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11:30 A.M.**

**Sunday, March 26, 2023**

**Thank you,  
Msgr. Stan Carson**

# Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 26, 2023

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**Our Lady of Fatima Parish**  
2010 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
[www.ourladyoffatimaaltoona.org](http://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 sacra-  
ment 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](http://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: [ltayer@dioceseaj.org](mailto:ltayer@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 26, Fifth Sunday of Lent**

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

**Next Sunday, April 2, Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

John Kasun, Jr. (Byrne Family)

**Cathedral Mass Intentions**

**March 26, Fifth Sunday of Lent**

8:00 AM +Jean Fusco (Kathy Grove)

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

5:00 PM Pro Popolo/For the People

**March 27, Monday, Lenten Weekday**

12:00 PM +Joseph Allman, Birth. (Shamba Elijah)

**March 28, Tuesday, Lenten Weekday**

12:00 PM Special Intention Pete & +Sally Colledge (Children)

**March 29, Wednesday, Lenten Weekday**

12:00 PM +Louise Hallinan (Family)

**March 30, Thursday, Lenten Weekday**

12:00 P.M.+Todd C. Talasky, Anniv. (Mark Talasky)

**March 31, Friday, Lenten Weekday**

12:00 PM +Edgar L. Johnston, Anniv. (Wife)

**April 1, Lenten Weekday**

10:00 A.M. Memorial Mass for Geraldine Rose (Family)

12:00 P.M. +Paul J. Renyck (Pamela Beckwith)

**Vigil: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

5:00 PM +Chad Dionis, Anniv. (Mom & Dad)

**April 1, Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

8:00 AM +Jean Fusco (Kathy Grove)

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

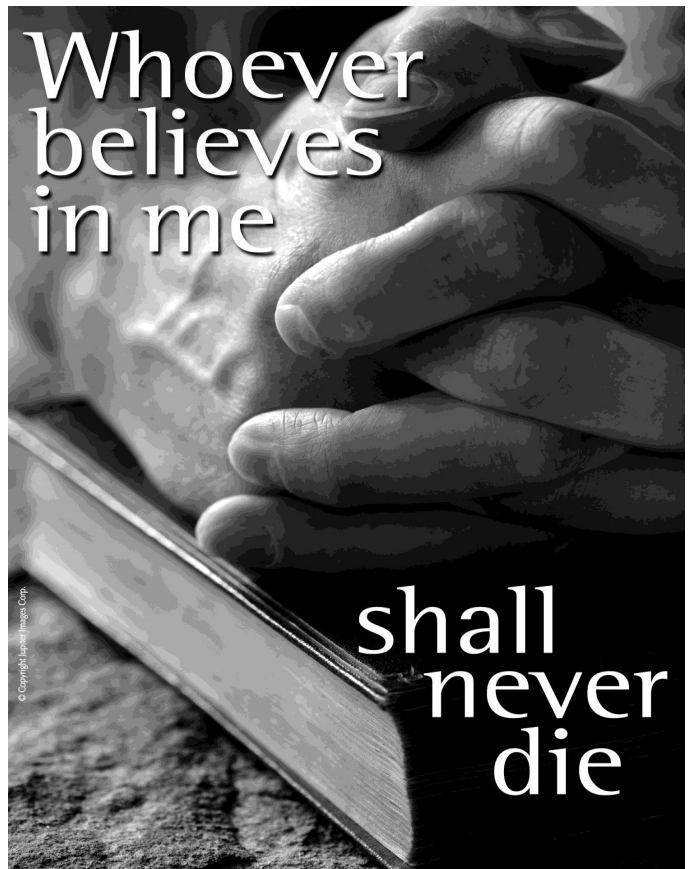
5:00 P.M. Pro Popolo/For the People

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** — Thus says the LORD GOD: I will open your graves, have you rise from them, and settle you on your land. (Ezekiel 37:12-14).

