

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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First Sunday of Lent
March 1, 2020

"The Lord, your God, shall you worship
and him alone shall you serve."
— Matthew 4:10

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.



SUNDAY, MARCH 8TH

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: 6:00 PM
Rosary: 10:05 AM - Rosary: 5:40 PM

Our Lady of Fatima Parish Administrator
Rev. Msgr. Stanley B. Carson

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

Most Reverend Mark L. Bartchak, Bishop
Rev. Msgr. Stanley B. Carson, Administrator
PH: 814-944-4603

Rev. Father Dennis M. Kurdziel, Parochial Vicar
Christian Initiation Team: 944-4603
Catholics returning Home: 944-4603

Mail Ministry to Elderly, Homebound, Seriously Sick
and Grieving - 944-4603

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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: 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

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STRENGTH AGAINST TEMPTATION

The first Sunday of the season of Lent always includes a Gospel account of the temptation of the Lord Jesus in the desert by the devil. This year, the story is set against the backdrop of the first reading from Genesis, which recounts the very first temptation by the devil. That story is set in a garden of delight. The Gospel story is set in the desert. As believers, we know that temptation comes our way in our own gardens of delight as well as the deserts of our lives. As Lent begins, our attention is drawn to that temptation within each of us to become like God—we want control, power, and answers to all of life's difficult questions. As communities of faith, we are given this season of repentance so that we can join our hearts with others on the difficult journey of conversion. We look to God and to one another for strength against temptation.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In a few weeks' time, at the Chrism Mass of the diocese, fresh sacramental oils will be blessed and chrism consecrated for use in every parish. Olive oil is the main ingredient of chrism, but olive oil with some exotic additives that change its character and purpose. Rich balsam and perfumes separate chrism from the pantry. Food no longer, neither is this oil for grooming or toning muscles. It has a breathtaking aroma that is both alluring and enduring.

The prayer of consecration is a good meditation for the coming Lenten season since it focuses us on the goal of our journey, linking it with the olive-bearing dove at the end of Noah's stormy voyage of forty days. The dove signaled the birth of a new world, a society reborn from the wreckage of the old, drowned world of sin. At the end of our Lenten journey, the oil of chrism will be poured down in abundance on the brows of catechumens and infants, as well as on those to be confirmed or ordained. Lent puts us in touch with the hard edges of life in need of salvation, and the chrism of Easter joy redeems and restores.

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TEMPTATION

Every conquered temptation represents a new fund of moral energy. Every trial endured and weathered in the right spirit makes a soul nobler and stronger than it was before.

—William Butler Yeats

PRAYER

The value of persistent prayer is not that God will hear us, but that we will finally hear God.

—William McGill

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10:30 AM

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Scripture Reflections

OUR LADY OF FATIMA MASS INTENTIONS

Readings: Gn 2:7-9, 3:1-7; Rom 5:12-19; Mt 4:1-11
Today's Intention-Father Leo A. Lynch, (Mark & Sherry Byrne)

March 8, 2020, Second Sunday of Lent

Readings: Gn 12:1-4; 2 Tm 1:8-10; Mt 17:1-9
Intention-Mary Wozniak, (Daughter Barbara)

Cathedral Mass Intention

March 2, Monday: Lenten Weekday

Readings: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Mt 25 :31-46
6:45 AM + Fred Fedeli (Rosemarie Fedeli)
12:00 PM + Regis Noel (Daughter Sandra)

March 3, Tuesday: St. Katherine Drexel, Virgin

Readings: Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15
6:45 AM + Dorothy Stephens (Ron & Kim Palmer)
12:00 PM + Rose Stefanon (Tony & Anna Eckenrode)

March 4 Wednesday: Saint Casimir

Readings: Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11 :29-32
6:45 AM + Joseph Knott (Mother Orvita)
12:00 PM + Debbie Capotosti (Linda Himes)

March 5, Thursday: Lenten Weekday

Readings: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Mt 7:7-12
6:45 AM + Poor Souls
12:00 PM + Msgr. Roy Kline (Diane Fanale)

