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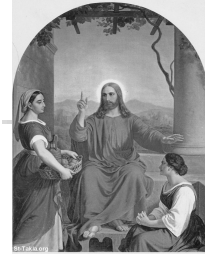
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Seventeenth Sunday in O. T.
July 28, 2019

You were buried with him in baptism,
in which you were also raised with
him
through faith in the power of God,
who raised him from the dead.
— Colossians 2:12

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.

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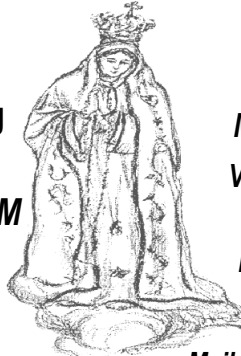


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Our Lady of Fatima Parish
2010 12th Avenue
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Rectory Office Hours:

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
Very Reverend Alan E. Thomas, VG
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
make arrangements. 944-4603

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OF SS. PETER & PAUL AND ST. LEO THE GREAT IN 1995.

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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
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Music Ministry Office - 944-2044
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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: 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

July 28, 2019

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

ASKING FOR HELP

The Beatitudes praise the poor in spirit. One characteristic of those who are poor in spirit is their ability to ask for help; they know when others can provide what they lack. Today's readings encourage us to practice poverty in spirit by asking God for what we need. What could be more natural than to ask God for good things? God is, after all, the inventor of goodness and the giver of all good things.

Asking God for help puts us in conversation with God. These conversations take many forms. The reading from Genesis shows Abraham bantering with God like a skilled negotiator, while Saint Paul's letter to the Colossians praises God for answering us even when we don't deserve it. In Saint Luke's Gospel, Jesus not only gives us words to use in our conversations with God (the Our Father), but also promises that God always listens to our prayers.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The pilgrim experience of going by foot to Santiago de Compostella, the shrine of St. James, reached its high point this week at the feast of the Apostle, with tens of thousands of pilgrims on the road. Typically, they cover twelve to twenty miles a day through rough territory. The difficult journey and the often primitive lodging facilities are made bearable by the joy of the pilgrims, their songs and prayers. When their journey is documented properly, they receive the scallop shell, a reminder not only of James the fisherman, but also his call to fish for human beings and to baptize the nations. In the Middle Ages, those who wore this badge on their hats were granted lodging and hospitality wherever they went. Next to the palm, the sign of a Jerusalem pilgrim, the scallop shell was most highly prized.

In the Middle Ages, some people so enjoyed the pilgrim road, although it was filled with discomfort and danger, that they spent most of their lives on the road. Today, some people take up the route for exercise, but are drawn gradually into the spirituality of the journey. As you make your summer travels, always fold in an element of pilgrimage: a long walk through beautiful countryside, a visit to a church, a prayer of gratitude for your journey through life's hills and valleys.

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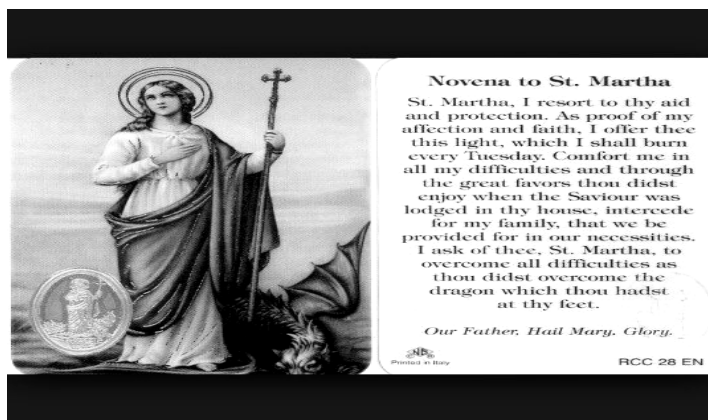
Indeed, it is not in human nature to deceive others for any long time, without in a measure deceiving ourselves, too.

—John Henry Newman

ADVERSITY

Adversity has the effect of eliciting talents which, in prosperous circumstances, would have lain dormant.

