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**Transmission Time: March 14, 2023
11:30 A.M.**

Sunday, March 19, 2023

**Thank you,
Msgr. Stan Carson**

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 19, 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: 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: 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 19, Fourth Sunday of Lent

Joe Ianniello (Connie Angeski)

Next Sunday, March 26, Fifth Sunday of Lent

Paul Watters (Wife, Helen, and Paula, Jan, Jill, Tom & Family)

Cathedral Mass Intentions

March 19, Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM +John Duffy (Greg & Kathy Clemens)

10:00 AM +Cyril & Mary Kibler (Jerry & Rita Kibler)

5:00 PM Pro Popolo/For the People

March 20, Monday, Solemnity of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

12:00 PM +Dan & Miriam Burn (Dave & Maureen Hanekamp)

March 21, Tuesday, Lenten Weekday

12:00 PM +Joseph Gallagher (Family)

March 22, Wednesday, Lenten Weekday

12:00 PM +Richard & William Drass (Eileen Hmel)

March 23, Thursday, Lenten Weekday

12:00 P.M.+Jim Dowd, Anniv. (Deb Ball)

March 24, Friday, Lenten Weekday

12:00 PM +Geraldine Rose, Anniv. (Family)

March 25, Saturday, Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

12:00 PM +Sandy Cuzzolina, Anniv. (Family)

Vigil: Fifth Sunday of Lent

5:00 PM +Edward Matosziuk, III, Anniv. (Family)

March 26, Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM +Jean Fusco (Kathy Grove)

10:00 AM +John Vargo, Anniv. (Family)

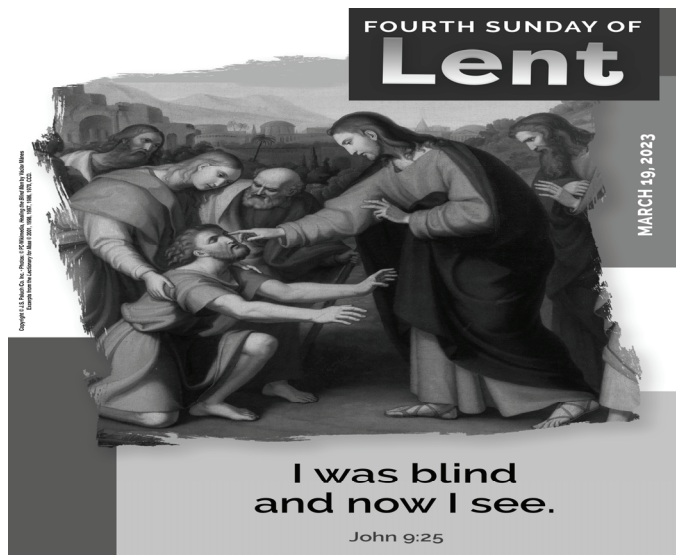
5:00 P.M. Pro Popolo/For the People

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 — As the prophet Samuel anointed David with oil, the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David

(1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a).

Psalm — My shepherd is the Lord; I shall not want (Psalm 23).

Second Reading — You who were once darkness are now light in the Lord. Live as children of light (Ephesians 5:8-14).

Gospel — The man who was blind from birth proclaimed: The one called Jesus made clay with his saliva, anointed my eyes with it, and told me to wash. When I washed, I was able to see!

(John 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38])

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

Sunday: Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

Thank You Very Much

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

The contributions for Sunday, March 12, were \$1,951.36.

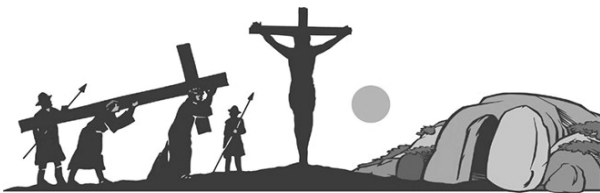




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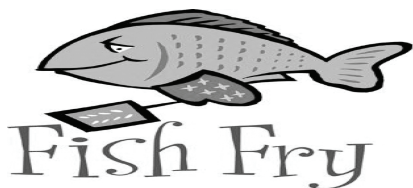
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The 2023 Catholic Ministries Drive target for Our Lady of Fatima Parish is \$9,224. The target is calculated as 10% of our regular offertory averaged over the previous three years (2020-2022). The CMD supports programs and services beyond the resources of any single parish. Please be supportive. Thank you for helping our parish hit this year's target.



