

# SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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JUNE 2, 2019

"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

— Revelation 22:13

*Our Lady of Fatima*  
Pleaded that we pray the Holy Rosary  
before Sunday Mass and  
privately from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm daily.

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St. Boniface

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**Rectory Office Hours:**

**Monday – Friday 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM**

**Parish Office: 814-942-0371**

**Our Lady of Fatima Mass Schedule**

**Sunday: 10:30 AM - Holy Days: 6:00 PM**

**Rosary: 10:05 AM - Rosary: 5:40 PM**

**Our Lady of Fatima Parish Administrator**

**Very Reverend Alan E. Thomas, VG**

**Parish Secretary**

**Carol Z. Smith**

**Eucharist for the home bound - weekly:**  
**Patty Flanagan 942-0371 for arrangements.**

**Our Lady of Fatima Church is open**  
**Monday through Friday: 9AM - 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. 944-4603**

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**One Cathedral Square**

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**Very Rev. Alan E. Thomas, VG, Administrator**

**PH: 814-742-7075, Allison, Secretary**

**Rev. Father Dennis M. Kurdziel, Parochial Vicar**

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**Reconciliation @ Cathedral: 7:00 PM Wednesday**  
**12:30 PM Saturday**

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**Confirmation**

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**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**

## IN BETWEEN

*In between: we all find ourselves there from time to time—sometimes uncomfortably. Like in between money coming in and money going out, earning income and paying bills. In between customer and manager, diner and chef: any honest server trying to serve both. In between theory and practice, ideal and reality: everyone from parents to pastors. Ask the kids—or parishioners! This Sunday, in between Ascension and Pentecost, reminds us we're in between Jesus' departure and glorious return—sometimes uncomfortably. Though Jesus promises in Revelation, "I am coming soon," Acts shows Stephen tragically called home first. But Pope Francis urges us not to become "sourpusses," as if living Gospel love is impossible in between. Today's Gospel shows Jesus praying for those about to betray, deny, and desert him, but also praying "for those who will believe in me through their word." Us! "So that they"—we—"may all be one."*

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## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

*The paschal candle, blessed at the Easter Vigil, carried in procession into the darkened church, and aflame with the light of Christ to be passed hand to hand to renew our baptism, burns for the fifty days of Easter whenever we gather as Christ's risen body. In the last fifty years, we have grown to see this candle as the sign of Christ's enduring presence with us. Before then, it was often seen more as a kind of signpost pointing backwards to events in Christ's life. Therefore, in some places, on the fortieth day after Easter, in order to portray the disappearance of Jesus at the Ascension, the candle was hidden.*

*Now we see the paschal candle as a sign of the great baptismal season of grace and it remains in a prominent place throughout the entire fifty days. We do know of some churches that did not hide the candle after the Ascension. In England before the Reformation, the candle was left in place for fifty days, since on Pentecost Eve there was a vigil, and the candle was used to consecrate the waters of the font. In Salisbury cathedral, the candle was thirty-six feet high, and in Westminster Abbey weighed over three hundred pounds. On Pentecost, the candles were melted to make tapers for the funerals of the poor.*

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## WINGED FAITH

*Faith furnishes prayer with wings, without which it cannot soar into Heaven.*

—St. John Climacus

## A GARDENER'S CREED

*One is nearer God's heart in a garden than anywhere else on earth.*

-Anonymous

## OUTDOOR SUMMER MASSES

*Father John D. Byrnes, Rector, and the Parish Family of Saint Michael the Archangel Basilica, Loretto, invite the faithful to join us each Sunday evening at 7:00 p.m. for the outdoor Sunday Mass at the beautiful garden Shrine of Our Lady of the Alleghenies in Loretto. The first Mass of the season will be celebrated on Sunday, May 26, 2019, and will continue through Labor Day Weekend, September 1, 2019. Please bring a lawn chair. In the event of inclement weather, the Mass will be celebrated in the Basilica of Saint Michael the Archangel.*

June 2, 2019  
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
10:30 AM

June 2, 2019 *Scripture Reflections*

**OUR LADY OF FATIMA MASS INTENTIONS**

Readings: Acts 7:55-60; Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20; Jn 17:20-26

**Today's Intention-Poor Souls in Purgatory**

Readings: Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13; Rom 8:8-17  
**Pentecost Sun-June 9th-Grace Ruscito, (Mike & Pat Minick)**

