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PENTECOST SUNDAY
JUNE 9, 2019

**[I]n one Spirit we were all
baptized into one body.**

— 1 Corinthians 12:13a

*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.*



**Our Lady of Fatima Parish
2010 12th Avenue**

www.ourladyoffatimaaltoona.org

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: 6:00PM

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

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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

RECONCILED DIVERSITY

A few years ago, during Rome's quiet summer, Pope Francis took a day off to visit privately with some old friends, whose identity took Catholic Italy by surprise: Evangelical Protestants. They welcomed Francis to their Pentecostal Church of Reconciliation, where Francis asked pardon for Catholic persecutions and celebrated the Holy Spirit's "pentecostal work." Unlike Satan, declared Francis, who creates division among God's children, the Holy Spirit creates a diversity rich and beautiful. And unity; not uniformity, Francis specified, but unity in diversity. Francis named the Spirit's gift "reconciled diversity." Pentecost's rich treasury of scriptural readings, for Saturday's vigil and Sunday's morning liturgy, traces the Holy Spirit's work from creation's beginning, through Jesus' resurrection, into the church's earliest days, now into our days. Kindled in our hearts, the Spirit's gentle fire is ours to share generously, even with those most strikingly different from us. All hearts are Spirit-warmed by reconciled diversity.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Today we are at the fiftieth day of the Easter celebration: seven weeks of seven days, a week of weeks, now culminating in a festival fiftieth day. While the liturgical color of the Easter season is gold, on this last day we have red. For the first thousand years of the church, there were no firm rules for using colors. Only wealthy churches could afford a full array of colors, and most places used the best vestments, no matter the color, for the greatest feasts. The Church spelled out an exact plan for color, including red for Pentecost, only in 1570, but local differences held on until the 1800s.

Color experts tell us that red is a hot color, best used for fast-paced, upbeat, active experiences. It is hard to be neutral before red, as any matador will tell you. It invites commitment, draws you in. It is a stimulating color, engaging the eye, stirring hunger. It is the most fitting color for this day when we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit into our lives, a dynamic presence overturning neutrality in favor of passion and commitment.

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COME TO US, SPIRIT OF HOLINESS

*Holy Spirit, you banish fear from our hearts; you bear witness in us that we are children of God;
we pray to you:*

*Remove from our hearts the spirit of slaves;
place in us the spirit of adopted children
to make us cry out, "Abba, Father!"*

—From *Come, Lord Jesus* by Lucien Deiss, CSSp, copyright © 1976, 1981, Lucien Deiss. Published by World Library Publications. p. 184

WORK OF THE SPIRIT

Where the human spirit fails, the Holy Spirit fills.

—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.

<p style="text-align: center;">June 9, 2019 PENTECOST SUNDAY 10:30 AM</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>June 9, 2019 Scripture Reflections</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">OUR LADY OF FATIMA MASS INTENTIONS Readings: Acts 2:1-11;1 Cor 12:3-7,12-13; Rom 8:8-17 Today's Intention-Grace Ruscito Readings: Prv 8:22-31; Rom 5:1-5; Jn 16:12-15 June 16th-Ruth Dittsworth, B/day (C. Smith)</p>	<p>The First Reading draws upon a long tradition in the Old Testament where God has been preparing for the outpouring of the gift of the Holy Spirit. In the creation account, God's Spirit hovers over the waters of the chaos and brings about the creation of the world. Now with the outpouring of the Spirit on the first Apostles, God brings to birth a new world. When God created the human person, God breathed on the clay he had formed and became a living human being. In today's reading, the Apostles gathered as a strong wind rocks the room. This symbolizes God's breath transforming these scared followers into courageous missionaries. At the Tower of Babel, the quest to become equal with God resulted in disharmony. The numerous languages of humanity symbolize their inability to communicate with each other, resulting in alienation. With the appearance of the tongues of fire, a reversal takes place: God grants the Apostles the gift of speaking to enable all who hear to understand. What the first divided humanity, now unites them. In this gift of the Spirit, God restores human beings to unity with one another and with God-- what God had intended at the very beginning of creation.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Cathedral Mass Intention</p> <p>June 10, Monday: Weekday Readings: 2 Cor 1:1-7; Mt 5: 1-12 6:45 AM Erla Stombaugh, Anniv. (Roe Family) 12:00 PM Dorothy Stevens (Cathedral Parish)</p> <p>June 11, Tuesday: Saint Barnabas, Apostle Readings: Acts 11:21-26;13:1-3 Mt 5:13-16 6:45 AM John McCloskey (Karen & Greg Querry) 12:00 PM Alice Winkler (Cindy Nicholson)</p> <p>June 12, Wednesday: Weekday Readings: 2 Cor 3:4-11; Mt 5:17-19 6:45 AM Special Intention (Randy & Terriann Grove) 12:00 PM Rosemarie Fedeli (Family)</p> <p>June 13, Thursday: St. Anthony of Padua, Pr. and Dr. Readings: 2 Cor 3:15-4:1, 3-6; Mt 5: 20-26 6:45 AM Eleanor Bettwy, Ann. (Tim & JoAnn Bettwy) 12:00 PM Sally Colledge (Pete Colledge & Family)</p> <p>June 14, Friday: Weekday Readings: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Mt 5: 27-32 6:45 AM Lori Keirn (John and Pam Wertz) 12:00 PM Guy Conrad Birth. (Leonard & Kathy Oakes)</p> <p>June 15, Saturday: Weekday Readings: 2 Cor 5:14-21; Mt 5:33-37 8:00 AM Pat Evans Vierkorn (Skip Cowan) 12:00 PM Joseph A. Knott (Mother Orvita)</p> <p>Vigil: THE MOST HOLY TRINITY Readings: Prv 8:22-31; Rom 5:1-5; Jn 16:12-15 5:00 PM Brian McCaulley, Birthday (Family)</p>	<p>In the Second Reading, Paul teaches that the gift of the Spirit makes us God's children, uniting us with one another and with Christ. We become Christ's heirs, called to embrace his life of suffering that will lead us to "be glorified with him."</p> <p>Today's Gospel portrays Jesus promising to send the Holy Spirit to "teach you everything." Through the power of the Spirit, God dwells with in us to live anew.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Jesus, Son of the Living Father, Have Mercy on Me a Sinner.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On what occasions have you experienced the presence of God's Spirit in your life?
<p><i>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.</i></p>	<p><small>AT HOME with the WORD 2019, Archdiocese of Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications, pg. 95.</small></p>

