

# The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 16, 2025

**Our Lady of Fatima Parish**  
2010 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
[www.ourladyoffatimaaltoona.org](http://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: [ltthayer@dioceseaj.org](mailto:ltthayer@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 16, 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Ed & Rita Raichle (Grandchildren & Great-Grandchildren)

**Next Sunday, February 23, 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Pete & Kate Starr, Wed. Anniv. (Stan & Rita Sral)

### **Cathedral Mass Intentions**

**February 16, 6th 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.

**February 17, Monday, the Seven Holy Founders of the  
Servite Order**

12:00 PM +Michael Ratzesberger, Birth. (Mother)

**February 18, Tuesday, Weekday**

12:00 PM +Kevin Sheehan (McNelis All Stars & Friends)

**February 19, Wednesday, Weekday**

12:00 PM +Regina Kutruff (Michele & John Beiswenger)

**February 20, Thursday, Weekday**

12:00 PM +Mary Ann (Koehle) Weakland (Anonymous)

**February 21, Friday, St. Peter Damian, Bp. & Dr.**

12:00 PM Special Intentions, Health, & Safety of  
Daughter (Mom)

**February 22, Saturday, The Chair of St. Peter, Apostle**

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

**Vigil: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5:00 PM +Ruthie McConnell, Birth. (John & Mary Jo  
McConnell)

**February 23, Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM +Susan M. Bauer (Regina Damiano)

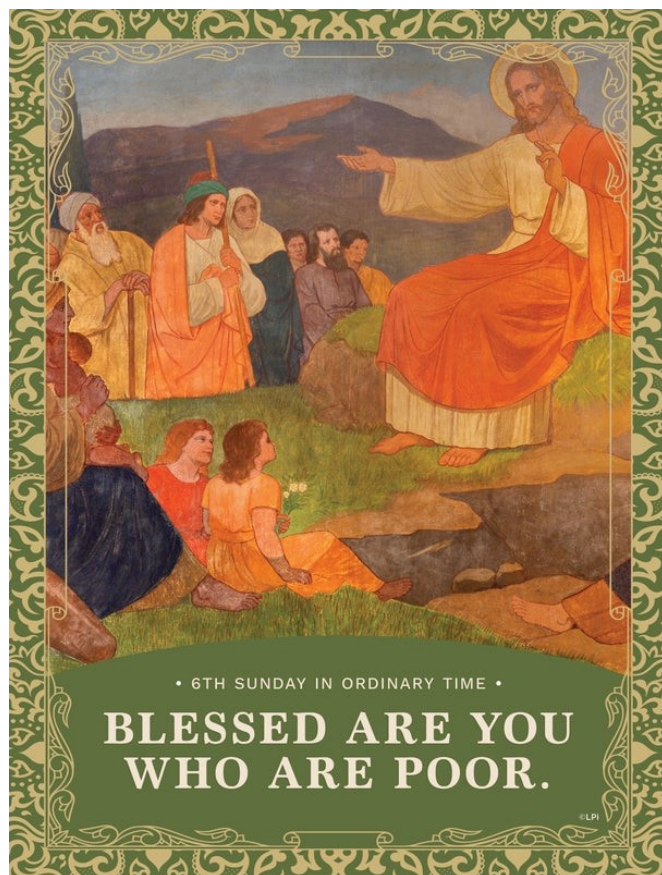
10:00 AM +Shirley Keirn (Husband, Joe)

5:00 PM +Pro Popolo/For the People

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 16, 2025**

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

Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21/Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a and 2, 3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10/Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mk 8:22-26

Thursday: Gn 9:1-13/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23/Mk 8:27-33

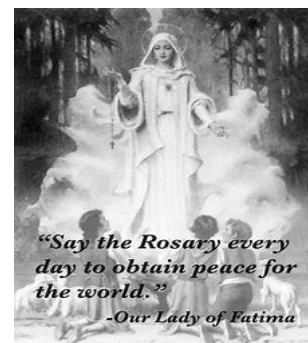
Friday: Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15/Mk 8:34—9:1

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

Next Sunday: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38

### **Thank You Very Much**

Your prayers, volunteerism, and financial support are deeply appreciated. The contributions for February 9, were \$1,455.65.





An expression of sympathy is extended to the family of Helen Watters whose funeral was celebrated on Saturday, January 25th.

May Helen enjoy the peace of heaven.

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

When I was a child, I often thought of the Church as something mystical and supernatural. I wasn't wrong in my understanding of the Body of Christ, for surely the Church has these characteristics. However, even though we speak about the foundation of all we are as Church being the "mystery of Christ," Jesus became a man so that supernatural element could break into the natural world in a profound way. What we once could not see, we now see. What we saw as a God in a distant place now dwelt among us. It is one of the aspects of Catholicism that I have grown to appreciate the most as I have matured: for a Catholic, the supernatural is natural. The communion of saints is heavenly and earthly at the same time.

The Beatitudes instruct us about this reality. Pope Francis reminds us that holiness is "not about swooning in mystic rapture." Holiness is about living in the real world and doing extraordinary things with our ordinary lives. Our stewardship way of life consists of actions in the natural world that have extraordinary repercussions.

Do not ever take your simple actions of generosity and love for granted. As disciples called to a life of stewardship, we participate in something more profound than what we can see. We are blessed to be called to follow Jesus, and we bring blessing to all those with whom we choose to share ourselves.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

## 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 this 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.

## FOR SALE

Our Lady of Fatima Rectory  
2010 12th Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601  
Former Rectory +Adjoining Lot  
4 Bedrooms, 1 1/2 Baths

Inquire at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament Office

Listing: \$175,000

Accepting Only Parishioner Offers through March 15.



## **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](http://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](http://www.dioceseaj.org) to register online. Paper registration forms are also available at our entrances. The deadline to register is March 21st.



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](mailto:holyspiritministry20@gmail.com) or calling 814-207-9110. All are welcome for this exciting series .

## **GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE**

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Luke 6:17, 20-26

I craved four things as a teenager: success in sports, food, fun and the attention of popular people. However, I noticed that as I acquired them, I was more unsatisfied than before. So, I'd strive even more energetically, achieve more, and the sense of emptiness was greater still. These four things started to feel like burdens or even curses. Soon after, I encountered Christ in my high school youth group. Experiencing his love was totally different than anything those four things previously produced. It produced a lasting happiness.

Jesus utters a kind of four-fold curse in this week's Gospel of Saint Luke's "woes": "Woe to you who are rich...who are filled now...who laugh now...who are well-spoken of" (cf. Luke 6:24-26). How marvelous that these correspond perfectly to the four things that obsessed my teenage soul: riches, food, laughter and good reputation. The "woes" the Lord speaks are warnings: when those things are the purpose of your life, you'll be miserable. He is saying, "You'll be happy, or blessed, in the measure that these things do not determine the shape of our lives, and the kingdom of God does."

To some degree, we're all spiritual teenagers, addicted to one or more of those four "woes." How splendid that the Lord wants his to bless us — that is, to satisfy us, make us laugh with joy, and in the kingdom of God, offer us what will truly satisfy us. But first let's admit what is causing our "woes."

— Father John Muir      ©LP