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**Transmission Time: February 28, 2023
10:30 A.M.**

Sunday, March 5, 2023

**Thank you,
Msgr. Stan Carson**

Second Sunday of Lent

March 5, 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.

This Sunday, March 5, Second Sunday of Lent

Frances Kasun (Steve Kasun)

Next Sunday, March 12, Third Sunday of Lent

Tom Byrne, Sr. (Patricia Byrne)

Cathedral Mass Intentions

March 5, Second Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM +Robert Beck & Frances Pagliaro (Family)

10:00 AM +Michael McElheny (Brian & Sherry Himes)

5:00 PM Pro Popolo/For the People

March 6, Monday, Lenten Weekday

12:00 PM Special Intention-Joan and Bob, 60th Wed. Anniv.
(Ann & Family)

March 7, Tuesday, Lenten Weekday

12:00 PM +Peter Rossi (Anne Musser)

March 8, Wednesday, Lenten Weekday

12:00 PM +Mary Ann Behe Eger (Sister, Peg)

March 9, Thursday, Lenten Weekday

12:00 P.M.+Judy Roccasano (Dave & Maureen Hanekamp)

March 10, Friday, Lenten Weekday

12:00 PM +Alfred Rutolo, Anniv. (Family)

March 11, Saturday, Lenten Weekday

12:00 PM +Joseph Anthony Moffa, Anniv. (Estate)

Vigil: Third Sunday of Lent

5:00 PM +Jim Weaver (Family)

March 12, Third Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM +Charlie Moore (Carmie Maniglia & Rose Nasralla)

10:00 AM +Gail Sloan, Birth. (Friends)

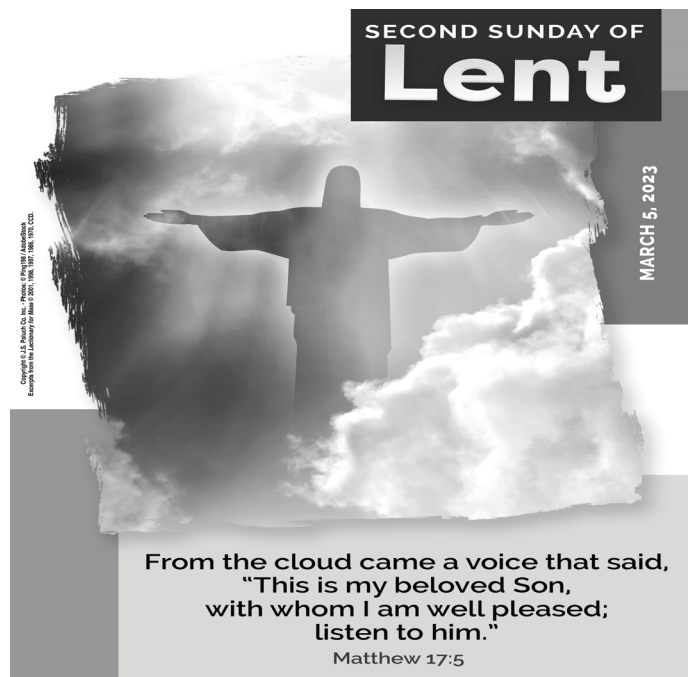
5:00 P.M. Pro Popolo/For the People

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



TABERNACLE CANDLE

During the month of March, the Sanctuary/Tabernacle Candle has been donated by Chris Keagy Family in memory of Denise Keagy.



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The LORD said to Abram: All the families of the earth shall find blessing in you (Genesis 12:1-4a)

Psalms — We rely on you, O God; show us mercy (Psalm 33).

Second Reading — God has called us to a holy life, not because of our works but according to grace (2 Timothy 1:8b-10).

Gospel — Atop a high mountain, Jesus was transfigured before Peter, James, and John. (Matthew 17:1-9).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday:Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday:Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28

Thursday:Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31

Friday:Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday:Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday:Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

Thank You Very Much

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

The contributions for Sunday, February 26, were \$1,146.





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 offertory 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.