**Psalms** — The Lord is kind and saves us (Psalm 130).

**Second Reading** — If Christ is in you, the spirit is alive even if the body is dead because of sin (Romans 8:8-11).

**Gospel** — Lazarus, dead for four days, came out of his tomb when Jesus called his name. Many of those who had seen what had happened began to believe in Jesus (John 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]).

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday:Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62];

Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday:Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday:Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56;

Jn 8:31-42

Thursday:Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59

Friday:Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42

**Thank You Very Much**

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

The contributions for Sunday, March 19, were \$1,086.





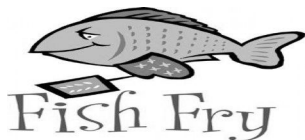
# Catholic Ministries Drive

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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.



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.

## **FAST AND ABSTINENCE**

Good Friday, April 7, is a day 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.



## COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICES

You are encouraged to experience God's mercy during Lent by participating in one of the local Penance Services: 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.

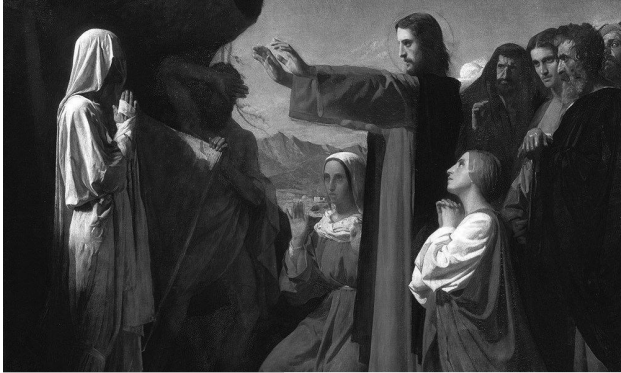
Msgr. Carson will be available for Confessions at the Cathedral on Saturday, April 1, at 8:00 A.M. and 12:30 P.M. He will be available at Our Lady of Fatima Church on Sunday, April 2, following the 11:30 A.M. Mass.



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.



# FIFTH SUNDAY OF Lent

MARCH 26, 2023

He cried out in a loud voice,  
“Lazarus, come out!”

John 11:43

## THE NEW LIFE TO COME

Death does not have the final say. This is the great mystery we ponder on this Fifth Sunday of Lent. Martha and Mary were good friends of Jesus. They did not hide their confusion and grief from the Lord; they voiced their conviction that if Jesus had been with them during their brother’s illness, he would not have died. Jesus entered into their grief and more—he overturned it. Lazarus’ death became the occasion for Jesus to show all who had gathered the mercy of God who cries out, “Oh my people, I will open your graves and have you rise from them.” In this moment, the world was given a sign of the new life to come through Christ, the Risen One.

## FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE

There really is no way around it. Eventually, we will grapple with the death of a loved one, a parent, sibling, spouse, or dear friend. As we mature, we also begin to come to terms with our own mortality. Our Sunday readings this Lent have invited our reflection on the big questions of life and faith. We have resolved to turn away from sin and toward God, listening to the Lord and responding with open minds and hearts. We have acknowledged and perhaps heightened our thirst for the Lord and have committed ourselves to walk in the light of God’s grace. Today, we journey from death to new life, reflecting on the mystery of Christ who is the resurrection and the life.

## COME TO BELIEVE

Martha had a uniquely personal relationship with Jesus. She spoke with him honestly, baring her heart to Jesus, openly expressing her confusion and sorrow at her brother’s death. Jesus’ response led Martha to a deep declaration of faith, “I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world.” We, too, can have a uniquely personal relationship with Jesus. We can speak honestly to the Lord, baring our hearts, expressing the truth of each moment of our lives, whether in joy or sorrow, happiness, grief, confusion, or times of fulfillment. In such honesty and trust, we may find deeper faith as well, coming to believe that Christ is our all, our way, truth, and life.

## TODAY’S READINGS

Ezekiel 37:12–14  
Psalm 130:1–2, 3–4, 5–6, 7–8  
Romans 8:8–11  
John 11:1–45 [3–7, 17, 20–27,  
33b–45]