

The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 9, 2025

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: Sunday: 11:30 AM
Holy Days: 5:30 PM
Holy Communion 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

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

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: ltayer@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: 12:00 PM
8:00 AM	8:00 AM	Saturday: 12:00 PM
10:00 AM	12:00 Noon	
5:00 PM		

THE FATIMA TOWERS

OUR LADY OF FATIMA MASS INTENTIONS

11:30 A.M.

Sunday, February 9, 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Doris Sheehan (MMM Ted Sheehan)

Next Sunday, February 16, 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ed & Rita Raichle (Grandchildren & Great-Grandchildren)

Cathedral Mass Intentions

February 9, Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM +Derek Behe (mom, Dad, & Eric)

10:00 AM +Etta pastore, Birth. (Family)

5:00 PM Pro Popolo/For the People

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

February 10, Monday, St. Scholastica, Virgin

12:00 PM +Madeline Seidel, Anniv. (Weaver Family)

February 11, Tuesday, Our Lady of Lourdes

12:00 PM +Carol Taylor, Anniv. (Family)

February 12, Wednesday, Weekday

12:00 PM +Donnie Rabine (William & Judith Colello)

February 13, Thursday, Weekday

12:00 PM +Dennis P. Donley (Debra Thuheimer)

February 14, Friday, Sts. Cyril, Monk and Methodius, Bp.

12:00 PM +Alan Bell Family (M/M David Hanekamp)

February 15, Saturday, Weekday

12:00 PM +Lavelle Family (Phyllis Lavelle Sheetz)

Vigil: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 PM +Sandy Cuomo (Bob Crusciel)

February 16, Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM +Pro Popolo/For the People

10:00 AM +James Cole (Jane Kiser)

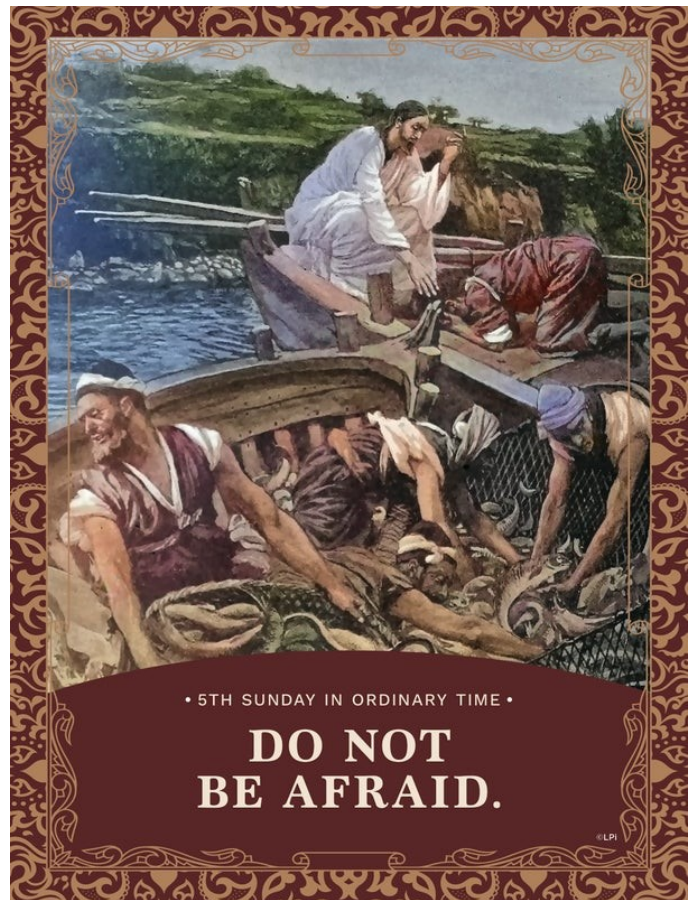
5:00 PM +Mary Irene McGreal (Family)

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



The Sanctuary Candle during the month of February is being lit in honor of the Burr & Lingenfelter Families by the Burr Family.

Thank you.



Readings for the week of February 9, 2025

Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 (1c)/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11

Monday: Gn 1:1-19/Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 and 12, 24 and 35c/Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: Gn 1:20—2:4a/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30/Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: Gn 2:18-25/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Mk 7:24-30

Friday: Gn 3:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: Gn 3:9-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13/Mk 8:1-10

Next Sunday: Jer 17:5-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6, (40:5a)/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26

Thank You Very Much

Your prayers, volunteerism, and financial support are deeply appreciated. The contributions for February 2, were \$1,740.





Today, we celebrate the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time and National Marriage Week. The observances of National Marriage Week (February 7-14) and World Marriage Day (Sunday, February 9) are an opportunity to focus on building a culture of life and love that begins with supporting and promoting marriage and the family. The theme for 2025 is “Marriage: Source of Hope, Spring of Renewal. Pursue a Lasting Love!”

As the Church participates in National Marriage Week and the Jubilee of Hope, the importance of humility in the covenant of marriage is worth a bit of timely reflection. Of all the virtues that complement marital love, humility strengthens the marriage bond at its core. Humility encourages selfless generosity between spouses and makes a couple’s marital love more resilient. When spouses humbly offer love to each other, the daily familial bumps and bruises that happen heal more quickly. With each gesture of humility, whether in word or action, the pursuit of lasting love becomes more than just a fanciful idea; it finds a home where it is lived and felt. When spouses are humble before each other, love grows.

