

The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 23, 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 23, 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Next Sunday, March 2, 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ray McCall (Theresa Heasley)

Cathedral Mass Intentions

February 23, 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM +Susan 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.

February 24, Monday, Weekday

12:00 PM +Vera Hauck (Mary Margaret & Rick Morning Family)

February 24, Tuesday, Weekday

12:00 PM +Souls in Purgatory (Anonymous)

February 25, Wednesday, Weekday

12:00 PM +Nancy Foster (Karen & Joe Hallinan)

February 27, Thursday, St. Gregory of Narek, Ab. & Dr.

12:00 PM +Kirk Kling (Mom)

February 28, Friday, Weekday

12:00 PM +Sandy Cuzzolina (Family)

March 1, Saturday, Weekday

12:00 PM +Patrick Duffy (Bob & Jean Jones)

Vigil: Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 PM +Terry Smith (Bob & Jean Jones)

March 2, Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM +Libby Shea Allen (Albert Schlecht)

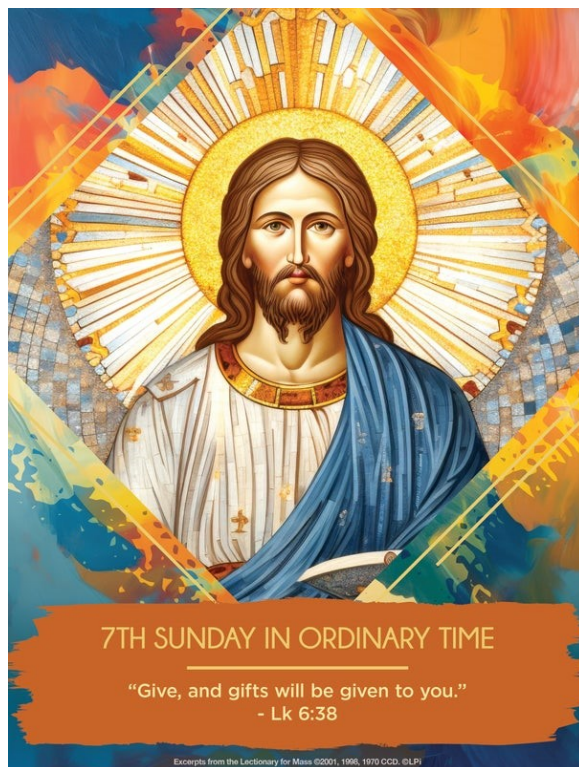
10:00 AM +Regina Kutruff, Anniv. (Family)

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. In March, the candle is in memory of Denise Keagy by the Keagy Family. Thank you.



Readings for the week of February 23, 2025

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

Monday: Sir 1:1-10/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40/Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday: Sir 4:11-19/Ps 119:165, 168, 171, 172, 174, 175/Mk 9:38-40

Thursday: Sir 5:1-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mk 9:41-50

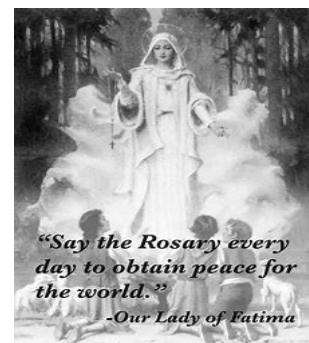
Friday: Sir 6:5-17/Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35/Mk 10:1-12

Saturday: Sir 17:1-15/Ps 103:13-14, 15-16, 17-18/Mk 10:13-16

Next Sunday: Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 (see 2a)/1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-4

Thank You Very Much

Your prayers, volunteerism, and financial support are deeply appreciated. The contributions for February 16, were \$1,081.



GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEP- ER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

February 23, 2025

7th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Luke 6:27-38

One of my favorite new singers/songwriters is Noah Kahan. I'm a little biased because, like me, he is originally from Vermont. In a fine song entitled "Stick Season," he sings of his hope to "cancel out the darkness I inherited from dad." This lyric articulates his painful recognition of a dark spiritual "inheritance" from his father, and his hope to be free of it. We all inherit some degree of evil from our earthly forebears. It's easy to feel doomed to repeat their darknesses.

But we're not so doomed, thank God. This week's Gospel proclaims this. Whatever good or bad we received from our parents, we have a more definitive and perfect inheritance in God. Jesus commands us, "Be merciful just as your Father is merciful" (Luke 6:36). We have a perfect Father in heaven and are destined to inherit and reflect that perfect and merciful love. We have an inheritance of light, not darkness, and thus a whole new possibility of magnanimous love. Like any inheritance, this is a free gift to us.

What are we destined to repeat? Not the darkness of our earthly parents. We are destined to be a reflection of God's life. Jesus liberates us from the inevitability of repeating whatever evils and imperfections are in our familial or cultural upbringings. It's time to claim that perfect inheritance.

— Father John Muir

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.

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

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, 2 1/2 Baths
Inquire at the Cathedral of the Blessed
Sacrament Office
Listing: \$175,000
Accepting Only Parishioner Offers
through March 15.

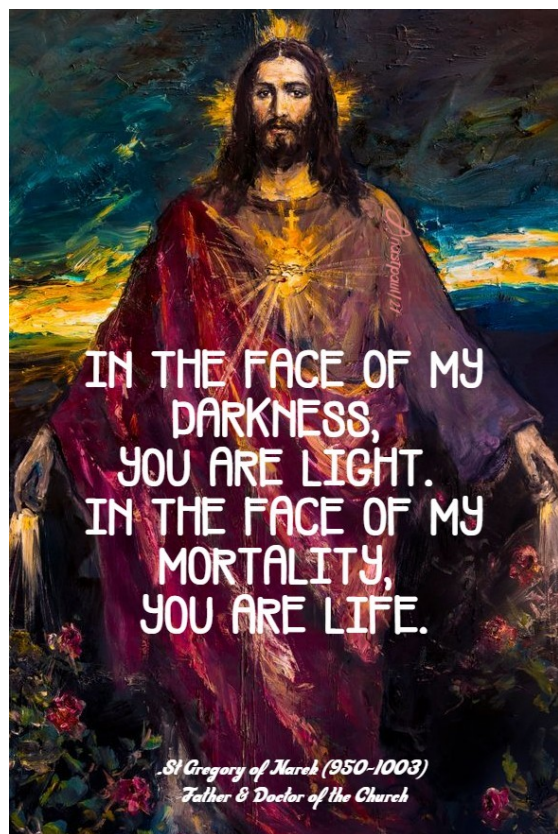
Eucharistic Revival Spring Priest Presentations

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, 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.



Ashes will be distributed on March 5 at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament during Masses at 8:00A.M., Noon, and 5:30 P.M. Ashes will be distributed at Our Lady of Fatima during Prayer Service at 3:00 P.M.

Stations of the Cross will be prayed at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament on the Fridays of Lent at 5:30 P.M.

The Cathedral Communal Penance Service is on Wednesday, April 8, at 6:00 P.M.

The Cathedral's Fish Fry Lunch includes a Fish Sandwich, Mac & Cheese, and Coleslaw is available from 10:30 A.M. until 1:00 P.M. \$10.00 and Drive Thru Only. Starting on Ash Wednesday and every Friday, except Good Friday.

Sung Evening Prayer and Benediction will take place on Sundays during Lent at 6:30 P.M.

Day of Fasting and Abstinence Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. All Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence. Abstinence refers to not eating meat at all on those days. Persons 14 years of age and older are to abstain. Fasting refers to one full meal, with two small meals, no eating between meals. People who have reached their 18th birthday and up to their 59th birthday are obligated to fast. In addition to these obligations, additional forms of fast and abstinence may be observed.