

# 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 18, 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: [ltthayer@dioceseaj.org](mailto:ltthayer@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) 8:00 AM 10:00 AM 5:00 PM  
Holy Days: 5:30 PM (Vigil) 8:00 AM 12:00 Noon  
Weekdays: 12:00 PM  
Saturday: 12:00 PM

THE FATIMA TOWERS

**OUR LADY OF FATIMA MASS INTENTIONS**

**11:30 A.M.**

**Today, June 18, 2023, 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Mim (Pufka) Billman (Mike Caporuscio & Nancy)

**Next Sunday, June 25, 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Dennis McCough (Patricia Byrne)

**Cathedral Mass Intentions**

**June 18, 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

10:00 AM +Charlie Moore (Bob & Chris Laraia)

5:00 PM Pro Popolo/For the People

**June 19, Monday, Weekday**

12:00 PM +Debbie Sadler (Peggy McLucas)

**June 20, Tuesday, Weekday**

12:00 PM +Bernadine Farrell, Anniv. (Family)

**June 21, Wednesday, St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious**

12:00 PM +Deceased Fathers (McNelis All Stars & Friends)

**June 22, Thursday, St. John Fischer, Bp. & Thomas More, Martyrs**

12:00 PM +Eleanor Fischer (Cindy Bartlett)

**June 23, Friday, Weekday**

12:00 PM +Bernie Joyce (Family)

**June 24, Saturday, Nativity of St. John the Baptist**

12:00 PM +Rita Beck (Susanna Tomlinson & Jen Crawford)

**Vigil: 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5:00 PM +Patrick Duffy, Anniv. (Bob & Jean Jones)

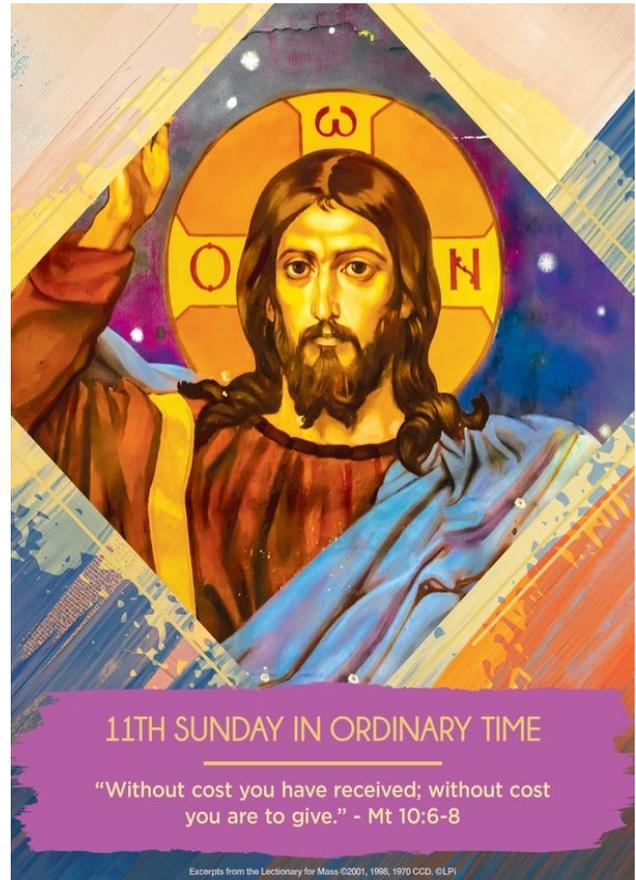
**June 25, 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM +Sandy Cuomo (Family)

10:00 AM +Tristin L. Irwin (Tim & Ann Marie Longwill)

5:00 PM +Pro Popolo/For the People

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



**Readings for the week of June 18, 2023**

Sunday: Ex 19:2-6a/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 (3c)/Rom 5:6-11/Mt 9:36—10:8

Monday: 2 Cor 6:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2b, 3ab, 3cd-4/Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday: 2 Cor 8:1-9/Ps 146:2, 5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a/Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday: 2 Cor 9:6-11/Ps 112:1bc-2, 3-4, 9/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: 2 Cor 11:1-11/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mt 6:7-15

Friday: 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 6:19-23

Saturday: *Vigil*: Jer 1:4-10/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15ab and 17/1 Pt 1:8-12/Lk 1:5-17

*Day*: Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80

Next Sunday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35 (14c)/Rom 5:12-15/Mt 10:26-33

**TABERNACLE  
CANDLE**



During the month of June the candle is being lit for Frances Kasun by The Kasun Boys.  
Thank you.