March 6, Friday: Lenten Weekday

Readings: Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26
6:45 AM + Carrie Moffa (Estate)
12:00 PM + M/M Ludwig Schoch (M/M Fran Dambeck)

March 7, Saturday: Sts Perpetua Felicity, Martyrs

Readings: Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48
8:00 AM + Janet Tomlinson (Skip Cowan)
12:00 PM + Bishop Joseph Adamec (M/M Tom Forr)

Vigil: Second Sunday of Lent

Readings: Gn 12:1-4; 2 Tm 1:8-10; Mt 17:1-9
5:00 PM + John Duffy (Mountain View Eye Staff)

*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.*

The season of Lent offers a time to grow in the life of Christ. The reading from the Book of Genesis reminds us of our solidarity with all humanity: we are born into a situation of alienation from God. In the beginning, God created humanity as good. God's will was not forced upon us. Instead, God gave us the gift of free will. In this narrative of our first parents, the gift of freedom was used to reject God's will.

Within our being, we too experience the same desire to do things our way, relying on ourselves and turning away from God's grace and guidance.

In our reading from the letter to the Romans, Paul celebrates Jesus Christ's victory over sin and death through his Resurrection. Christ's grace empowers us to overcome this alienation from God and restores us to the relationship God intended from the beginning: "For just as through the disobedience of the one man [Adam], the many were made sinners, so, through the obedience of the one [Jesus Christ], the many will be made righteous" (Romans 5:19).

Today's Gospel contains an account of Jesus' temptations in the desert. Like the people of Israel who spent forty years in the desert, Jesus, the new Israel, spends forty days in the desert where he is also tempted. Unlike the people of Israel, Jesus remains faithful to his Father's will and mission: "For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who has similarly been tested in every way, yet without sin" (Hebrews 4:15).

- Have you experienced times in your life when God's grace enabled you to overcome temptation?

AT HOME with the WORD 2020, Archdiocese of Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications, pg. 53

Abstinence and Fasting

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are the days of abstinence and fasting. All Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence. Abstinence means that people 14 years of age and older are not to eat meat at all on the designated days. Fasting means eating only one full meal, with two small meals and no eating between meals. People who have reached their 18th birthday and up to their 59th birthday are obligated to fast. Additional forms of abstinence and fasting may also be undertaken voluntarily on a personal basis.

Stations of the Cross

There will be Stations of the Cross held at the Cathedral at 5:30 PM each Friday of Lent.

Baptismal Prep

The next Baptismal Prep class will be held here at the Cathedral on March 3rd, at 6:30 PM. You need not wait until the baby is here, to take this class.

First Communion Sessions - 2020

First Communion Sessions are scheduled for Tuesdays, March 10, and March 31, 2020. All sessions are held in the Cathedral hall from 6:30 PM until 8:00 PM. All students **MUST** be accompanied by an adult. If unable to attend a session, please call Chris Laraia at 814-312-7317. First Communion at the Cathedral will be on Sunday, April 19 at the 10:00 AM Mass. First Communion at Our Lady of Fatima Parish will be Sunday, May 3rd at the 10:30 Mass. Group and individual pictures will be taken after the 10:00 AM First Communion Mass. Pictures will be taken after the 10:30 AM Mass at OLOF.

Cathedral Calendar of Prizes 2020 Are Here!

Calendar of prizes 2020 are still being sold at the Cathedral Parish Office, weekdays between 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM. Each calendar costs \$20.00. There is a \$20.00 daily prize; an additional \$1,000.00 in special monthly prizes awarded throughout the year; and a grand prize of \$1,500.00.

Sister Clementine O'Friel is celebrating her 100th Birthday on March 23, 2020. Our Lady of Fatima would like to share some birthday blessings with her by having you our parishioners sign individual birthday cards located on the tables in the back of the chuech and mention any thoughts and memories you may have had while she was with us in the good old days while in our community. The cards will be put in a large envelope and delivered to her to enjoy.

Junior High Youth Day

Junior High Youth Day is scheduled for Sunday, March 15th, at Bishop Carroll High School, in Ebensburg. Our theme for this year is, "Building up the Kingdom of God: GOD'S work, OUR hands!"

The day will conclude with Mass with Bishop Mark at 4:00 PM.