**Waiting in confident prayer is a theme in today's reading . In this Sunday between the Solemnities of the Ascension and Pentecost, we emulate the first disciples as they hoped for Jesus' promise of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.**

**In the First Reading, taken from the Acts of the Apostles, we hear Stephen pray, "Lord Jesus, receive my prayer."**

**Like Jesus, Stephen dies praying for forgiveness for his enemies: "Lord, do not hold this sin against them."**

**The Second Reading contains the final words of the Bible. John, was entrusted with these visions, ends with a confident prayer by which he calls out: "Come Lord Jesus." These words continue to echo as Christians pray with confidence the prayer the Lord taught us: "Thy Kingdom come"**

**On the eve of his death, Jesus prays with expectation for the unity of all his followers who are to come. He entrusts them, and we are included among them, to the care of his Father. The faith of future generations is transmitted through the witness of the lives of disciples. The unity for which Jesus prays is a unity of each other but more especially a unity with the Trinity: "So that they all be one, as you Father, are in me and I in you, that they also be in us ." The final hope of our confident prayer is to be united with one another in the happiness of our union with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

- **How does Stephen's prayer echo Jesus's prayer right before He died?**

**Cathedral Mass Intention**  
**June 3, Monday: St. Charles Lwanga & Companions**  
Readings: Acts 19:1-8; Jn 16:29-33  
6:45 AM Marian Clemens (Daughter)  
12:00 PM Mary Jo Waring (Mary Gene & Madeline Vogel)

**June 4, Tuesday: Easter Weekday**  
Readings: Acts 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11  
6:45 AM Msgr. Roy Kline (Cathedral Parish)  
12:00 PM Angeline Mangiacarne (Frank & Janice Frucella)

**June 5, Wednesday: St. Boniface, BP, and Martyr**  
Readings: Acts 20:28-38; Jn 17:11-19  
6:45 AM Tom Lynam (Cathedral Parish)  
12:00 PM James Joseph Luther (Mike & Beth Luther)

**June 6, Thursday: Saint Norbert Bishop**  
Readings: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Jn 17:20-26  
6:45 AM Health & Welfare Gretchen Packard (Eric)  
12:00 PM Hilda Conrad (Elaine & Jeff Spencer)

**June 7, Friday: Easter Weekday**  
Readings: Acts 25:13-21; Jn 21:15-19  
6:45 AM Lisa A. Belsey Pufka, Birth/Ann, (Mom & Michele)  
12:00 PM Charles V Brady, Ann. (Joe & Dee Shellenberger)

**June 8, Saturday: Easter Weekday**  
Readings: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Jn 21:22-25  
8:00 AM Tom & Peter Lynam (Dave & Virginia Seidel)  
12:00 PM Kay Alyce Seidel Lint & Irvin Lint (Family)

**Vigil: PENTECOST SUNDAY**  
Readings: Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13; Rom 8:8-17  
5:00 PM Michael Dionis (Olav & Barbara Johansen)

*Jesus, Son of the Living Father,  
Have Mercy on Me a Sinner.*

*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.*

Please fill up your baby bottles with your coins. Only 2 weeks until they need to be returned on Father's Day. The Boscov's Friends helping Friends are on sale now for \$5.00. Please get your cards early and sell to family and friends.

### **Stewardship Reflection**

May you allow Jesus to serve others through the sharing of your time, abilities, and resources. May the world see you as a witness to your promise to Christ to lead others to also become missionary disciples.

### **Vacation Bible School**

Adult and teen help is needed this year for VBS, July 29-August 2. A meeting will be held in the Education Center on Thursday, June 6th at 4:00 PM. Please call Chris Laraia at 312-7317 for more information.

### **Outdoor Mass**

This Sunday May 26, 2019, Mass will be said on the lawn of Saint Michael Basilica, 321- St. Mary Street, Loretto at 6:30 PM, and every Sunday through Labor Day. Bring a lawn chair.

### **Part Time Cook Position**

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Rectory, 806 - 11th Street, Altoona, Pa is in need of a lunch cook Monday through Friday. If you are interested please call the parish office at (814) 942-8501, during the week from 9:00 am to Noon and 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

### **Independent Catholic Foundation News**

The Independent Catholic Foundation seeks applicants for the 2019 Welge Scholarship which provides financial assistance to worthy parishioners who are entering their junior or senior year of college and are a member in good standing here at Cathedral Parish. Applications are available in the parish office or can be downloaded from the "Grants" page of the Foundation website, [www.icfdaj.org](http://www.icfdaj.org). Completed applications, including the pastor's signature, are due no later than 4:00 PM on Friday, June 15.

