

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Fifteenth Sunday in O. T.
July 14, 2019

Christ Jesus . . . is the head of
the body, the church.
— Colossians 1:15, 18

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



Cathedral Church Office: 814-944-4603
One Cathedral Square

Most Reverend Mark L. Bartchak, Bishop
Very Rev. Alan E. Thomas, VG, Administrator
PH: 814-742-7075, Allison, Secretary

Rev. Father Dennis M. Kurdziel, Parochial Vicar
Christian Initiation Team: 944-4603
Catholics returning Home: 944-4603

Mail Ministry to Elderly, Homebound, Seriously Sick
and Grieving - 944-4603

Our Lady of Fatima Mass Schedule
Sunday: 10:30 AM - Holy Days: 6:00 PM
Rosary: 10:05 AM - Rosary: 5:40 PM

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Our Lady of Fatima Parish Administrator
Very Reverend Alan E. Thomas, VG
Parish Secretary
Carol Z. Smith

Web: www.holytrinitycatholic.school
Altoona Campus (Pre-K thru Grade 4) - 381-7011
Hollidaysburg Campus (Pre-K thru Grade 4) - 695-6112
Middle School Campus (Grades 5 thru 8) - 942-7835

Directors of Religious Education:
Chris Laraia – Pre-K thru 8 - 312-7317
Jean Koury – 9 thru 12 – 949-2777

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

Religious Education Office: Sundays – 943-7424
Director of Music Ministry

Our Lady of Fatima Church is open
Monday through Friday: 9AM - 5PM
for visits before the Blessed Sacrament.

Leslie C. Thayer, MM, CAGO
Music Ministry Office - 944-2044
E-Mail: lthayer@dioceseaj.org

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

Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals will be held
at Our Lady of Fatima.

Religious Education @ Cathedral: Pre-K through 11
Sacramental Formation @ Cathedral: First Reconciliation
First Communion
Confirmation

Preparation for Baptism, and Weddings will be held at
the Cathedral. 944-4603

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

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick
Parishioners wishing to receive the sacrament of
healing may call the Cathedral Parish Office to
make arrangements. 944-4603

Hospital Visitation: Call the Cathedral: 944-4603

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

OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH IS A RESULT OF THE
MERGER BETWEEN THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCHES
OF SS. PETER & PAUL AND ST. LEO THE GREAT IN 1995.

July 14, 2019

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

GOD WANTS TO BE KNOWN

The Old Testament reading from Deuteronomy praises God for inscribing the commandments in our very bodies. God's law is not distant or foreign, but a natural part of us. In his letter to the Colossians, Saint Paul echoes Moses, praising God for becoming one of us. The truly human, flesh-and-blood Jesus reminds us that God always wants to be recognizable and familiar to us. Jesus, who is also truly God, wants to be on intimate terms with each of us.

God's passionate desire to be known by us is almost too wonderful to take in. Luke's Gospel helps us understand how to respond. The Good Samaritan parable provides practical advice for those who believe in God's intimate love for them and want to share that love with others.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

On a summer day, with the windows open, we may hear the sound of church bells. Bells seem to have come into church life in Irish monasteries around the seventh century, and spread around the Christian world by Irish monks on missionary journeys. By the eighth century, bells were standard equipment in even small parish churches. An ancient ceremony, once called the "baptism of the bells," recognizes that the church bell has a voice to call people to awareness and summon them to worship, and even bestows a name on the bell.

In a world without clocks or watches, the bell had an indispensable role. For calling monks in from the fields for prayer, or alerting far-flung visitors, the bell's voice was enhanced by hoisting it high into a tower. Soon it was learned that the sound of several bells clanging together in harmony imparted a sense of joy to great celebrations, and bell towers prospered, some chock full of bells. Different combinations of rings could indicate a death, a Mass, a wedding, a fast day, the curfew at the end of day, and the Angelus. Before electricity, bell-ringing was hard work indeed: the biggest bell in the Catholic world, in Cologne, Germany, weighs twenty-seven tons! There's no substitute for the resonant roar of a mighty bell; electric chimes are not eligible for blessing!