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.

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.



COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICES

You are encouraged to experience God's mercy during Lent by participating in one of the local Penance Services: Sunday, March 19, St. John the Evangelist Church (Lakemont) at 4:00 P.M.; Sunday, March 26, St. Rose of Lima Church at 5:00 P.M.; Monday, March 27, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church at 7:00 P.M.; Wednesday, March 29, Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament at 6:00 P.M.; Thursday, March 30, Our Lady of Lourdes Church at 5:30 P.M.; and Sunday, April 2, St. Mary Church (Hollidaysburg) at 4:00 P.M.



Effective this Holy Thursday, Bishop Mark has directed that parishes may begin distributing Holy Communion under both forms. Parishioners who feel comfortable receiving from the chalice are invited to do so. It is important to remember that the complete presence of Jesus Christ's resurrected body, blood, soul, and divinity is present under each of the Eucharistic species of bread and wine. It is also important to remember that Holy Communion has a fuller form as a sign when it takes place under both kinds.

STRENGTH IN CHRIST

Our diocesan Men's Conference is on Saturday, April 29, at Mt. Aloysius College in Cresson. Registration forms are available in the back of our church. The cost is only \$20.00. The conference begins at 9:00 A.M. and ends at 3:30 P.M. Bishop Mark will be celebrating Mass at 4:00 P.M.



FOURTH SUNDAY OF Lent

MARCH 19, 2023

I was blind and now I see.

John 9:25

WHAT DO YOU SEE?

What do you see? Jesus gave sight to a man who was blind from birth. Not only was his physical sight restored, he saw things clearly even though the people around him—religious leaders, his own parents—were blinded by fear. Their preconceived convictions kept them in darkness even while the light of the world stood before them, offering them new sight. Led by the light of Christ, the man who had been blind worshiped Jesus. Samuel looked at Jesse's sons through the eyes of God and found the Lord's anointed, not in the older, stronger ones, but in the youngest, David. As we continue our Lenten journey, we resolve to live in the light of the Lord, to see clearly through the eyes of faith and respond by sharing Christ's light with the world.

IT'S TIME TO SEE OUR BLINDNESS

Most of us can admit that we're blind at times—we simply do not see the people and situations around us clearly. We stumble in the darkness of illness or grief and cannot see a way out. We may be blinded by selfishness or self-centeredness. Sometimes we are so caught up in our own lives, we're blind to the hurt, confusion, and need of those around us. We may look at things through our limited experience and perspective and not understand others' pain. At times, we choose to remain blind. We fail to see injustice and unfairness, preferring to remain in the dark rather than risk acknowledging and addressing such situations. Like the parents of the man who was born blind, we stay safe and comfortable, even when there is clearly an opportunity to make a difference, to bring light and love to the darkness.

SEE THROUGH THE EYES OF FAITH

When Samuel met the sons of Jesse, he thought he could see the one the Lord would anoint. He found the grace, however, to see through the eyes of faith and respond by anointing David, who would become the king of Israel. Jesus opened the eyes of the man who was born blind. We do not know how many others' eyes were opened that day, as they saw Jesus as the source of light and life. We can learn from Samuel and Jesus, bringing our darkness to the light through faith. When we look at life through God's eyes, we see endless possibility for goodness, holiness, grace, and peace.

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Psalm 23:1–3a, 3b–4, 5, 6
Ephesians 5:8–14
John 9:1–41 [1, 6–9, 13–17, 34–38]