

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 25, 2023

Our Lady of Fatima Parish
2010 12th Avenue
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
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

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, June 25, 2023, 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dennis McCaugh (Patricia Byrne)

Next Sunday, July 2, 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Special Intentions of Helen Watters (Mike & Sherry Byrne)

Cathedral Mass Intentions

June 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM +Sandy Cuomo (Family)

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

5:00 PM Pro Popolo/For the People

June 26 Monday, Weekday

12:00 PM +Betty Capoullez, Anniv. (Family)

June 27, Tuesday, Weekday

12:00 PM +Robert Simanski (Mary Lysinger)

June 28, Wednesday, St. Irenaeus, Bp. & Martyr

12:00 PM +Gary Doyle (Janet & Bob Cuomo)

June 29, Thursday, Saints Peter & Paul, Apostles

12:00 PM +Daniel Gioiosa, Anniv. (Tim & Joann Bettwy)

June 30, Friday, First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church

12:00 PM +Audrey Krause (Phyllis Lavelle Sheetz)

July 1, Saturday, St. Junipero Serra, Priest

12:00 PM +Mary Alice Plummer (Kim & Mike Sieg)

Vigil: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 PM +Marie Adams McKenna (Lisa Adams & Sr. Rita Adams)

July 2, 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM +Patrick Duffy, Wed. Anniv. (Wife)

10:00 AM +Catherine Beech Frederick, Anniv. (Family)

5:00 PM +Pro Popolo/For the People

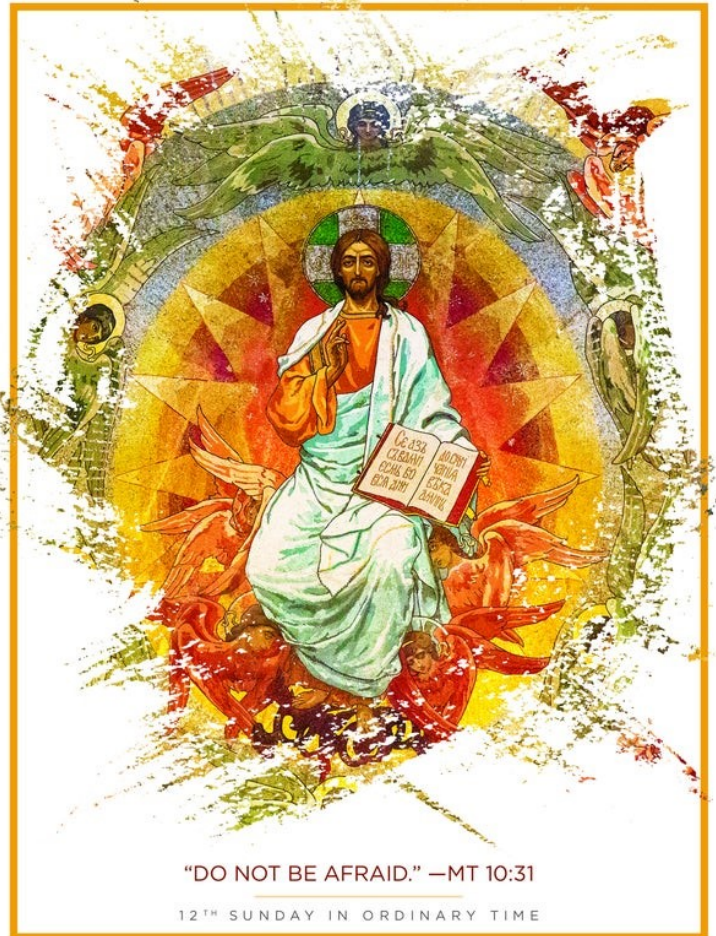
There is Mass at 11:30 A.M. at Our Lady of Fatima Parish.



**TABERNACLE
CANDLE**

During the month of June the candle is being lit for Frances Kasun by The Kasun Boys. For the month of July, the sanctuary candle is lit in memory of Carl Strate by his wife, Joanne.

