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Thank you,

Carol

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 26, 2020

All things work for good for those who love God.

— Romans 8:28a

Our Lady of Fatima
Pleaded that we pray the Holy Rosary

privately from 7:30 am to 5:00 pm
Sunday thru Saturday

July 22nd



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Our Lady of Fatima Parish
2010 12th Avenue

www.ourladyoffatimaaltoona.org

Rectory Office Hours:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday - 11 AM - 2PM

Parish Office: 814-942-0371

Our Lady of Fatima Church

Our Lady of Fatima Parish Administrator

Rev. Msgr. Stanley B. Carson

Parish Secretary
Carol Z. Smith

Director of Music Ministry
Kathy McFee



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Eucharist 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

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.

Cathedral Church Office: 814-944-4603

One Cathedral Square

Most Reverend Mark L. Bartchak, Bishop

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

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

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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
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Religious Education Office: Sundays – 943-7424

Director of Music Ministry

Leslie C. Thayer, MM, CAGO

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

<p style="text-align: center;">JULY 26, 2020 SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 10:30 AM</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS JULY 26, 2020</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">OUR LADY OF FATIMA MASS INTENTIONS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Today's Intention - Allison Purdy-Ritchey Readings: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52</p> <p style="text-align: center;">August 2, 2020, Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Readings: Is 55:1-3; Rom 8:35, 37-39; Mt 14:13-21 Caroline Denise Keagy, 5th Birthday (Carol Smith)</p>	<p>What is your new life in Christ worth to you?</p> <p>Do you love His words more than gold and silver, as we sing in today's Psalm? Would you, like the characters in the Gospel today, sell all that you have in order to possess the kingdom He promises to us? If God were to grant any wish, would you follow Solomon's example in today's First Reading—asking not for a long life or riches, but for wisdom to know God's ways and to desire His will?</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Cathedral Mass Intention</p> <p>July 27, Monday: Weekday Readings: Jer 13:1-11; Mt 13: 31-35 6:45 AM + Richard Anthony (M/M Dave Reimer) 12:00 PM + Patricia Koeck (John Koeck Family)</p> <p>July 28, Tuesday: Weekday Readings: Jer 14: 17-22; Mt 13:36-43 6:45 AM + John Adams (Mr & Mrs Joe Ianniello) 12:00 PM + Jane Davidson (Mary Alice Plummer)</p> <p>July 29, Wednesday: Saint Martha Readings: Jer 15 :10, 16-21; Jn 11:1-2, 19-27 6:45 AM + Robert Wojcik M/M Paul Fraundorfer 12:00 PM + Marti Stefanon (George & Darlene Sinisi)</p> <p>July 30, Thursday: St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop Readings: Jer 18:1-6; Mt 13:47-53 6:45 AM + Sr. Beverly Hmel (JoAnn & Clara Poplin) 12:00PM + Mary Ann "Behe" Eger (Caroseilli Family)</p> <p>July 31, Friday: St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest Readings: Jer 26:1-9; Mt 13:54-58 6:45 AM + Denis Burns (M/M Dave Hanekamp) 12:00 PM + Tom Lily (Paula Miller)</p> <p>August 1, Saturday: St. Alphonsus Liquori, Bp. & Dr. Readings: Jer 26:11-16, 24; Mt 14:1-12 8:00 AM + Kenneth Lytle & Donna Curls (Family) 12:00PM + Ray Plummer (Richard & Cecilia Haines)</p> <p>Vigil: Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Readings: Is 55:1-3; Rom 8:35, 37-39; Mt 14:13-21 5:00 PM + Betsy Cote (Prayer Shawl Ministry)</p> <p>August 2, Sunday 8:00 AM + Harry Irwin (Fran & Chrissy Dambeck) 10:00 AM + James Gardner (M/M Bruce Costello) 12:00 PM + John Duffy (Margaret Misitano Family) 5:00 PM Pro Popolo/ For the People</p>	<p>The background for today's Gospel, as it has been for the past several weeks, is the rejection of Jesus' preaching by Israel. The kingdom of heaven has come into their midst, yet many cannot see that Jesus is the fulfillment of God's promises, a gift of divine compassion given that they—and we—might live.</p> <p>We too must ever discover the kingdom anew, to find it as a treasure—a pearl of great price. By comparison with the kingdom, we must count all else as rubbish (see Philippians 3:8). And we must be willing to give up all that we have—all our priorities and plans—in order to gain it.</p> <p>Jesus' Gospel discloses what Paul, in today's Epistle, calls the purpose of God's plan (see Ephesians 1:4). That purpose is that Jesus would be the firstborn of many brothers.</p> <p>His words give understanding to the simple, the childlike. As Solomon does today, we must humble ourselves before God, giving ourselves to His service. Let our prayer be for an understanding heart, one that desires only to do His will.</p> <p>We are called to love God, to delight in His law, and to forsake every false way. And we are to conform ourselves daily ever more closely to the image of His Son. If we do this, we can approach His altar as a pleasing sacrifice, confident that all things work for the good—that we whom He has justified will also one day be glorified.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Dr. Scott Hahn</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Jesus, Son of the Living Father, Have Mercy on Me a Sinner.</i></p> <hr/> <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>

CATHEDRAL of the BLESSED SACRAMENT

Effective Immediately: Sunday Masses will be at:
8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM, and 5:00 PM.