### **2019 Catholic Ministries Drive**

Our Lady of Fatima's receipts through April 30th is \$1,185. We have a long way to reach our goal. Please use your diocesan envelope or go to the diocesan website and make your donation. Thank You.

A second collection for the Catholic Communications Campaign will be taken up today. Please be as generous as you can.

Collection May 26th = \$ 1,282.00

**BIRTHDAYS:** Gerri Rose 6/05; John Noonan 6/06;

There will be a baptismal preparation session for infant baptism on Tuesday June 4th, at 7:00 P.M. in the Seton Suite. Parents need not wait until your baby is born to attend the class. All parents are expected to attend this informative meeting regarding your baby's baptism.



**OUR LADY URGES US TO PRAY THE HOLY ROSARY**

**FOR**

**PEACE AND OFFER**

**SACRIFICES BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE!**

-- Saint Boniface quote

**Let us continue the fight on the day of the Lord. The days of anguish and of tribulation have overtaken us; if God so wills, "let us die for the holy laws of our fathers," so that we may deserve to obtain an eternal inheritance with them.**

### **Eucharistic Adoration**

**There will be adoration before the Blessed Sacrament in exposition on Wednesday, June 5th from 12:30 PM until 8:00 PM. The Monstrance is located in front of the tabernacle in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. All are invited to make time in our schedules to spend quality prayer time before the Blessed Sacrament.**

### **THE MASS**

**Sister Theresa, CCW, will be offering Bishop Robert Barron's DVD on "THE MASS". This is a wonderful opportunity for you to understand more deeply what the Mass is all about.**

**We will meet Tuesday, June 4th, 11th, and 18th from 6:30 to 8:00 PM at the Sacred Heart School Building. Please come and bring a friend. God bless you.**

**June 2                    Lk 24:46-53**

**Jesus tells us today, "you are my witnesses" and guarantees the "promise of the Father" to "clothe us with the power to accomplish this mission." It is not worldly power which dominates and manipulates. It is the power of the Kingdom of God to live in peace, forgiveness, compassion, service to others, love of enemies and care for the poor and defenseless.**

**The family celebrates the Gospel of life through daily prayer, both individual and family prayer...But the celebration which gives meaning to every other form of prayer and worship is found in the family's actual daily life together, if it is a life of living and self-giving.**

**-John Paul II, Evangelium Vitae (no.93)**

#### **Definitions of a Dad**

***A mender of toys, a leader of boys;  
A changer of fuses, a healer of bruises;***

***A mover of couches, a healer of ouches;***

***A hanger of screens and counselor of teens; A pounder  
of nails, a teller of tales;***

***A dryer of dishes, a fulfiller of wishes.***

**Bless him, O Lord, my Dad.**

-Jo Ann Heid

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### **Giving and Receiving Life**

**The family table is a natural place to nurture life. Whether the meal consists of macaroni and cheese from a box or a thanksgiving feast, we are given the chance to restore our bodies with food. While we feed our bodies, we also feed the spirit of each member of the family as a whole. Sometime the spirit is fed by the warmth that is shared over a simple bowl of soup. At other times the companionship of family around the table reassures us of our Connections to each other and our fidelity to maintaining and sustaining those connections. Even if the meal is a fast food hamburger, if we gather in love we gather in name of Jesus and are reminders to each other of the life we share in the Spirit.**

Catholic Spirit  
The heart of the family Meal  
Sr. Marilyn Welch, CCW

**Bless us O Lord and these your gifts that we are about to receive through your goodness Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.**

**Consider Adding:**

- ...a thanks for each person at table.**
- ...a prayer for those not present.**
- ...a prayer for those who had a hard day.**
- ...a prayer for someone who is ill.**
- ...thanks for a special blessing**
- ...a word of appreciation for the cook.**
- ...a favorite song of praise and thanks**

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### **Prayer Change-up**

**While some families prefer to say the traditional "Bless us O Lord" prayer before dinner each evening, other families like a bit more variety. Try these:**

- Pass around a photo of a relative who is sick and each person prays for him or her.**
- Hold hands and sing a song from Mass or recite a prayer the kids learned in school or religious education.**
- Parent counts to three, then everyone in the family (at once) says something they are thankful for or someone they want to pray for. You might not understand each individual, but God will.**

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