

# 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 23, 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 23, 2023, 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Adaline Cassarty (Louise & Mike Beckel)

**Next Sunday, July 30, 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Paul & Gerri Rose (Kathleen Davies)

**Cathedral Mass Intentions**

**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

**July 24, Monday, St. Sharbel Makhluf**

12:00 PM +Martin & Alexander Kwolek (Kwolek Grandchildren)

**July 25, Tuesday, St. James, Apostle**

12:00 PM +Genevieve Hallinan (Family)

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

12:00 PM +Cyril & Mary Kibler (Jerry & Rita Kibler)

**July 27, Thursday, Weekday**

12:00 PM +Paul Rose, Anniv. (Family)

**July 28, Friday, Weekday**

12:00 PM +Francis & Eileen Lytle (Children)

**July 29, Saturday, St. Martha, Mary, & Lazarus**

12:00 PM +Steve Pellegrine (Ginger Cooney)

**Vigil: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5:00 PM +Peter Rossi (Kuny Family)

**July 30, 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM +James Weaver (Tom & Becky DeHaven)

10:00 AM +Peggy Mullen (Skip Cowan)

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.



**16<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

"The righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father." - Mt 13:43a

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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**Readings for the week of July 23, 2023**

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

Monday: Ex 14:5-18/Ex 15:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Mt 20:20-28

Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28/Mt 13:1-9

Thursday: Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Mt 13:10-17

Friday: Ex 20:1-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 13:18-23

Saturday: Ex 24:3-8/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130 (97a)/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

**Thank You Very Much**

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

The contributions for Sunday, July 16, were \$1,233. Thank you.







# Catholic Ministries Drive

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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. **\$7,580 or 82% of our goal has been pledged or donated.** If you haven't already done so, please contribute. Our balance is \$1,644.



**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.

**Boscov's-Friends Helping Friends**

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.



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. There's a sign-up sheet in the vestibule.



**Vocation Discernment for Young Men: St. Andrew's Evening**

Just as St. Andrew invited his brother Peter to come see the Messiah, allow him to bring you to the Lord as well. God might be calling you to serve Him as a priest. An event for men in high school and older is being held at Our Lady of Victory Church in State College on Monday, August 7, from 4-6 P.M. The event will include prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, an opportunity for Confession, dinner, and a vocations story by Father Brian Norris. For more information or to rsvp, please contact Fr. Peter Crowe, vocations@dioceseaj.org or by calling 814-317-2681

## Everyday Stewardship

How time flies! This coming year I will have one child graduate from college, one from high school, and one starting high school. I am exhausted thinking about it. My prayer for all my children is that they take the Holy Spirit with them in all that they do, and call on God to aid them in discerning their future. That is my prayer, but I know that it will not always be easy for them to follow this path. The key will be for each of them, if they choose, to be what God intended them to be, as opposed to trying to be what they want to be.

It sounds great to say to a child, "You can be anything you want to be." But at the core of this statement is often the lie that true happiness lies in fulfilling your will for your life. I have seen many people in my life that reached their goals only to find an emptiness and longing for something more. The reality is that our ultimate fulfillment and joy is becoming the person, not that we wanted to be, but the person that God created us to be. This does not mean that we are stuck in some predestined situation. There are many ways we can live out our destiny and use fully use the gifts God gave each of us. But it does mean that we have chosen a path based on where God is leading us and informed by an insight of the distinct gifts with which we have been created. At the end of that path is a life filled with joy, peace, and contentment.

This is what I want for my kids. May they find their success by discerning God's will and becoming the wonderful people that God intended.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

### **The Catholic Bubble**

There's a dangerous myth that exists among pockets of faithful, observant Catholic families. I call it the Legend of the Catholic Bubble.

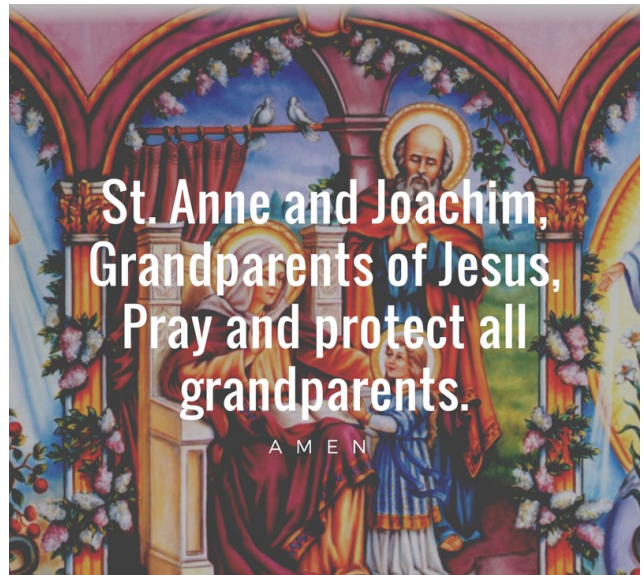
Here's how the legend goes: you find a devout Catholic parish and a devout Catholic community filled with devout Catholic people who care about devout Catholic things, and you stay away from everything and everyone else, you and your children will be safe from the influence of the evil one. Your children will never fall away from the faith, or even be tempted, and your own faith will stay steel-strong amidst the many tempests and trials of this earthly life.

Don't misunderstand me: I *love* a good devout Catholic parish. I *live for* a supportive, devout Catholic community. It's one of the biggest blessings in the Christian life, and I cannot overstate how helpful it is to raise children in an environment that upholds your Catholic faith and does not denigrate it.

But. *But.*

Make no mistake: the Catholic Bubble will not save you. The trials and the temptations will find you there, too: on the parish council, at Catholic school, in your Catholic moms' group. No community on earth is so supportive that it mimics Heaven. The weeds have been sown with the good seed, and the harvest time is not yet upon us.

Cherish your community, certainly — but beware of the lure of the Catholic Bubble. We are called to be yeast in the loaf of bread, and yeast is nothing on its own. LPi



*Lord God almighty,  
bless our grandparents with long life,  
happiness, and health.  
May they remain constant in your love  
and be living signs of your presence  
to their children and grandchildren.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen*