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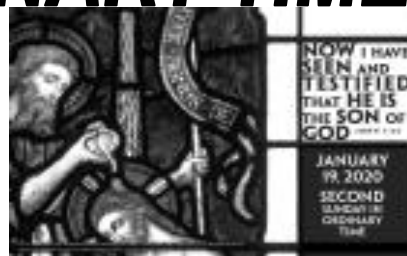
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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 19, 2020

I will make you a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.

— Isaiah 49:6b

Our Lady of Fatima
Pleaded that we pray the Holy Rosary before Sunday Mass and privately from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm daily.



Our Lady of Fatima Parish
2010 12th Avenue

www.ourladyoffatimaaltoona.org

Rectory Office Hours:

Monday – Friday 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Parish Office: 814-942-0371

Our Lady of Fatima Mass Schedule

Sunday: 10:30 AM - Holy Days: 6:00 PM

Rosary: 10:05 AM - Rosary: 5:40 PM



Our Lady of Fatima Parish Administrator

Rev. Msgr. Stanley B. Carson

Parish Secretary
Carol Z. Smith

Eucharist for the home bound - weekly:
Patty Flanagan 942-0371 for arrangements.

Our Lady of Fatima Church is open
Monday through Friday: 9AM - 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
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One Cathedral Square

Most Reverend Mark L. Bartchak, Bishop

Rev. Msgr. Stanley B. Carson, Administrator
PH: 814-944-4603

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Reconciliation @ Cathedral: 7:00 PM Wednesday
12:30 PM Saturday

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First Communion
Confirmation

Sacramental Formation @ the Cathedral: Baptismal Prep
Marriage Prep
Christian Initiation

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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

JANUARY 19TH

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

We have the wedding at Cana at the heart of today's liturgy because this story of Jesus' first miracle of water turned into wine was originally part of the Epiphany feast. Wedding celebrations always require some savvy planning, and a people who have a talent for hospitality in the mix. The mother of Jesus has been recruited to deal with some of the details of the banquet, and when a very understandable crisis arises, she does what she can to rescue the party. Anyone who has ever run out of ice, dessert, or table settings knows the stress!

Slowly, the memory of Jesus Christ's blessing of this marriage feast led the Church to form a way to bless marriages. A thousand years ago weddings migrated from the family home to the doors of the church, where the celebration was held in public view. From this practice came a prayer called the "Nuptial Blessing," one of the most solemn prayers in our tradition. It is very much like the prayers by which baptismal water and chrism are consecrated, the ordination prayer over a priest, and the Eucharistic Prayers over bread and wine. Four hundred fifty years ago, weddings moved inside the church building. All of this gives married couples good reason to celebrate this day as a mini-anniversary, especially with the clinking of glasses filled with good wine.

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JANUARY 21

SAINT AGNES (died 304)

Writing about Saint Agnes in the year 377, Saint Ambrose, Bishop of Milan, declared: "This is a virgin's birthday into heaven: let us imitate her chastity! And a martyr's heavenly birthday: let us offer ourselves in sacrifice!" Chastity: mastery of oneself in order to give of oneself whether in the priestly, religious, married, or single state. Sacrifice: "to make holy," to set someone or something apart for service. Ambrose knew these virtues indispensable for discipleship, but challenging to practice in his world—or our own. Barely a teenager, Agnes faced gruesome tortures bravely and, when ordered to worship pagan gods, boldly made the Sign of the Cross instead. Thus, her youthful courage strengthened adult believers who wavered under persecution or grew indifferent when persecutions passed. To bestow on Agnes its highest honor and keep her witness fresh in believers' hearts, the Church inscribed her name at the heart of the Eucharistic liturgy, in the Roman Canon (Eucharistic Prayer I), until Vatican II the Roman Church's only Eucharistic Prayer.

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FORGIVENESS

The only true forgiveness is that which is offered and extended even before the offender has apologized and sought it.

—Søren Kierkegaard

BEND, DON'T BREAK

When you encounter difficulties and contradictions, do not try to break them, but bend them with gentleness and time.

