

# Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 19, 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: [ltayer@dioceseaj.org](mailto: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:**

<b>Sunday: 5:00 PM (Vigil)</b>	<b>Holy Days: 5:30 PM (Vigil)</b>	<b>Weekdays: 12:00 PM</b>
<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Saturday: 12:00 PM</b>
<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>12:00 Noon</b>	
<b>5:00 PM</b>		

THE FATIMA TOWERS

## **OUR LADY OF FATIMA MASS INTENTIONS**

**11:30 A.M.**

### **Sunday, January 19, 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

John Kasun, Sr. (Bob & Bee Cree)

### **Next Sunday, January 26, 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Joe Ianniello (Jonathan & Christine Ianniello)

### **Cathedral Mass Intentions**

#### **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.

#### **January 20, Monday, St. Fabian, Pope & Martyr**

12:00 PM +Patricia McTavish (The Yanchik Family)

#### **January 21, Tuesday, St. Agnes, V. & Martyr**

12:00 PM +An End to Abortion/Infanticide (McNelis All and Friends)

#### **January 22, Wednesday, Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children**

12:00 PM +Claire and John Duffy, Anniv. (Family)

#### **January 23, Thursday, Weekday**

12:00 PM +Mary Moffa Jenaway (Estate)

#### **January 24, Friday, St. Francis deSales, Bp. & Dr.**

12:00 PM +Mary & Tom Irwin (Children)

#### **January 25, Saturday, Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle**

12:00 PM +Bishop Joseph Adamec, (Trdy Schroth)

#### **Vigil: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5:00 PM +Jenny Calabrese, Anniv. (Daughter, Nancy & Family)

#### **January 26, Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM +Claude Michael Walls (Tom & Lisa Levine)

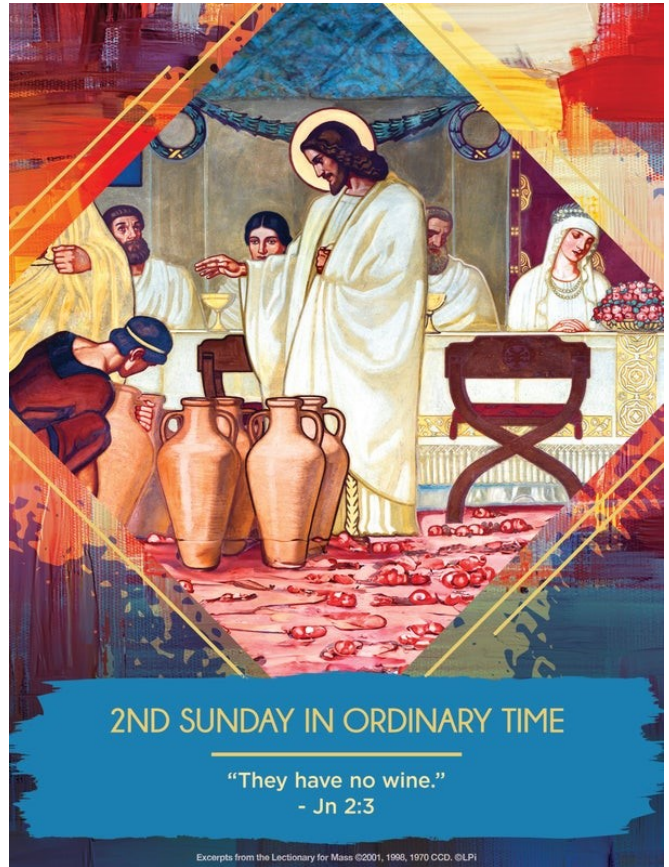
10:00 AM +James Weaver (Jen & Cory Geishauser)

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 19, 2025

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

Monday: Heb 5:1-10/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20/Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 and 10c/Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: Heb 7:25—8:6/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/Mk 3:7-12

Friday: Heb 8:6-13/Ps 85:8 and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18

Next Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 (see Jn 6:63c)/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

### **Thank You Very Much**

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

The contributions for January 12, were \$1,255.

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.

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!

#### **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](mailto:coconnor@dioceseaj.org)

#### **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.



## GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIP- TURE

January 19, 2025-2nd Sunday of Ordinary  
Time-John 2:1-12

A friend invited me to an invitation-only wine-tasting event. There were over two hundred varieties of wine. Having no idea how to approach such a massive selection, I wandered aimlessly among the tables, sipping this and that. At the end of the evening my friend asked if I had tried some of the exceptionally expensive wines. I hadn't. "The really good stuff disappears first," he said. "My man, you missed out on some amazing vino." I was so disappointed. I wasted my chance for amazing once-in-a-lifetime wine. The wine I tasted was, well, blah.

Don't we often feel a similar disappointment in life? I missed this or that opportunity. If only I had known. Optimism sputters and fades. The glory days are gone. The chances, it seems, for the really great things in life come and go so quickly. Then they are gone forever. The good stuff goes first. Then life is just blah.

Not so with the Lord Jesus. In Jesus' miracle at the wedding at Cana, the steward of the feast says, "Everyone serves good wine first, and then...an inferior one" (John 2:10). That's the natural downward progression of life. The good stuff disappears quickly. But he says of the groom (who symbolizes Jesus), "But you have kept the good wine until now." This is the ever-improving trajectory of the realm of God's grace. With Jesus, the "good wine" of divine love, hope and peace gets better as our journey of faith progresses. Where are your greatest disappointments? Don't give in to the lie that the really good stuff is gone. Tell Jesus you've run out. Then learn how to taste that amazingly good wine, because he saves the best until now.

Father John Muir

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This weekend, volunteers will be collecting donations to support this year's March for Life. Please be generous.



The over 60 million abortions since the 1973 decisions of *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton* reflect with heartbreaking magnitude what Pope Francis means by a "throwaway culture." However, we have great trust in God's providence. We are reminded time and again in Scripture to seek the Lord's help, and as people of faith, we believe that our prayers are heard.

And while, on June 24, 2022, the *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* decision overturned *Roe v. Wade*, right now state and federal laws, in many instances, are still hostile to preborn children. So, great prayer and advocacy is still very needed.

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal, no. 373, designates January 22 as a particular day of prayer and penance, called the "Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children": "In all the Dioceses of the United States of America, January 22 (or January 23, when January 22 falls on a Sunday) shall be observed as a particular day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion."