

The Baptism of the Lord

January 12, 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: 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.

This Sunday, January 12, 2025, The Baptism of the Lord

Kate Starr (Jim & Bonnie Kyle)

Next Sunday, January 19, 2025, 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

John Kasun, Sr. (Bob & Bee Cree)

Cathedral Mass Intentions

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8:00 AM +Dave Behe (Wife, Sons, and Families)

10:00 AM +James S. Cole (Jane Kiser)

5:00 PM Pro Popolo/For the People

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

January 13, Monday, St. Hilary, Bp. & Dr.

12:00 PM +Ruth Ann Frederick (Audrey Breslin)

January 14, Tuesday, Weekday

12:00 PM +Mrs. Kay Maiolo (Diana Fanale)

January 15, Wednesday, Weekday

12:00 PM +Alice Winkler, Anniv. (Family)

January 16, Thursday, Weekday

12:00 PM Dr. Fred Petrunak, Birth. (Family)

January 17, Friday, St. Anthony, Abbot

12:00 PM +Mike Kling & Bill Crouse, Anniv. (Families)

January 18, Saturday, Weekday

12:00 PM +Elizabeth Yauneridge (Family)

Vigil: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 PM +John Conti, Birth. (Family)

January 19, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM +Alice Ann Martynuska (Fred & Gail Martynuska)

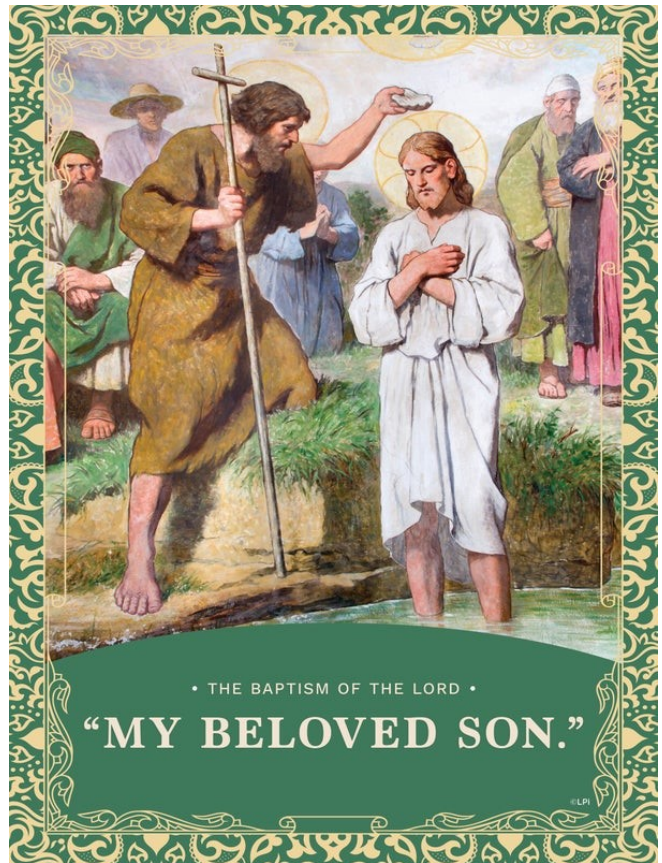
10:00 AM +Regina Kutruff (The Lambert Family)

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 January is being lit in memory of Denise Keagy by the Keagy Family. Thank you.



Readings for the week of January 12, 2025

Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 (1)/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Monday: Heb 1:1-6/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 6 and 7c, 9/Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11/Mk 1:40-45

Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8/Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 (3)/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

Thank You Very Much

Your prayers, volunteerism, and financial support are deeply appreciated.

The contributions for January 5, were \$1,393.

Thank you.





Every 25 years the Church celebrates a special Holy Year called the Jubilee Year. The next Jubilee Year has begun with the opening of the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica in Rome on Christmas Eve 2024.

Bishop Mark opened the Jubilee in our diocese with a special Mass at 2:00 P.M. in the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament on Sunday, December 28, 2024. Our Jubilee banner, currently on display in the vestibule, was picked up by attendees Bryan and Eileen Starr.

The Holy Year offers opportunities for pilgrimage, the gaining of indulgences, special events, and communal liturgies. Parishioners are to be "ambassadors of hope" through loving service.