—St. Francis de Sales

<p style="text-align: center;">JANUARY 19, 2020 BAPTISM OF THE LORD 10:30 AM</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>JANUARY 19, 2020</i> <i>Scripture Reflections</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">OUR LADY OF FATIMA MASS INTENTIONS <u>Today's Intention - Grace Rusito</u> Readings: Is 49:3, 5-6; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34 <u>January 26, 2020</u> Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Readings: Is 8:23-9:3; Mt 4:12-23 Denise Keagy, 10th Ann, (The Keagy & Shea Family)</p>	<p>As we begin this new season, our readings remind us of the significant outcome of our Christian faith: we are called to be witnesses. John's Gospel presents the Baptist differently from the other Gospel accounts: the prophet does not dress in an austere manner or challenge people with a rhetoric of fire and doom. Instead, the Baptist is portrayed as a witness, one of many throughout John's Gospel, to testify to the person of Jesus. The Baptist identifies Jesus as superior to him: "A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me because he existed before me." The Baptist testifies to Jesus' Baptism and the Spirit descending upon Jesus and concludes by saying: "I have seen and testified he is the Son of God."</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Cathedral Mass Intention</p> <p>January 20, Monday: Sts. Fabian Pope, Sebastian Martyr Readings: 1 Sm 15:16-23; Mk 2:18-22 6:45 AM + Ludwig Schoch (M/M Frank Dambeck) 12:00 PM + Murphy Montler (Wiedemer Family)</p> <p>January 24, Friday: St Anthony DeSales, Bp. and Dr. Readings: 1 Sm 24:3-21; Mk 3:13-19 6:45 AM + Julianne Seidel (Ann Gates) 12:00 PM + Harry Smith (Mary Lysinger)</p> <p>January 21, Tuesday: Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr Readings: 1 Sm 16:1-13; Mk 2:23-28 6:45 AM + Albert & Grace Cowan (Family) 12:00 PM + Michael & Ella Gibbons (Children of Tom Irwin)</p> <p>January 22, Wednesday: Mass for Peace and Justice Readings: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Mk 1:29-39 6:45 AM + Rose Ciavarella (Jerry & Sonya Struke) 12:00 PM + Barbara Byers (Betty Dennis)</p> <p>January 23, Thursday: Sts. Marianne Cope & Vincent Readings: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19, 1-7; Mk 3:7-12 6:45 AM + Myra Mangiacarne (Cecilia Hennigan) 12:00 PM + James Davidson Birthday (Family)</p> <p>January 25, Saturday: Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle Readings: Act 22:3-16; Mk 16:15-18 8:00 AM + Bill Seidel (Altoona P&DF Postal Employees) 12:00 PM + Janet Tomlinson (Donald & Mary Smithmyer)</p> <p>Vigil: THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Readings: Is 8:23-9:3; Mt 4:12-23 5:00 PM + Edgar A. Johnston Birth. (Wife, Mother, Family)</p>	<p>The prophet Isaiah testifies to another figure, the servants, whose task is to lead the Israelites back to God. He reminds them that they are to be witnesses to all the nations of the world: "I will make you a light to the nations / that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth." This servant foreshadows Jesus' mission of witnessing to all people God's plan of salvation.</p> <p>In greeting his community in Corinth, Paul identifies himself as an Apostle, sent to testify to the message of Jesus Christ throughout the world. Paul reminds the Corinthians that they are "called to be Holy" and that their lives are transformed by the person and message of Jesus Christ.</p> <p>We are also called to be holy and, through our Baptism, our lives are to witness to the person of Jesus Christ.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How does the servant in the First Reading foreshadow the person of Jesus? <p>AT HOME with the WORD 2020, Archdiocese of Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications, pg. 39</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Jesus, Son of the Living Father, Have Mercy on Me a Sinner.</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Please pray for all of our parishioners, especially for those who have illnesses great and small and our seniors who are lonely and need comfort and care.</i></p>

A Family Perspective --Jn:1:29-34-- by Bud Ozar
Can you say "I have testified Jesus is the Son of God?"
If you aren't talking about Jesus in your family, you aren't testifying. If you are not talking your talk, your children will see your words as meaningless.

ProLifePrayers.com

An excerpt from Priests for Life pamphlet, January 2020 issue :

ProLifePrayers.com is our main prayer website. Visit there often for prayer campaigns, intentions, and resources.

January Intention--For the success of the Annual March for Life in Washington and Walk for Life in San Francisco.

February Intention--For the full conversion of abortion workers who are considering leaving the abortion industry.

March for Life Bus Trip

TODAY, we will be requesting donations to support the March For Life and other pro-life activities. We will be offering pro-life stickers, ribbons, and precious feet in exchange for any donation.

We are asking for volunteers to collect before and after Mass TODAY.

