

## **Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**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. Mariusz Gorazd, 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 arrange-  
ments.

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.

Sacrament of the Anointing of the  
Sick

OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH IS A RE-  
SULT OF THE MERGER BETWEEN THE  
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCHES OF SS.  
PETER & PAUL AND ST. LEO THE GREAT  
IN 1995.

THE FATIMA TOWERS

## **OUR LADY OF FATIMA MASS INTENTIONS**

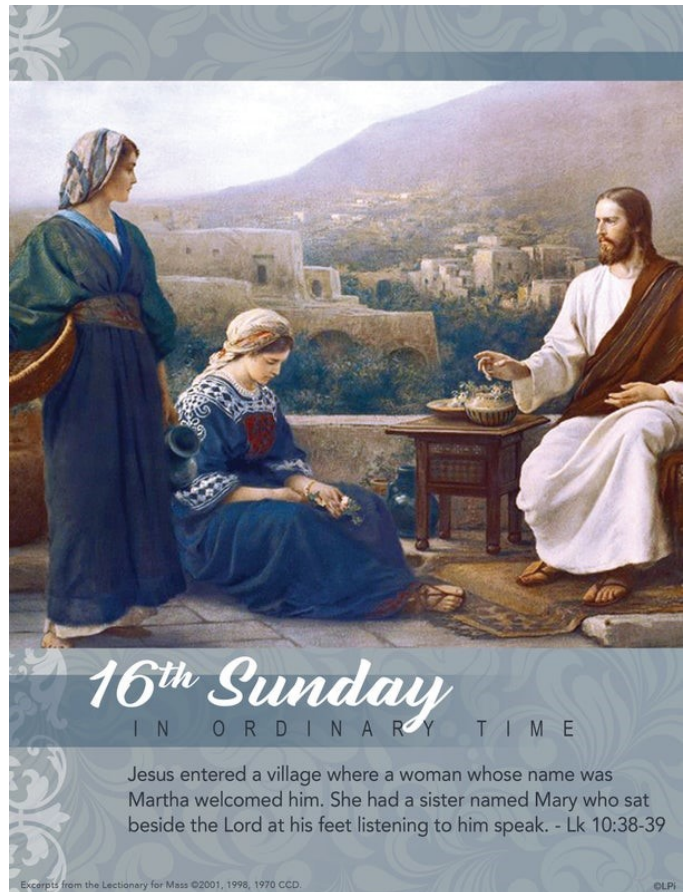
**11:30 A.M.**

**July 27, 2025, 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Paul & Adaline Cassarty (Mike & Laurie Beckel)

**August 3, 2025 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Charles Robert McCall (Karen Query)



Readings for the week of July 20, 2025

Sunday: Gn 18:1-10a/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5 (1a)/Col 1:24-28/Lk 10:38-42

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

Tuesday: 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

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

Saturday: Ex 24:3-8/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Mt 13:24-30

Next Sunday: Gn 18:20-32/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8 (3a)/Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13



During July, the Sanctuary Candle is being lit in memory of Edward & Rita Raichle by their grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Thank you.

## **Thank You Very Much**

Your prayers, volunteerism, and financial support are deeply appreciated. The contributions for July 20 were \$1374.50.

Thank you.

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Our Lady of Fatima Church's parish picnic will be on Sunday, August 24, at St. Stan's Hall from 1-3 P.M. The parish will provide chicken and hot dogs, soda and water. You're asked to bring a covered dish. There's a sign-up sheet in the vestibule.



The Catholic Ministries Drive target for Our Lady of Fatima Parish is \$10,200. So far, 20 donations amounting to \$4,360 has been received or 43% of our goal. Thank you.



You are invited to help Our Lady of Fatima Parish by supporting this year's FHF fundraiser which will take place on Wednesday, October 22, from 8 AM until 11 PM. A donation of \$5.00 for a shopping pass entitles you to 25% off the lowest sale price. Our parish keeps the \$5.00 donation. More details are available on the pass. They are available in our office and following our weekend Mass.