May Jesus, who was present at the wedding feast of Cana, be a source of hope, renewal, and lasting love for all married couples.

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Please Update Information

Parishioners are asked to please update their contact information with the parish office. If you have had a change of address, discontinued a land line phone number, or have a new cell phone number, inform the office or put a note in your envelope.

Contribution Statements

Parishioners who would like a financial statement of their contributions to the parish during 2024 are asked to call the office.

A NOTE FROM MONSIGNOR CARSON

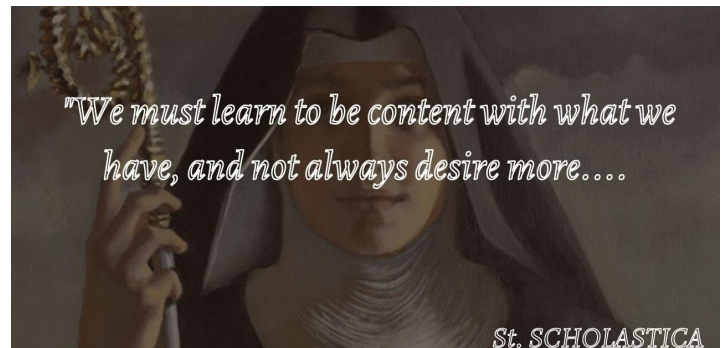
There have been a few inquiries and some interest in the purchase of our rectory. As required, I’ve been asked to consult our Finance Council. After having the rectory and adjacent property appraised, our Finance Council has recommended that we make the rectory and property available for sale. However, prior to advertising to the public, parishioners will have thirty days to have the opportunity to submit an offer. Secretarial staff and business will be conducted out of the Cathedral administrative building.

A number of other details will need to be worked out over the next few months.

I will be available following Mass next weekend to respond to questions and concerns.

Proceeds from the sale would remain in the parish.

It is my understanding that this matter was also a topic of discussion prior to my arrival.



Eucharistic Revival Spring Priest Presentations

The last of the Eucharistic Revival Year presentations will on Saturday, March 29th, at St. Francis University, JFK Center in Loretto. From 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM. You may register online at dioceseaj.org/spring, priest, presentations or by mail. Forms are available at our entrances. The speakers are : Father Jozef Kovacik, Father George Jakopac, and Father Brian Saylor.

Men's Conference; Strength in Christ!

Sunday, March 30, from 11:30 AM to 5:30 PM at Mount Aloysius College, Cresson. The day includes lunch, talks from local priests, personal testimonies, a panel discussion, and Sunday Mass. There is no cost to attend. Visit www.dioceseaj.org to register online. Paper registration forms are also available at our entrances. The deadline to register is March 21st.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas

Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Prince Gallitzin #2625 serves all 11 parishes and beyond. New members are always welcomed! On Monday, February 10, 2025, please come and join us for our monthly meeting in the St. Rose of Lima community room at 5:30p.m.(social) followed by business meeting at 6:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact Regent Donna Hoover at donah@gmail.com or 814-632-3509



Empowered by the Holy Spirit Series Holy Spirit Ministry will be hosting the "Empowered by the Spirit Series" on 4 consecutive Tuesdays beginning March 18th, at St. Michael Activity Center & Church, Hollidaysburg. The prayer experience begins at 7PM and includes dynamic speakers, testimonies, praise & worship, small group discussions and more! Refreshments and fellowship will begin in the Activity Center at 6:30PM. The purpose of the series is to explore and equip the faithful for evangelization through the power and gifts of the Holy Spirit.

There is no charge, but registration is required: holyspiritministry20@gmail.com or calling 814-207-9110. All are welcome for this exciting series .

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEP-ER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

February 9, 2025

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Luke 5:1-11

My parents' garage is full of old junk that no longer serves any purpose in my life. As a 46-year-old man, I admit that's pretty lame. Either due to my sentimentality or laziness (or both, probably), I just couldn't get myself to throw things away. But a few days ago, by a grace of God, I thought: "I'll hire my nephew Ryan to throw a bunch of my stuff away — he couldn't care less about my junk!" And you know what? It worked. In one day, Ryan chucked the majority of his uncle's useless stuff. I feel so free, ready for a new junk-free chapter in my life.

This kind of thing happens in this Sunday's Gospel. Peter's net is full of useless junk. Luke says he and the others are cleaning their nets after catching no fish. Imagine them dejectedly and impatiently removing a nasty assortment of seaweed, sticks and muck. The Lord teaches and calls them once their nets are cleared out. So it goes with us. Spiritual life begins by removing that which is useless and merely taking up space in our hearts, minds and lives. Then Jesus teaches and acts in a marvelous way in our lives, too.

So what's junking up your net? What habits, attachments, possessions, preoccupations? If, like me, you struggle to clean your nets by yourself, ask the Lord to send you someone like my nephew to be your "Peter" and help you clean it out. It is well worth it. Once Peter's net is clean, he is free to make a wonderful catch.

— Father John Muir © LPi

