

# 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 16, 2023

**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

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  
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**

## HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

**Web: [www.holytrinitycatholic.school](http://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**

**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:**  
Sunday: 5:00 PM (Vigil) Holy Days: 5:30 PM (Vigil) Weekdays: 12:00 PM  
8:00 AM 8:00 AM Saturday: 12:00 PM  
10:00 AM 12:00 Noon  
5:00 PM

THE FATIMA TOWERS

**OUR LADY OF FATIMA MASS INTENTIONS**

**11:30 A.M.**

**Today, July 16, 2023, 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Thomas Riggemann, Sr. (Pete Starr)

**Next Sunday, July 23, 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Adaline Cassarty (Louise & Mike Beckel)

**Cathedral Mass Intentions**

**July 16, 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM Special Intentions of Fred Petrunak, Sr., Birth. (Family)

10:00 AM +Mary Moffa Jenaway (Estate)

5:00 PM Pro Popolo/For the People

**July 17, Monday, Weekday**

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

**July 18, Tuesday, Weekday**

12:00 PM +Shirley Keirn, Birth (husband, Joe)

**July 19, Wednesday, Weekday**

12:00 PM +Father Robert Brett (McNelis All Stars & Friends)

**July 20, Thursday, Weekday**

12:00 PM +Barbara Shoemaker (Mike & Sherry Byrne)

**July 21, Friday, Weekday**

12:00 PM +Derek Behe (Mom & Dad)

**July 22, Saturday, St. Mary Magdalene**

12:00 PM +Nancy Foster (Karen & Joe Hallinan)

**Vigil: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5:00 PM +Mary Himes, Birth (Brian & Sherry Himes Family)

**July 23, 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM +Anna Marie Jacobs, Birth. (Family)

10:00 AM +Linda Graziosa, Birth. (Aunt Mae & Family)

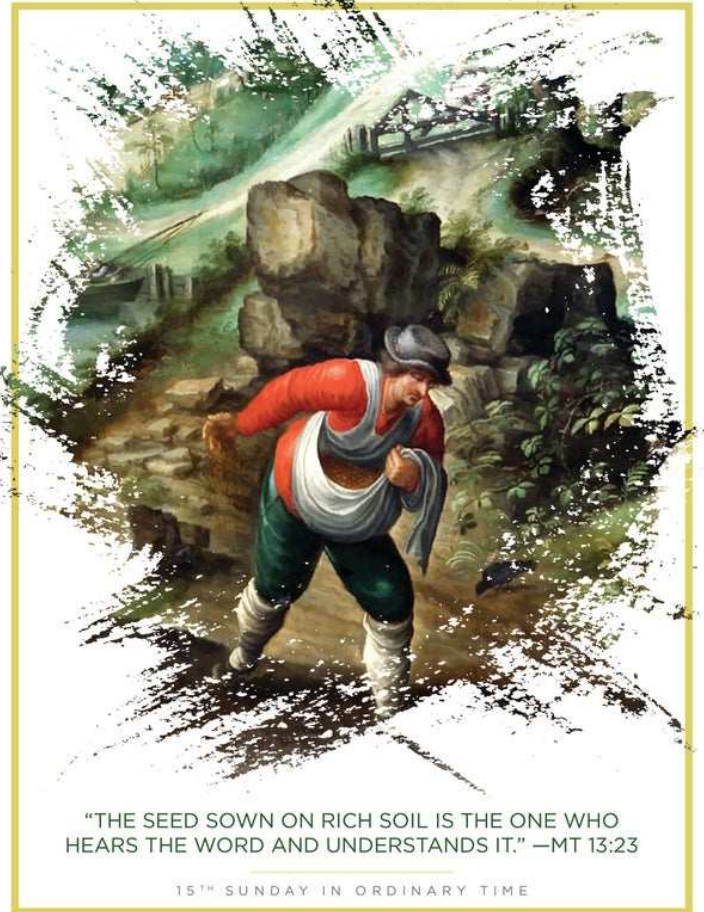
5:00 PM +Pro Popolo/For the People

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



**TABERNACLE  
CANDLE**

For the month of July, the sanctuary candle is lit in memory of Carl Strate by his wife, Joanne.  
Thank you.



**Readings for the week of July 16, 2023**

Sunday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 65:1, 11, 12-13, 14 (Luke 8:8)

Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

Monday: Ex 1:8-14, 22/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8/Mt 10:34—11:1

Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a/Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34/Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7/Mt 11:25-27

Thursday: Ex 3:13-20/Ps 105:1 and 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27/Mt 11:28-30

Friday: Ex 11:10—12:14/Ps 116:12-13, 15 and 16bc, 17-18/Mt 12:1-8

Saturday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Next Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16 (5a)/Rom 8:26-27/ Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

**Thank You Very Much**

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

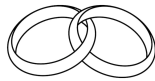
The contributions for Sunday, July 9, were \$1,878.60. Thank you.