When: Friday January 24, 2020

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Weekly Collection - January 12 - \$1,109.10

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Christmas 2018 Collection - \$5,237.00

BIRTHDAYS: 1/22, Karen Conrad; 1/24, Joe Ianniello; 1/25, Steve Kasun; 1/25, Lisa Smith;



**OUR LADY URGES US TO PRAY THE HOLY ROSARY
FOR
PEACE AND OFFER
SACRIFICES BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE!**

Pierogi Sale

Our Lady of Fatima pierogi sale is happening NOW for the Lenten Season. Start date is today and pickup date is Ash Wed., February 26th. Order sheets are in every other pew. Prices are on list.

Precious Blood

Because of the seriousness of this flu, Bishop Bartchak has asked that the Precious Blood of the Lord not be offered at Mass temporarily. It is the belief of the Catholic Church that the whole Body of Christ is present under either form of consecrated bread and wine. Also, the exchange of the sign of peace should avoid bodily contact. A reverent nod with eye contact and a smile will be the temporary practice. Reception of Holy Communion on the hand is encouraged; however, reception on the tongue may not be denied. These norms are in effect throughout the winter months or until the flu season is over.

Religious Education News PK-8

Classes have resumed on Sundays, at 8:30 AM. Until further notice, all classes will be dismissed from the Parish Center lower level alley doors. PK/K parents please continue to go to the classroom to pick up your child.

Confirmation Prep

January 19th, and 26th FIRE class 6:15-8:15 PM in the Cathedral Church Basement.

The next Baptismal Prep class will be held on February 5, at 7:00 PM in the Seton Suite.

ARISE

Arise, together in Christ is a six week, Catholic based, small group, faith-sharing program that guides Christians to know God better, grow spiritually, meet new people, improve our relationship with Christ, and put our faith into action.

Season 4, "New Heart, New Spirit" will focus on key themes of our faith and social teaching. Please consider participating in this program for Lent, beginning on Sunday, February 23rd. Sign up weekends will be held at Our Lady of Fatima Parish beginning February 1st.

UPMC

The Pastoral Care Department at UPMC Altoona are looking for a volunteer Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion for Wednesdays. If you are interested, please contact Tony Conrad at 889-2177 or email him at conradaw@upmc.edu.

JANUARY 20 -- FABIAN, THE 1ST MARTYR UNDER DECIUS



In Rome, there is an old slab of stone that is special. On it, worn Greek letters are still visible. Translated, they read, "Fabian, bishop, martyr." Fabian had been the Bishop of Rome (Pope) for fourteen years when the Roman Emperor Decius made up his mind to smash the unpopular Christian church. On this day, January 20, 250, the prominent and holy Fabian died for his faith.

According to tradition, he was the first person killed in the savage onslaught, which was the first persecution to include the entire Roman Empire. The bishop is said to have died bravely, setting an example for his entire flock. Unfortunately, we have no details of how he died or what he said at his death. In art, he is often shown being beheaded.

That Fabian was bishop at all is curious. When Bishop Anteras died in 236, Fabian was a farmer who came to Rome to observe the choice of a successor. Needless to say, no one in the assembly gave a thought to this layman. No one, until a surprising event took place.

The early church historian Eusebius, writing about a hundred years after Fabian's death, reported that suddenly a dove flew into the room and landed on the farmer's head. The assembly took this as a sign from God; had not a dove also descended on Christ at his baptism? Fabian was immediately chosen for the vacant position.

Fabian proved to be a good leader. He battled a North African heresy and appointed seven men to collect the records of recent martyrs. He also honored the bones of two Roman bishops who had died in exile in Sardinia's mines (Pontian and Hippolytus). As an administrative matter, he organized Rome under seven deacons. Later reports say he sent St. Denis and six other missionaries to help with the evangelization of Gaul (France).

Fabian also wrote letters. At least three of them survive. These show a man concerned for the spread of faith and preservation of church discipline: "We beseech you also to be zealous in praying in your pious supplications, that our God and Lord Jesus Christ, who will have all men to be saved, and no one to perish, may, by His vast omnipotence, cause their hearts to turn again to sound doctrine and to the Catholic faith, in order that they may be recovered from the toils of the devil who are held captive by him, and be united with the children of our mother the Church."

But Fabian's most notable action was to willingly lay down his life for Christ. In this, he became a heroic example for a church that had grown soft during the recent days of peace. Two early Christian writers of renown, St. Cyprian and St. Jerome, affirmed that Fabian died a martyr.



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