There are prayer cards, Jubilee 2025 prayer leaflets/brochures, and Pilgrims' Passports available in the back of the church.



Gratitude is extended Stanley Krish and the Stanley J. Krish Funeral Home, Inc. for sponsoring Our Lady of Fatima Parish's 2025 Catholic Calendar.

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.

Courtesy Announcements

Holy Spirit Ministry

Holy Spirit Ministry will hold a special Mass on Tuesday, January 21, 2025, at 7:00 P.M. at St. Michael Church in Hollidaysburg. This powerful night of hope and healing is for all who are suffering physically, emotionally, and spiritually. Fr. David Dodd, TOR will be the main celebrant Praise and worship will precede Mass at 6:30 PM and prayer ministry will follow the Mass. If you are suffering in any way, including from an addiction, come and experience the healing power of Jesus and be set free!

March for Life

The march on Sunday, January 19, begins at noon with a prayer service at St. Matthew Church, Tyronne. Then there is a 1.25 mile walk to Oak Grove Cemetery to the grave of Baby Agnes Doe for another short prayer service. A hot lunch will be served in the parish hall after the march. Bring a sign.

Bridges Out of Poverty

January is the month of National Poverty Awareness. Please consider joining a virtual overview of **Bridges Out of Poverty: Strategies for Professionals and Communities** to have a better understanding of a comprehensive approach to the dynamics that cause and maintain poverty, from the individual to the systemic level. Catholic Charities will have two options to share this information virtually: Thursday, January 23, from 6 PM to 8 PM. To register, contact coconnor@dioceseaj.org

Courtesy Announcements

Sight and Sound Theatre

You are invited to join the St. Mark/Holy Rosary Parishes' bus trip to see Noah-30th Anniversary Limited Showing at Sight & Sound Theatre on Wednesday, April 9. The cost of the bus trip includes the 11:00 AM Show and 2:15 PM lunch smorgasbord at Hershey Farm Restaurant. \$195.00/Adult, \$140/Child (3-12). Please contact Robyn Murphy 814-931-5683 or Diane O'Leary 814-935-2114 to reserve your seat.

Italian Culture

All Saints Parish (Somerset County) will be hosting a presentation about Italian culture on Sunday, January 19th, at 2:00 PM. The focus of the talk will be the Italian festa. The Italian expression of Catholicism teems with life. Honoring a saint is often expressed in a festival, or festa, that includes devotions, a procession, and unique traditions. Dr. Stephanie Longo will be the presenter. Dr. Longo has authored several award winning books on Italian-American history and is an expert on the lived experience and history of Italians in American. The talk begins at 2:00 PM at All Saints Parish Hall, 505 Center St. in Boswell, and includes authentic Italian refreshments at no cost. Call the parish office, 814-629-5551, to register.

Journeys of St. Paul in Greece Pilgrimage

Father Josef and Deacon Jack will lead a pilgrimage on May 12-19, 2025. For more information, go to the Good Shepherd website at <https://www.goodshepherd-sc.org>.

Rome and the Shrines of Italy

Msgr. Stan Carson plans to lead a pilgrimage to Rome and the Shrines of Italy during 2026. Details will appear in future bulletins.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

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Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

In my second year of theology studies, I went to confession to a priest visiting the seminary for a three-day retreat. My heart wasn't in it. I was going through the motions. I confessed my sins and waited for his response. The priest said, "For your penance, I'd like you to go into the chapel and repeat the words 'You are my beloved Son, with you I am well pleased' (Luke 3:22) until they mean something to you." Easy penance, I thought.

But to my surprise, I struggled to say those words. I sensed a strong interior resistance blocking them. How could God be well-pleased with me? He couldn't be, I thought. A battle within me ensued. Two hours later, the resistance vanished, and I found myself able to speak, and claim as my own, those marvelous words. I emerged from the chapel with a new, deep, peaceful conviction that I was indeed God's beloved son.

Those words are a precious gift from heaven to all of us. Jesus' baptism, which we celebrate this week, offers them to us. Are we willing to receive these words anew? Many things can block this deepening of our baptismal identity: failings, sins, disappointments, traumas, problems, and so on. Yet God's love is always greater. This week I challenge you to prayerfully repeat these words over yourself — or perhaps over someone you're struggling to love — until those words find a home in your heart.

— Father John Muir ©LP