OLOF Weekly Contributions for Sunday, July 19 - \$1438.00

Annual Flea Market

St. Vincent dePaul Society/ St. Therese of the Child Jesus Conference Annual Flea Market. Friday August 7th & 8th, from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM both days. Located at Father Kelly Hall, Corner 25th Avenue and 5th Street, Altoona Pa.

OLOF Grotto

We are still looking for some folks to clean up the Grotto for the Church. Please call Office 942-0371.

Our Lady of Fatima traveling Statue is back home again! Anyone who would like to take her home for a time may call the rectory 942-0371.

Friar's Nook Gift Shop

Christmas in July is upon us! At the Friar's Nook Gift Shop, all clearance items are 75% off through August 1st! Also, the shop is stocked up for all your sacrament needs! The shop will continue to have modified hours through Labor Day which are Fridays and Saturdays, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM, and is located on the campus of St. Bernadine Monastery at 793 Monastery Road, Hollidaysburg. For any questions, please call 814-695-3802. Please note, face coverings must be worn for the gift shop area.

Religious Education

Registration for all students, grades PK4-11 will be held in the Education Center at 14th Street entrance before and after all Masses August 15/16 and August 22/23. Parents only, are asked to register all students at this time and receive your child's textbook. Facial covering is required.

PK/8 will be resuming classes on September 13th through the use of online program. More information will be available at registration times. If you are new to our Religious Ed program please bring a copy of your child's baptismal certificate. Please contact Chris Laraia (814-312-7317) or Jean Koury (814-949-2777) if you have any questions or concerns.

Annual Wedding Anniversary Liturgy

Bishop Mark Bartchak and the Family Life Office cordially invites all couples celebrating 1, 5, 10, 25, 40, 50, 55, and 60 + Wedding Anniversary in 2020 (and their families) to attend the Annual Wedding Anniversary Liturgy. Couples may attend Sunday, September 13 in ALTOONA at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament or Sunday, September 20 in JOHNSTOWN at St. John Gualbert Cathedral. Both locations are handicap accessible. Liturgies in each location begin at 2:00 p.m. Bishop Mark will be the celebrant and the homilist at each celebration. Refreshments/snacks will be available after the mass for anniversary couples and their families. Reservations must be made through your parish for either celebration by August 19.

A SHARE IN GOD'S KINGDOM

Today concludes a three-week series of Gospel texts in which we have listened to a total of seven parables about the Kingdom. The believer is asked to consider the request that God made of Solomon in today's first reading: "Ask something of me and I will give it to you" (1 Kings 3:5). Today's parables about the treasure buried in the field and the pearl of great price should prompt us to answer, "A share in your kingdom, O God!" Today we discover that the kingdom of God is beyond value, a priceless treasure. Unfortunately, our culture bombards us with things that it believes are priceless treasures—the bigger and better SUVs, anti-aging and anti-balding creams and salves, miracle diets, and so much more. Having a share in God's kingdom and helping to bring about that kingdom are the greatest treasures that we can ever hope to gain.

SAINT MARTHA (first century)

July 29

Whether you find Martha Stewart admirable or annoying, she has the perfect patron saint. Luke describes Martha—saint, not Stewart—as "burdened with much serving" (Luke 10:40). About Mary, seated, listening to Jesus, Martha complained, "Do you not care that my sister has left me by myself to do the serving?" Jesus' response, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things . . . Mary has chosen the better part" (10:41, 42), suggests to some the superiority of the contemplative life, leaving the rest of us, supporting families, earning livings, (helping others?), as second-class Christians. But Luke introduces Martha and Mary immediately after Jesus' parable of the Good Samaritan, whom Jesus recommends as a model of practical compassion, concluding, "Go and do likewise" (10:37). Go and do! Sit and listen! Discipleship is never either/or but both/and. Jesus ministered in prayerful silence and hospitable service. Monastic calendars add Martha's sister, Mary, and brother, Lazarus, calling all three "hosts of the Lord," recalling their welcome of Jesus to their home in Bethany, reminding us Whom we welcome whenever we extend summertime hospitality!

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WISDOM

Nine-tenths of wisdom consists in being wise in time.

—Theodore Roosevelt

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Go forth and set the world on fire.

—St. Ignatius of Loyola



Our Lady asks us to pray the rosary daily and make sacrifices before it is too late!