

Third Sunday of Lent

March 20, 2022

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 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
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**

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: lthayer@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: 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

THE FATIMA TOWERS

OUR LADY OF FATIMA MASS INTENTIONS

11:30 AM

This Sunday, March 20, Third Sunday of Lent

Catherine Burr (Jan Stoehr & Justin & Julie)

Next Sunday, March 27, 2022, Fourth Sunday of Lent

BeBe Milliron (Becky Marshman)

Cathedral Mass Intentions

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8:00 AM +Jake & Verna Jarkiewicz (Dombroski Family)
10:00 AM +Rita Beck (Elaine & Jeff Spencer & McConnell Family)
5:00 PM Pro Popolo/For the People

March 21, Monday, Lenten Weekday

6:45 AM +Paul Mercer (Children)
12:00 PM +Michelle Chislow (Helen Tomassetti Family)

March 22, Tuesday, Lenten Weekday

6:45 AM +Cheryl Consalvo (Linda Consalvo)
12:00 PM +Ann Rhodes (Don Craig)

March 23, Wednesday, Lenten Weekday

6:45 AM +Rosemary Plank Grieg (Albert Schlecht)
12:00 PM Mass of Thanksgiving (Anonymous)

March 24, Thursday, Lenten Weekday

6:45 AM +Charles R. Lumadue, Birth. (Wife & Children)
12:00 AM +Jim Doud (Debbie Ball)

March 25, Friday, The Annunciation of the Lord

6:45 AM +Sandy Cuzzolina, Anniv. (Family)
12:00 PM +Edward Matosziuk, III (Family)

March 26, Saturday, Lenten Weekday

8:00 AM +Dan & Miriam Burns (M/M Dave Hanekamp)
Noon PM +Mike Wagner (Kay Elterham)

Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Lent

5:00 PM +Edgar L. Johnston, Anniv. (Wife)

March 27, Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM +Rose Fusco (Kathy & Greg Clemens)
10:00 AM Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life (Rita Kibler)
5:00 PM Pro Popolo/For The People

SANCTUARY CANDLE

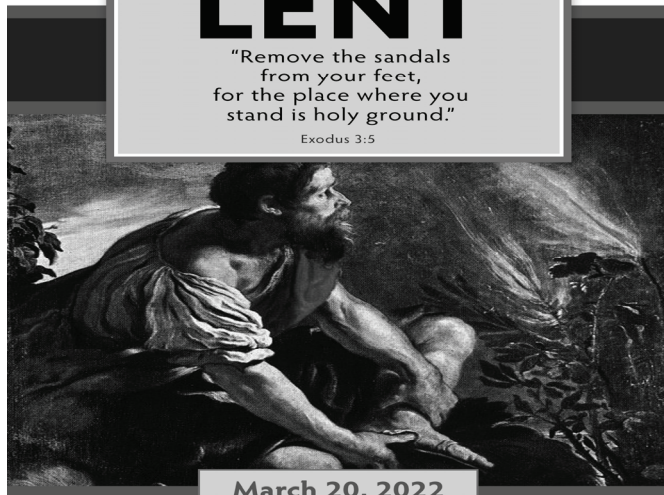
The sanctuary candle for the month of month of March it is being donated in memory of Denise Keagy by Chris & Kelly Keagy and Family. Thank you.



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of
LENT

"Remove the sandals
from your feet,
for the place where you
stand is holy ground."

Exodus 3:5



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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The LORD God appears to Moses and directs him to go and deliver the Israelites from Egypt (Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15) *or Exodus 17:3-7.*

Psalm — The Lord is kind and merciful (Psalm 103) *or Psalm 95.*

Second Reading — We are not to grumble like the people with Moses in the desert (1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12) *or Romans 5:1-2, 5-8.*

Gospel — If you do not repent, you will all perish (Luke 13:1-9) *or John 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42].*

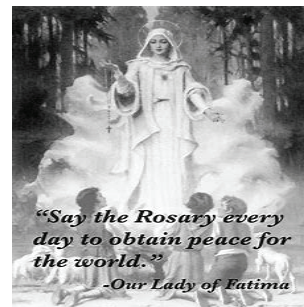
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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4;
Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9;
Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20;
Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23
Friday: Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10;
Lk 1:26-38
Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14
Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34:2-7; 2 Cor 5:17-21;
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Thank You Very Much

Your prayers, volunteerism, and financial support are deeply appreciated. The contributions for Sunday, March 13, were \$1,472.60



"Say the Rosary every
day to obtain peace for
the world."

-Our Lady of Fatima

A CONTINUOUS LENT

In the Rule of Saint Benedict, the monks are told that their lives should be a “continuous Lent.” At first, this may sound like a negative, difficult thing, or entirely depressing. Rather, it is simply a call to be open and continue growing. In fact, one of the vows that Benedictines profess is *Conversatio Morum*, that is, “conversion of life.” In a nutshell, that is what Jesus is saying this week. We are being called to change our lives. Some people came to Jesus with gossip and a gruesome story about Pilate; Jesus challenged them with a couple of pointed questions, and then related the parable of the fig tree. To put it in context, usually figs blossom within two years, and then can be harvested twice a year. When a tree has been barren three years, it might be best just to remove it, but this is not the approach that Jesus suggested. Rather, the gardener in the parable chose to nurture the tree, fertilizing it with dung. He was not willing to give up on it.

There are times when we may feel our lives are covered in dung, and we lie dormant through a plethora of difficult and painful moments. But Jesus is calling us to use this time, to draw strength from it, to use the dung in our lives as fertilizer, to begin a slow and steady transformation to a new and better place, until we too can bear fruit. Growth is always a process, and we have to start somewhere. While there is always a call to repentance and conversion, we are blessed with a God who is loving enough and patient enough to wait for us to come to our senses, however long that may take. This Lent we are being called to life. We are called to repent. We are called to be nurtured and fertilized and take the time and effort to grow.

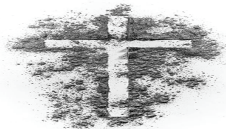
Today's Readings: Ex 3:1–8a, 13–15; Ps 103:1–2, 3–4, 6–7, 8, 11; 1 Cor 10:1–6, 10–12; Lk 13:1–9

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Our sacrificial gifts of prayer and treasure will make an immediate impact on ministries that care for the poor, strengthen family life, nurture our youth, and provide servant leadership development for clergy and laity. Our Lady of Fatima Parish's target is \$8,641. Any contributions received above target will be returned to the parish.



**Fast &
Abstinence**

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Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are 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.

BULLETIN

We have been informed by the J.S. Paluch Company that they can no longer produce printed bulletins for us due to increased production costs and a reduction in sponsorship revenue.

You are able to receive an email copy of the bulletin on Saturday mornings by going to the J.S. Paluch website (jspaluch.com), go to the eServices link at the top of the page, scroll down and click Bulletin Subscriptions, fill in our state, city or zip, click the green arrow next to our parish's name and then fill in your information.

We will have some printed copies of our bulletin in the back of the church.

We hope to have the bulletin available on our parish's facebook page and website.

We might also consider another alternative.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

The **Cathedral's Lenten Fish Lunches** will be served on the Fridays of Lent (except Good Friday) from 11:00 A.M. to 1:30 P.M. The drive-thru only meal is \$10.00 and includes battered fried fish, mac & cheese, haluski, cole slaw, and a sandwich roll.

