return with Easter. This year, may the stripped-away liturgies of Lent remind us to strip away what is not essential in our lives to make space for the crucified and risen One, and thus to be ready to sing "Alleluia" once again when Easter returns.

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FISH FRIES

Altoona Almrausch Schuhplattler's German Dance Group,

Unter Uns Club on Van Buren and 14th St.,
Fish Dinner, 5-7 PM or until sold out, every Friday during Lent, beginning 2/19, Adults \$10, children \$5.00, Menu: baked or fried haddock, mac and cheese or scalloped potatoes, stewed tomatoes, cole slaw, roll and butter, baked goods at an additional cost, limited indoor seating and take outs.

Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, Drive-thru Fish Dinner, on Ash Wednesday from 1:00 PM -3:00 PM and on Fridays, except Good Friday, from 11:00 AM -1:30 PM, take-out only, pick up at alley door, Cost \$9.00, Menu: Beer battered