2019 CONTRIBUTION REPORTS : Contribution Reports were mailed this past Friday to those parishioners who have contributed \$250. and above according to IRS rulings. Anyone not receiving a statement may call the office @ 942-0371 and one will be prepared for your pickup. We thank every one for their patience.

Weekly Collection - February 23 = \$1,531.00

BIRTHDAYS: 3/9, Francis Baronner; 3/10, Bert Bravin; 3/11, Irene Ptak;

F.I.R.E.

March 8th - Fire class 6:15-8:15 PM March 22nd - Fire Class 6:15-8:15 PM

Reminder:

March 1st, 9th Grade session has been moved to May 3rd. High School Students will be serving a meal to those less fortunate in our community on Sunday March 15th, from 1:15-2:30 PM. March 15th, 6:15-7:30 PM, Confirmation Prep Spring Session 10th grade.

Basket Bingo tickets are available now at the Cathedral Sq. doors today after all Masses. Call Cathedral office 9-5 for more information.

Catholic Ministry Drive

Our Catholic Ministries, Drive, Ignite Your Faith for Christ's Mission, launches today throughout the Diocese.

During Lent and throughout the year, we are challenged to renew our spiritual devotions and duties, and one of those duties is to support the Church.

This drive focuses on a select group of ministries with emphasis on the poor, families, youth, seminarians and leadership development of clergy and laity. Please accept Bishop Mark's invitation to contribute when it arrives this week and return your pledge card in the next weekend's offertory collection. There will also be a pledge card in the Diocese's new magazine, PROCLAIM Christ in Your Life.

Our Parish's assigned target for this year is \$9948. Thank you for supporting several ministries that are so vitally important with your sacrificial gifts of prayers and treasure. 100% of your gift goes exclusively to these ministries.

HTCS Summer Camp

Holy Trinity Catholic School Camp will offering a nurturing environment where 3 to 7 years old's are challenged to learn, discover, and socialize with weekly themed activities. The program begins on June 15th from 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM with a flexible schedule that works with your family! The Summer Camp will be offered in Altoona and Hollidaysburg. For more information contact any of the Holy Trinity School campuses.

Check out the Fish Fry at ST. Therese (Father Kelly Hall) starts Feb. 28, 4-7 PM

ARISE

Arise, together in Christ is a six week, Catholic based, small group, faith-sharing program that guides Christians to know God better, grow spiritually, meet new people, improve our relationship with Christ, and put our faith into action.

Season 4, "New Heart, New Spirit" will focus on key themes of our faith and social teaching. Please consider participating in this program for Lent, beginning on Tuesday evening February 25th @ 6:30 PM at OLOF rectory. You may sign up anytime. If you cannot make a session, just attend the next.

SAINTS FUN FACTS by John Sheppard

St. Katherine Drexel was born in Philadelphia in 1858. She took an avid interest in the well being of black and native Americans. She began by donating money but soon realized more was necessary.

She founded the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament for Black and Native American peoples, dedicating her life and fortune of \$20 million to this work.

She opened the first mission school for Indians and many others for blacks in the south. She founded Xavier University in New Orleans.

Katherine became only the 2nd recognized American born saint in 2000.



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Born into Philadelphia society, Katharine was an infant when she lost her mother. Her father remarried and the couple taught their daughters that their wealth was a “gift on loan” to be shared with the poor, whom they fed and cared for in their home. Invited by priest friends to witness firsthand the destitution on Native American reservations, Katharine resolved to devote her inheritance to this apostolate and enter a contemplative order. When, however, in private audience, she begged Leo XIII to send missionaries to staff the schools she was building, the pope replied, “My child, why not become a missionary yourself?” Katharine renounced a twenty-million-dollar fortune and founded the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, adoring Christ present in the Eucharist and

ministering to Christ suffering in victims of racial discrimination. Her Sisters established over sixty schools nationwide, including Xavier University, New Orleans, the first dedicated to professional education for African Americans. In 2000, John Paul II canonized “Mother Drexel,” praising her “excellent example of practical charity and generous solidarity with the less fortunate, long the distinguishing mark of American Catholics.”

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