Boscov's Friends helping Friends are on sale now for \$5.00. Please get your cards early and sell to family and friends.

(June 9) Solemnity of Pentecost

"Holy Spirit, is the fire of Jesus. The Spirit, the first gift of the risen Christ to his people, gives us both the ability to receive the Gospel of Jesus and, in response, the power to proclaim it." [Go and Make Disciples – Tenth Anniversary Edition; USCCB; 2002] May His fire give us the energy to proclaim the Gospel through our daily words and deeds.

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.

June 9 Pentecost Sunday

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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. 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.

COLLECTION JUNE 2ND = \$ 1,477.00

BIRTHDAYS: Matthew Gaeto, 6/12; John Gaeto 6/12; Dom Scalice 6/13; Doris Smith 6/16; Eileen Edwards 6/17; Henrik Hosgood 6/18; Jude Weyer 6/18;

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OUR LADY URGES US TO PRAY THE HOLY ROSARY

FOR

PEACE AND OFFER

SACRIFICES BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE!

The Gift of Time

By Judith Dunlap

*I learned the phrase *tempus fugit* in high school Latin class but never really understood its meaning until I reached middle age. Now I know how quickly “time Flies.” Toddlers became teenagers and before you know it, you are celebrating a grandson’s First Communion.*

Over the years I’ve learned that time is a precious commodity, not anything to be squandered on “to do” lists. At its best it is a gift meant to be generously shared with those we love. So now to my best advice for parents: Find time to play together as a family. I remember the busyness of family life. It takes so much time to cook and clean, shop and do laundry, take care of the yard, get homework done, attend Little League, Scouts, parent meetings, etc. There are only 24 hours in a day, and eight to 10 of them are spent at work or school. And then there’s sleep. It is so easy to let the days slip by with no time to play. But scientists tell us that play is an essential part of healthy life, even for adults.

Playing together as a family teaches us how to interact and develop relationships of trust and mutuality.

We can learn to communicate in comfortable, informal settings. Play can even help us let go of aggressive tendencies. And it is a great way to relieve stress.

This summer try reclaiming Sunday as family day. After church, spend a few hours playing together. Fly a kite, toss a Frisbee or just sit home and play some board games. At first, it may seem to be the only day to get the laundry or shopping done, but this summer rethink your weekly schedule. Besides honoring the Lord there is another good reason for keeping holy the Sabbath: Your Family’s well-being may depend on it.

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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, 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.

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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

Family Ritual

*Make your Dad king for the day!
Fashion a crown for him out of heavy paper covered with aluminum foil.
Ask your Dad what he values most in life, the funniest thing that happened to him as a father, his most treasured moment with each child, and his favorite memory of his own Dad.
The could be done at your family meal, celebrating
“You’re Special, Dad!”*

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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