## CLERGY APPOINTMENT

Effective Wednesday, July 23, Father Mariusz Gorazd will be the Administrator of St. Mary Immaculate Conception Parish and Our Lady of Fatima in Altoona. He will reside at St. Mary's rectory.

There is to be no increase to the number of Masses scheduled at either of these parishes. The time for Masses may be adjusted should there be a need but not increased beyond what are already being celebrated at each parish.

Father Mariusz currently serves as the Administrator of St. Monica Parish in Chest Springs and St. Thomas Aquinas Parish in Ashville.

Please extend to Father Mariusz a warm welcome.

## A NOTE OF THANKS

A note of deep gratitude is extended to Cathy McFee for her service as the liturgical musician/music director at Our Lady of Fatima Parish.

In her letter of resignation, Cathy indicated that she is returning to her home parish of St. Therese of the Child Jesus to serve as their Music Director. Cathy's husband, Tom, is the permanent deacon at the same parish.

### Organist

Father Mariusz Gorazd has indicated that the organist/s at St. Mary Parish in Altoona will be available for the Sunday Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church.

## BLESSINGS

As my service as the administrator of Our Lady of Fatima Parish comes to an end, be assured of an affectionate remembrance in my prayer. May the Lord hold you close to His heart, and may the maternal intercession of Mary be a source of graceful comfort.

Blessings, Msgr. Stan Carson



The Altoona Gabriel Project is a Catholic Pro-Life ministry dedicated to helping moms and babies with supplies, as well as providing spiritual and emotional support. Cathedral parish is a part of a group effort of several Altoona area parishes.

The Cathedral has a collection crib at the alley entrance of the Cathedral for non-perishable baby items (diapers, wipes, clothing, bibs, towels, blankets, etc.)

The Cathedral will also be a site for the distribution to moms and babies in our section of the city. Items will be distributed on Thursdays from 1:30-2:30 P.M. If you would know of someone in need of support, or would like to volunteers, please call 814-440-1021.



Loving and Generous God, it is You who call us by name and ask us to follow You. Help us to grow in the Love and Service of our Church as we experience it today.

Give us the energy and courage of Your Spirit to shape its future. Grant us faith-filled leaders who will embrace Christ's Mission of love and justice.

Bless the Church of Altoona-Johnstown by raising up dedicated and generous leaders from our families and friends who will serve Your people as Sisters, Priests, Brothers, Deacons and Lay Ministers.

Inspire us to know You better and open our hearts to hear Your call. We ask this through our Lord. Amen

## GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

July 20, 2025-16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Luke 10:38-42

One of my close friends is a hermit priest who lives on a desert mountain. Recently I found myself in a group conversation about him. One vehemently objected, "What does he do up there all day? Nothing! Priests are down here working, running parishes, making a difference, and he...he is doing nothing! What a waste." The words dripped with indignation and resentment. Most of the group quietly nodded in silent agreement. Were they correct?

No! To see why, consider a similar scenario in this week's gospel. Jesus visits his friends Martha and Mary. A hardworking and exasperated Martha complains to Jesus that her sister is attending to him rather than to urgent household tasks. Our Lord, rather than praising hospitality, explicitly celebrates the less-productive sister for doing the "one necessary thing." He praises her for she "has chosen the better part" (Luke 10:42). Mary is busy doing what matters.

Before we freak out like Martha, consider that all work—domestic, manual, professional, ministerial, contemplative—is done to help us (sooner or later) to experience the love that makes us happy. We should be thankful for those who focus on the "better part" of radical, ceaseless prayer. They invite us to remember the purpose of all work is the enjoyment of love. Contemplatives, hermits, anyone fervently committed to prayer—they invite us to cast aside our forgetful, resentful, and self-aggrandizing attitudes in exchange for hearts ready to do what is finally necessary. — Father John Muir ©LPi

### **OUTDOOR MASS FOR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES ENTERING OR RETURNING TO COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY, TRADE SCHOOL, WORKFORCE, OR MILITARY**

Bishop Mark will be celebrating the annual Mass for your intentions on Sunday, August 3, at 7:00 P.M. at the historic Our Lady of the Alleghenies Shrine in Loretto. Bring a lawn chair. If it rains, Mass is in the Basilica.