**Thank You Very Much**

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

The contributions for Sunday, June 11, were \$1,899.60. 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 offering 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, 26 households have contributed/pledged \$7,005 or 76% of our goal.** If you haven't already done so, please contribute.



The Family Life Office of our diocese is sponsoring a Faith Day at DelGrosso's Amusement park on Sunday, June 25. Admission to the park is free, but there will be reduced-price Ride and Slide passes available, as well as a dinner that can be purchased. The high point of the day will be Mass with Bishop Mark at 4:30 P.M. followed by a community dinner.

Coupons for reduced all day fun passes are available on the table in the back of the church.



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. A meeting will be held in our rectory on Wednesday, June 21, at 6:00 P.M. to form a planning committee.



## Prayer for Vocations

GOD OUR FATHER, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as priests, deacons, and consecrated persons. Send your Holy Spirit to help others to respond generously and courageously to your call. May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth and young adults. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.  
 Amen.

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

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

### The Toy

What does it mean to be God's "special possession"? Our world is dominated by *things*, objects, possessions. To say we are a materialistic culture is an understatement. In that context, it can be really hard to fully appreciate the meaning of being "possessed" by God. I have so many possessions, after all. I acquire and discard them without thought. I am even overwhelmed by them. Sometimes, it feels like *they* possess *me*.

But then I think of the week after Christmas in a house with small children. In that week, there is always The Toy. The Toy that won the heart of your child under the tree, The Toy to which they emotionally attached themselves in a whirlwind of twinkle lights and sugar cookies. For that one week, The Toy is all there is. There were many gifts, but The Toy is special, and there can only be one.

So, what does it mean to be "possessed" by God? What does it mean to be of his people? It means you will be cherished and protected in ways you do not deserve and cannot understand. It means you are distinguished not by your own merit, but by the love with which you are beheld.

It means that you are always The Toy, and every day is Christmas.

*"Therefore, if you hearken to my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my special possession, dearer to me than all other people, though all the earth is mine." — Exodus 19:5 ©LPi*

## GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

**June 18, 2023**

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In the backyard of the house where I live with other priests, there is a lemon tree which produces a huge amount of fruit. One evening in the spring I needed some lemons for a chicken dish. I glanced from the kitchen and saw the tree bursting with large, bright, gorgeous lemons, hanging thick on seemingly every branch. Turning to Fr. Bob (I'll change his name to protect the innocent) who sat on the couch, I said, "Father, could you pick a few lemons for me?" He said sure and into the backyard he went. He returned a few minutes later empty-handed. "John, there's no lemons. Sorry." I said, "What are you talking about?" I looked again and saw the grapefruit tree on the other side of the yard, which had recently been picked clean of fruit. He didn't see the abundant fruit because he was looking in the wrong place!

Like Fr. Bob, we sadly don't see the fruit all around us. We think that the culture is spiraling down, young people avoid church, and the future looks bleak. Why go out into the world and work? The world looks like a fruitless tree.

Jesus doesn't see things that way. This week he tells us, "**The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few.**" Look again: there is spiritual fruit hanging all around us! The lonely ready to be visited. The sick ready to be healed. The forgotten ready to be remembered. The poor ready to be treated with dignity. The sad ready to be consoled. The young ready for the Gospel. So, let's ask the Lord to send laborers to get to work. And he will. He might send you and me. Just remember to look at the correct trees.

— *Father John Muir*

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