FAST AND ABSTINENCE

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.

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

In the future, our Mass on holy days of obligation will be at 5:30 P.M. instead of 6:00 P.M. The change will allow Msgr. Carson to return to the cathedral in time for special liturgies that are sometimes scheduled for 7:00 P.M. and for Wednesday evening confessions at 7:00 P.M.

Second Sunday of Lent TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Olive oil looms large in the vocabulary of baptism. There are other oils in the pantry closet, from grapeseed to safflower to canola, but only olives yield the proper meanings. Olives don't just happen; they are cultivated, nurtured, pruned, and fussed over; they are a sign of human and divine cooperation. Olives can thrive in poor soil, but they cannot survive without human ingenuity, planting shoots and pruning branches. They can't be popped from a tree and munched like apples: they are inedible without long curing; neither do they yield their oil to hand pressure alone, but only to huge stone mills. Abundant patience is needed as sediment sinks to the bottom of storage barrels and pure oil rises to the surface.

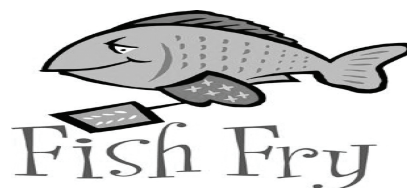
Olive oil is a byproduct of peace: war keeps harvesters, planters, and pruners within city walls and turns millers into soldiers. To obtain oil from olives you need vast measures of hope, patience, faith, and ingenuity. Olive oil is a sign of God's bounty and the way we human beings collaborate with God to bring about impossibly wonderful results. It is creation at its finest. Some people give chocolate eggs for Easter; perhaps olive oil is a more appropriate gift!

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STATIONS of the CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be prayed at the Cathedral on the Fridays of Lent at 5:30 P.M. The service lasts 1/2 hour.



The cathedral's Lenten **Drive-Thru** Fish Lunches are available on the Fridays of Lent, except Good Friday. The cost is \$10.00 for a large fish sandwich, mac & cheese, and cole slaw. 11am-1:30pm or until sold out.



SECOND SUNDAY OF Lent

MARCH 5, 2023

From the cloud came a voice that said,
“This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased;
listen to him.”

Matthew 17:5

LISTEN

Listen. Abram listened and, certain of God’s blessing, set out for an unknown future in response to God’s call. Awestruck Peter, James, and John heard a voice from a cloud tell them to listen to Jesus. When we listen to the Lord, we are assured of and find strength in God’s presence. Listening deeply, we perceive the Lord’s call and find the grace to respond to it, finding the assurance we need to live and share the gospel of Jesus Christ, even when it is challenging to do so. When we listen, we hear Jesus say to us as he did to the disciples on the mountain, “Rise, and do not be afraid.”

LISTEN WHILE ON THE JOURNEY

Have you ever taken a long trip with a family member or friend and found yourself talking about the deeper things of life? Given time, the mundane can give way to topics of meaning and purpose. We sometimes speak of our movement through life and faith as a journey. The metaphor of a journey is fitting, since we are not only to make our way from one point to another the way we take a quick trip or a walk around the block—the process of living in faith is one of growth and change over time. On the journey of life and faith, we can find the grace to talk deeply with the Lord and listen to the voice of God, who strengthens us to face the challenges of living as followers of Christ.

GOD IS WITH US

It can be hard to grasp that the God of glory and power and undying love is always with us. Truly, this is one of the great mysteries of our Christian faith. Every time we make the sign of the cross, we are reminded of the life that is brought to light in Christ. The very life, passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus is evidence of the determination of God to love us through it all. Not only is Jesus proof of God’s love, Christ’s very presence with and within us is an outpouring of that love. This Lent, take time to listen to the Lord and allow what you hear to help you turn away from sin and toward the life and immortality of the Christian disciple.

TODAY’S READINGS

Genesis 12:1–4a
Psalm 33:4–5, 18–19, 20, 22
2 Timothy 1:8b–10
Matthew 17:1–9