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HAPPINESS

Since happiness is nothing else but the enjoyment of the Supreme good, and the Supreme good is above us, no one can be happy who does not rise above oneself.

—St. Bonaventure

WISDOM

Wisdom has been defined as knowing the difference between pulling your weight and throwing it around.

—Anonymous

OUTDOOR SUMMER MASSES

Father John D. Byrnes, Rector, and the Parish Family of Saint Michael the Archangel Basilica, Loretto, invite the faithful to join us each Sunday evening at 7:00 p.m. for the outdoor Sunday Mass at the beautiful garden Shrine of Our Lady of the Alleghenies in Loretto. The first Mass of the season will be celebrated on Sunday, May 26, 2019, and will continue through Labor Day Weekend, September 1, 2019. Please bring a lawn chair. In the event of inclement weather, the Mass will be celebrated in the Basilica of Saint Michael the Archangel.

JULY 14, 2019
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
10:30 AM

July 14, 2019 *Scripture Reflections*

OUR LADY OF FATIMA MASS INTENTIONS

Readings: Dt 30:10-14; Col 1:15-20; Lk 10:25-37

Today's Intention-Seymore Family Reunion

Readings: Gn 18:1-10; Col 1:24-28; Lk 10:38-42

Sunday, July 21st, Bill Conrad, Frieda and Family

Cathedral Mass Intention

July 15, Monday: St. Bonaventure, Bp and Dr. of Church

Readings: Ex 1:8-14, 22; Mt 10:34-11:1

6:45 AM Alice Bell Hanna (Debbie Ball Family)

12:00 PM John S. & Dan Drass (Bart & Eileen Hmel)

July 16, Tuesday: Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Readings: Ex 2:1-15; Mt 11:20-24

6:45 AM James W. Conrad, Birthday (Daughter Mary)

12:00 PM Sally Colledge (Pete Colledge and Family)

July 17, Wednesday: Weekday

Readings: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Mt 11:25-27

6:45 AM Pat Shute (McNelis All-Stars)

12:00 PM Charles V. Brady (Joe & Dee Shellenberger)

July 18, Thursday: St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest

Readings: Ex 3:13-20; Mt 11:28-30

6:45 AM Joe Wiedemer (Mary Ann Bell)

12:00 PM Deacon Steve Luke (Ed & Lois Simanski)

July 19, Friday: Weekday

Readings: Ex 11:10-12:14; Mt 12:1-8

6:45 AM Joe Tomlinson (Mike & Sherry Byrne)

12:00 PM Tim Eck (McNellis Teachers)

July 20, Saturday: St. Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr

Readings: Ex 12:37-42; Mt 12:14-21

8:00 AM Deacon John Szwarc (Cathedral Parish)

12:00 PM Priestly Service Msgr. Mazur (Gerry Rose)

Vigil: Sixteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Readings: Gn 18:1-10; Col 1:24-28; Lk 10:38-42

5:00 PM Anna Marie Jacobs, Birth. (Rudolph Family)

In the First Reading, Moses challenges his people to heed the Lord's voice by keeping the Commandments. Their familiarity with the law is such that they can recite it with their mouths and are aware of it in their hearts. However, more is required: they need to carry it out in their actions.

The Gospel reading also gives attention to the carrying out of the Law. A scholar of the Law asked Jesus, "Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus elicits from him the essence of the Commandments, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart . . . and your neighbor as yourself." Demanding more precision, the lawyer asks, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus answers with the story of the Good Samaritan.