—Horace



JULY 28, 2019 SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 10:30 AM	July 28, 2019 Scripture Reflections
OUR LADY OF FATIMA MASS INTENTIONS Readings: Gn 18:20-32; Col 2:12-14; Lk 11:1-13 SUNDAY JULY 28TH, MASS CANCELLED- LACK OF PRIESTS Readings: Eccl 1:2, 2:21-23; Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21 Sunday Aug 8th, Fred Weakland, Brian Weakland Family	
Cathedral Mass Intention July 29, Monday: Saint Martha Readings: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34 ; Jn 11:19-27 6:45 AM Joseph A. Knott (Regina Kutruff) 12:00 PM Michael Zurilla, Birthday (Family) July 30, Tuesday: St. Peter Chrysologus, Bp. and Dr. Readings: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5-9, 28; Mt 13:36-43 6:45 AM Dan & Mirian Burns (Dave & Maureen Hanekamp) 12:00 PM For Vocations (Jerry and Rita Kibler) July 31, Wednesday: Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest Readings: Ex 34:29-35; Mt 13:44-46 6:45 AM Joseph Mangiacarne (Phil & Mary Lou Ray) 12:00 PM Jean Frick McConnell (Pat Rhoads) August 1, Thursday: Saint Alphonsus Liguori Bp. & Dr. Readings: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Mt 13:47-53 6:45 AM Catherine Hardin (Olga Lawruk) 12:00 PM Rose Kwolek (Religious Ed. Teachers) August 2, Friday: Sts. Eusebius, Bp, Peter Eymard, Pr. Readings: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34-37; Mt 13:54-58 6:45 AM Dave Hanely, Sr. (Mom) 12:00 PM Joe Wiedemer (Bauer Family) August 3, Saturday: Weekday Readings: Lv 25:1, 8-17; Mt 14:1-12 8:00 AM Lavelle Family (Phyllis Lavelle Sheetz) 12:00 PM Sr. Caroline Caritas (Kelsey Ingold) (M/M H. Nagle) Vigil: Eighteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time Readings: Eccl 1:2, 2:21-23; Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21 5:00 PM Bernadine Garcia (Stanley Krish Family)	Today's readings provide the insight that our image of God influences how we pray. In the First Reading, Abraham bargains with God over the number of people needed to save all the inhabitants in the city. God emerges as a kind and patient negotiator. In Paul's Letter to the Colossians, God is kind and compassionate. God has "forgiven us all our transgressions; obliterating the bond against us, . . . nailing it to the cross." God's forgiveness is total. Both readings contain the foundational dimension of the Christian image of God as kind, generous, and completely forgiving. Luke's Gospel account presents Jesus as a man of prayer. Inspired by Jesus' example, his disciples ask him to teach them how to pray. In the prayer he gives them (a shortened version of Matthew's account of the Lord's Prayer), Jesus deepens their image of God as generous and forgiving. Beginning with "Abba"/"Father," a small child's address to a Father ("Daddy"), Jesus issues an invitation to approach God with the trust and love a child has for parents. Jesus shows them that prayer is about forming a relationship with God. In the rest of the Gospel passage, Jesus continues this intimate relationship between God and God's children. "Would a parent offer a child a snake when they asked for a fish? . . . How much more will the Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask?" In prayer God knows his children's needs better than they know themselves. Prayer will establish the most intimate of relationships between the believer and God through "the Holy Spirit" of love. • How do today's readings reflect the image of a generous and compassionate God?
<i>Jesus, Son of the Living Father, Have Mercy on Me a Sinner.</i>	
<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>	AT HOME with the WORD 2019, Archdiocese of Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications, pg. 111.

† † MASS AT OUR LADY OF FATIMA IS CANCELLED FOR JULY 28TH FOR A LACK OF PRIESTS † †

St. Benedict Church of Carrolltown Festival

The 62nd Home-Coming Festival is being held on July 26th, 27th, 28th. Entertainment daily with bingo, large basket auction, games live music, bake sale, ethnic foods and refreshments. Dunking Booth all three days. Friday 26th grounds open at 5 pm with Ethnic Foods and Wing Night specials. Saturday July 27th grounds open at 12 noon with our Third Annual Cruise-In from 12:00-5:00 pm. Mass at 4:00 pm. Sunday July 28th Chicken Dinner with home-made noodle soup, served from 11 am to 2 pm, the cost for Adults is \$10; Children 5-12, \$5; Children 4 and under, free. Take- out dinners available.

Boscov'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!

Stewardship Reflection

God knows his children's needs even before they are aware of it themselves. We as Christians have a choice in the manner in which we give and share. May we see as God does and prudently and generously offer our resources of food, clothing and shelter.

Do others see that you are faithful steward and disciple of Jesus without having to tell them? Do others see the love of God in us as we help to answer the prayer of those in need, "Give us each day our daily bread."

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.

Eucharistic Adoration @ Cathedral

Eucharistic adoration will be the first Wednesday of next month, August 7th from 12:30 PM until 8:00 PM. Please note this in your schedules and plan to spend some quality time in prayer before the Sacrament in exposition.

Altoona Flea Market-St. Therese Conference of the St. Vincent DePaul Society. Annual Flea Market and Bake Sale Friday August 9 and Saturday, August 10, from 8:00 AM until 1:00 PM at Father Kelly Hall, 25th Ave and 5th St., Altoona Pa. Proceeds will be used to help the mission of St. Vincent DePaul Society in our area. If you have any questions please call Sandra Lear 814-215-4970 or email cslear@gmail.com.

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 28th was \$0.00 (No Mass)

BIRTHDAYS: Makenzie Baranik 8/01; Vicki Burr 8/04; Caroline Keagy 8/05; Melinda Jo Summers 8/05;

July 28 Lk 11:1-13

Loving parents don't give children everything they request. We strive to provide what they need. This is the lesson of today's gospel. As our children trust us, so we must trust Our Father. Just as trust gives security to our children, so our trust in God, Our Father, will give security to us as well.



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



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knock and the door will be opened to you." Lk 11:9

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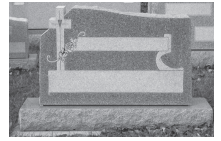
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