The 2023 Catholic Ministries Drive target for Our Lady of Fatima Parish is \$9,224. The target is calculated as 10% of our regular offertory averaged over the previous three years (2020-2022). The CMD supports programs and services beyond the resources of any single parish.

Please be supportive. Thank you for helping our parish hit this year's target. **So far, 28 households have contributed/pledged \$7,430 or 80.5% of our goal.** If you haven't already done so, please contribute.



### **Outdoor Mass honoring Married Couples**

Altoona-Johnstown Diocesan Family is invited to participate in and to pray for those living the Sacrament of Marriage at an Outdoor Mass honoring Married Couples today, Sunday evening, July 16 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!

### **Outdoor Mass For Young People Entering or Returning to College and Those Entering the Military**

All young people entering or returning to college, as well as those entering the military, along with their families, are invited to a special Mass with Bishop Mark at 7:00 PM at the Shrine of our Lady of the Alleghenies in Loretto on Sunday, August 6th. Bishop Mark will offer a special blessing and gift for each of these students.



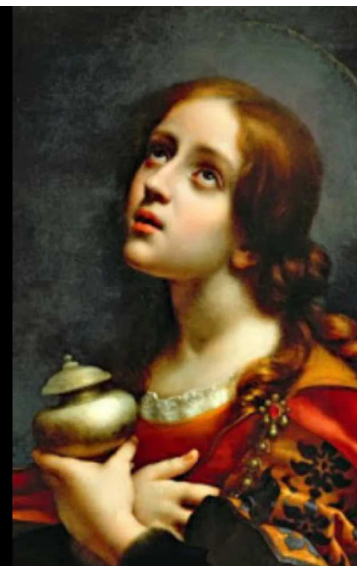
Our Lady of Fatima Parish will have an indoor picnic at the St. Stanislaus Kostka Club on Sunday, August 13, at 1:00 P.M.



Our parish is participating in the annual Friends Helping Friends event that will take place on Wednesday, October 18, from 8 AM to 11 PM. If you purchase a one-day shopping pass for \$5.00 supporters get 25% off their lowest sale prices (exclusions apply). Our parish keeps 100% of the \$5.00 shopping pass donation.

## **St. Mary Magdalene**

*"There is no saint without a past, no sinner without a future."*



## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

### Soil Conditions

I am a hopeless gardener. I never met a plant I couldn't swiftly kill with good intentions and poor understanding of soil conditions.

Because really, it's all about the soil conditions — at least, that's what Google tells me when I helplessly search phrases like “Why aren't any of my seeds sprouting? Please, I tried so hard.” I can never seem to match the right type of soil offering the right type of drainage and texture with the right plant. I can't understand why it's not enough to bury the seed in whatever ground is available, sprinkle some water and ask it, very nicely, to grow.

This is also a quality that makes me a poor evangelist to people who do not share my beliefs. How many times have I encountered a friend or loved one who left the faith, and I tried to coax them back by hurling Catechism passages in their direction, offering advice they never asked for and are ill-equipped to understand? I sow these seeds of witness and bang my fists in frustration that they rot where I plant them, never realizing that *it's all about the soil*.

It is Christ, and Christ alone, who works within the heart. It is Christ who is the sower of the seed, not me. When I leave him out of the equation, when I fail to offer the Person and instead only offer the teaching, I can anticipate that any witness I have to offer will rot where it is planted just as sure as a tulip bulb in a bed of clay.

*“...my word shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it.” — Isaiah 55:11 ©LPi*

## GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

**July 16, 2023**

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It's not uncommon to hear people complain that we Catholics often fail in communicating our faith. Fair enough. We can and should improve there. But it's interesting to notice that Jesus himself was implicitly accused by his disciples of a similar failure. This week in Matthew's gospel they are perplexed that he speaks to the crowds in ambiguous parables. The Lord's riddles leave many people more confused than before. He responds by pointing out that his parables have an intentional dual purpose: to hide (for some) and to reveal (for others) his Gospel: “Because knowledge of the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven has been granted to you, but to them it has not been granted” (Matthew 13:11). Is Jesus being unnecessarily difficult, obscurantist, or, worse, elitist?

No. We have to remember that all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge lie hidden in him (c.f., Col. 2:3). He is the word of God from heaven to be planted in the earth of our humanity to bear great fruit. However, like a lover delicately pursuing his beloved, we're dealing with a *relationship*, not new data. When we aren't willing to personally accept Jesus into our lives, the “info” of the Gospel will simply not make sense to us. It'll seem bizarre, esoteric, or like incoherent religious-speak. But when we are willing to accept Jesus into our lives, everything else starts to make sense. When others don't understand the Church or the Lord, let's be patient. Love is patient. Sometimes it has to hide before it is revealed.

— *Father John Muir*