In this parable, a Samaritan cares for a man who has been left for dead after a priest and Levite pass by the man. The Samaritan tends the man's wounds, finds lodging for him, and pays for it. With this act of compassion, the Samaritan loves the stranger as his neighbor. Jesus concludes his story by asking the lawyer, "Which of these three (the priest, the Levite, and the Samaritan) in your opinion was neighbor to the robbers' victim?" Now, Jesus' question to the lawyer draws attention to the fact that the Samaritan is the true neighbor! This poses a problem for the lawyer because Jews considered Samaritans as enemies. The lawyer finds it difficult to answer Jesus question. He cannot say, "The Samaritan!"

Instead he answers, "The one who treated him with mercy." Jesus leaves him and us with the challenge, "Go and do likewise."

*Jesus, Son of the Living Father,
Have Mercy on Me a Sinner.*

- **How does the parable change your understanding of obeying the commandments?**

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.

Please give Chris Keagy, Rick and Gene Summers and Dan Smith a big thank you for repainting the Metal Fencing in front of and on the side of the Church. Jean and Zach Noonan did a beautiful job pulling weeds at the side of the church and vacuuming inside of the church. Our Lady of Fatima and Her son Jesus are well pleased with your donation of time and talent!

Outdoor Mass honoring Married Couples with Bishop Mark

The Altoona-Johnstown Diocesan Family is invited to participate and to pray for those living the Sacrament of Marriage at an Outdoor Mass honoring Married Couples this evening, July 14 at 7:00 pm at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Alleghenies in Loretto. Bring a lawn chair. Indoors if rain. Bishop Mark is the celebrant and homilist. This is a wonderful way to celebrate, encourage and support married couples!

Bosco's Friends helping Friends are on sale now for \$5.00 in the vestibule. Please get your cards early and sell to family and friends. Your \$5.00 stays with the parish!

July 14 Lk 10: 25-37

Children learn by watching us. Do they see you helping others like the Good Samaritan, or do they see you avoiding others like the Levite in today's gospel. Worry more about what your children see in YOUR LIFE than what they see on TV.

(July 14) Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus tells the parable of the Good Samaritan. The parable of the Good Samaritan is used by Jesus to answer the question posed by a scholar, "who is my neighbor?" The scholar previously stated that we are to love God with all of our being and love our neighbor as ourselves.

Bishop to Celebrate Outdoor Mass for Newly Graduated

The annual outdoor Mass for students entering or returning to college will be celebrated on August 4 at 7:00 p.m. at the Our Lady of the Alleghenies Shrine in Loretto. Bishop Mark L. Bartchak will be the celebrant and homilist. All college students, as well as 2019 high school graduates who are entering the military or workforce, are invited with their family. The Bishop will offer a special blessing to the students, words of wisdom, and a small gift. Bring your own lawn chair. If it rains, the Liturgy will be celebrated inside the Basilica of Saint Michael the Archangel next to the Shrine.

Gentle Reminder

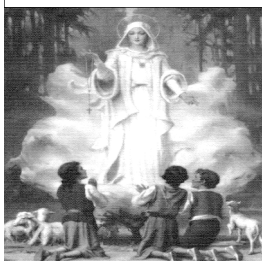
In Catholic practice, whenever Mass is celebrated, the Church requests that the readers be members of the Catholic Church. At a wedding, at a funeral, at a baptism, any celebration taking place within Mass, the Church asks that the reader(s) be members of the Catholic family. When any of these specific liturgies take place outside of Mass, a non-Catholic baptized Christian may read the scripture.

Catholic Ministry Drive Goal = \$9,271.00

Report for EOM June 30, 2019. - We received \$3,915.00 in one time gifts and pledges. Still owing is \$5,356.00.

COLLECTION JULY 7th was \$1,631.00

BIRTHDAYS: Marianne Hofer, July 19th



OUR LADY URGES US TO PRAY THE HOLY ROSARY

FOR

PEACE AND OFFER

SACRIFICES BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE!



THE
TEN COMMANDMENTS,
CONDENSED VERSION

Jesus replied, “Which of these three, in your opinion,
was neighbor to the robbers’ victim?”

He answered, “The one who treated him with mercy.”

Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.” Lk 10:36-37

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