

Seventeenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

July 24, 2022

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 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.

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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

THE FATIMA TOWERS

OUR LADY OF FATIMA MASS INTENTIONS

11:30 A.M.

This Sunday, July 24, Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jane Shea (Robert & Christina Laraia)

Next Sunday, July 31, Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Bebe Milliron (Therese Heasley)

Cathedral Mass Intentions

July 24, Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM +Nora Lear (Dave & Karen Rhoa)

10:00 AM +Barbara Noel (Brian & Sherry Himes Family)

5:00 PM Pro Popolo/For the People

July 25, Monday, St. James, Apostle

6:45 AM + Libby Ann Allen (Linda Lambert)

12:00 PM Special Intention (Anonymous)

July 26, Sts. Joachim and Anne, Parents of Mary

6:45 AM +Genevieve Hallinan (Family)

12:00 PM For the Sick of the Parish

July 27, Wednesday, Weekday

6:45 AM +Geraldine Petrunak (Tom, Patricia, & Marita Foor)

12:00 PM +Edward Matosziuk, III (Family)

July 28, Thursday, Weekday

6:45 AM +Poor Souls (Anonymous)

12:00 PM +John Vargo (St. Matthew Parish Friends)

July 29, Friday, St. Martha

6:45 AM +Mike Zurilla, Birth. (Family)

12:00 PM +John P. Koeck, Jr. (George Koeck)

July 30, Saturday, St. Peter Chrysologus, Bp. & Dr.

8:00 AM +Freddie Martynuska (Aunt, Anna Marie)

12:00 PM +Nancy Foster (Clair Robertson)

Vigil: Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 PM +Alice Winkler (Stephen Stefanon)

July 31, Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM +Bev Woodring (Tom Byrne)

10:00 AM +Mary Himes (Brian & Sherry Himes Family)

5:00 PM +Pro Popolo/For the People

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



SANCTUARY CANDLE

For the month of July, the sanctuary candle in front of the tabernacle has been donated in memory of Stan and Clem Kawtoski by Pauline Kawtoski. Thank you.

"AND I TELL YOU,
ASK AND YOU WILL RECEIVE;
SEEK AND YOU WILL FIND;
KNOCK AND THE DOOR
WILL BE OPENED TO YOU."

LUKE 11:9



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Abraham bargains with God to spare the city (Genesis 18:20-32).

Psalm — Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me (Psalm 138).

Second Reading — Buried with Christ in baptism, we were also raised with him; all our transgressions are forgiven (Colossians 2:12-14).

Gospel — Jesus speaks of God's sure response to those who pray (Luke 11:1-13).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-6; Mt 20:20-28

Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21; Ps 59:2-4, 10-11, 17-18; Mt 13:44-46

Thursday: Jer 18:1-6; Ps 146:1b-6ab; Mt 13:47-53

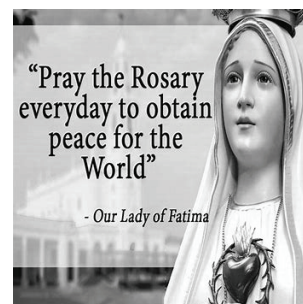
Friday: Jer 26:1-9; Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24; Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 14:1-12

Sunday: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17; Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21

Thank You Very Much

Your prayers, volunteerism, and financial support are deeply appreciated. The contributions for Sunday, July 17, were \$1,482.00.



SNAKES AND SCORPIONS AND PRAYERS? OH, MY!

How often do we hear about snakes and scorpions at Mass? Well, today we do! Jesus uses these frightful (to most of us!) images for their shock value in order to emphasize how graciously and unfailingly our Father in heaven cares for us. The first reading sets the stage for our reflection. Who can hear the story of Abraham negotiating with God in the first reading and not smile at his audacity? The middle Eastern custom of bartering likely honed Abraham's skills in that arena. He even appeals to God's sense of honor, saying, "Far be it from you to do such a thing" [as to wipe out the innocent with the guilty]. Have we not all bargained with God at one time or another when we were desperately in need?

Notice that the very first words of today's Gospel are "Jesus was praying." Of course, the disciples would be curious about a practice that was so central to Jesus' daily life. He was obviously good at it. Perhaps they wanted to know how they could more easily "influence" God themselves! They wanted to know what would work. Luke's version of the beloved Lord's Prayer (one of two found in the Gospels) is highlighted today in response to the disciples' request.

The two parables following the Lord's Prayer teach us about prayer both from the point of view of the one who prays and from God's point of view. The parable of the friend who knocks on the door at midnight illustrates prayer from the point of view someone who urgently needs something. Persistence is the key. The last section of the Gospel offers us a glimpse of prayer from God's point of view. If you seek, you will find; if you knock, the door will be opened. With Jesus as our mediator, we are assured of a hearing before our Father in heaven who is waiting to give good gifts to his children.

Today's Readings: Gn 18:20-32; Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8; Col 2:12-14; Lk 11:1-13

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7/24/2022

Our parish will get together for an indoor picnic at St. Stan's Hall on Sunday, August 21, after our 11:30 A.M. Mass. There's a sign-up sheet in the back of the church.



The Sacrament of the Sick will be celebrated during the Noon Mass at the Cathedral on Tuesday, July 26, the Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne.

Catholics whose health is seriously impaired by sickness or old age may receive the Sacrament of the Sick

The ritual specifies that this sacrament may be repeated: a) when the sick person recovers after being anointed and, at a later time, becomes sick again; b) when during the same illness the condition of the sick person becomes more serious. In the case of a person who is chronically ill, or elderly and in a weakened condition, the Sacrament of Anointing may be repeated when in the pastoral judgment of the priest the condition of the sick person warrants the repetition of the sacrament.



**Women Find
Strength in Christ**
Saturday, September
10, from 9:00 a.m. to
2:45 p.m.

Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown Women's Conference at Holy Name Church, Ebensburg. Registration Fee: \$10.00 per person. Conference includes Guest Speakers, Eucharistic Adoration, Confessions, and Lunch. Registration forms are in the back of our church and at [2022 Women's Conference - Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown \(dioceseaj.org\)](http://2022.Women's.Conference-Diocese.of.Altoona-Johnstown(dioceseaj.org))

Our parish is once again participating in Boscov's **Friends Helping Friends** fundraiser. The event is on Wednesday, October 19, from 8 a.m. until 11 p.m. A \$5.00 shopping pass entitles you to 25% off your purchases in-store and cannot be used in conjunction with other discounts and promotions. The parish receives the \$5.00 you pay for the pass. Passes are available after Mass and in our office, during regular office hours.



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