Thank you.



Readings for the week of June 25, 2023

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

Monday:Gn 12:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20 and 22/Mt 7:1-5

Tuesday:Gn 13:2, 5-18/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5/Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday:Gn 15:1-12, 17-18/105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 7:15-20

Thursday:*Vigil:* Acts 3:1-10/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Gal 1:11-20/Jn 21:15-19 *Day:* Acts 12:1-11/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19

Friday:Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Mt 8:1-4

Saturday:Gn 18:1-15/Lk 1:46-47, 48-49, 53 and 54 -55/Mt 8:5-17

Next Sunday:2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/Ps 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19 (2a)/Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/Mt 10:37-42

Thank You Very Much

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

The contributions for Sunday, June 18, were \$1,405. Thank you.





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 \$7,355 or 80% 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 today, 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 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.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

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When I was in middle school, there were times I didn't want my fellow students to see my parents drop me off or pick me up in the school parking lot. I was embarrassed of my parents. Why? I have no idea. Maybe it was our station wagon. Or I didn't want to look like a little kid. But in retrospect that was a silly thing to do. I was a kid. And I had two parents who loved me and had built a wonderful family. I was afraid of the other kids' judgment. How silly! I should have been afraid of forgetting or downplaying my family, which is where my identity had its deep roots.

This is a way to understand Jesus' words to his disciples this Sunday, when he says, **"Don't be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body in Gehenna."** Fear, in this sense, refers to where we find our deepest identity and our highest love. That's why Jesus says next that when we acknowledge him before others, he will acknowledge us before the Father. It doesn't mean we're brash or boastful. But rather we unhesitatingly and humbly embrace our identity as followers of Jesus and children of God the Father. After all, if we love who we are and where we come from, who cares what the other kids think about us?

— *Father John Muir*

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(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

The Necklace

I have a necklace that originally belonged to my great-grandmother. I don't really know much about the man who gave it to her, most of those details have been lost to time. But I know that he wanted to marry her, and that she refused, and it had something to do with religion — ultimately, he did not share her faith. And while I've certainly seen many interfaith couples have loving and successful marriages, in this particular case, my great-grandmother discerned that this would not be one of those marriages.

Like I said, I don't have many details about this man, but I know that she felt she couldn't marry him because it might jeopardize the souls of her children, and therefore the souls of their children, and their children after them — me. She turned him down because of me.

My great-grandmother never sold that necklace, not even when the Great Depression further reduced her financial circumstances. She kept it, and she gave it to her daughter, who gave it to her daughter, who gave it to me. The necklace is always given with a warning: there is something worse than being poor, worse than being scared, worse even than being desperate. Worse than all of these things is separation from God.

When I wear this necklace, I think about my grandmother and this man she possibly loved a hundred years ago. I think of the many decisions we make every day — large and small, good and bad — that reverberate down through the generations in ways we cannot, at the time, imagine. I think of the God who knows every hair on my head.

“And do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body in Gehenna.” — Matthew 10:28

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Everyday Stewardship

When I was a teenager, after a homecoming dance one year I took my date for a walk on the Potomac in downtown Alexandria. The moon was out and I was struck by how the light shimmered on the water. I remember focusing to try to see all the details of the dancing rays on the ripples. My date didn't see it and didn't really get it. She thought it was no big deal. It was a great date and a fun night, but for that one moment we saw the world from two completely different vantage points.

Two of the greatest gifts from God to each of us are life and time. Without taking care, we can easily miss the grandeur and beauty of both. Being mindful as an everyday steward means pausing to see the detail in all that exists around us. God's creation is not something created with a broad brush, but instead with the intricacies of a master painter.

God created all things with purpose and a complexity only the divine could fully comprehend. Every single hair on our head has been counted! But when we take a moment to reflect on the beauty that is created by that complexity, we allow ourselves to revel in God's generosity. There is so much to give thanks for in this life. But you and I can't give thanks to God unless we really stop to take notice. When was the last time you stared in awe at the moon?

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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