

Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 17, 2024

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

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

Holy Trinity Eldorado (Pre-K thru Grade 5) 814-942-7835
Holy Trinity Fairview (Pre-K thru Grade 5) 814-381-7011

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.

Today, March 17, Fifth Sunday of Lent

Edward Myers (Bob & Mary Ann Farrow

Next Sunday, March 24, Palm Sunday

Henry & Charlotte Shields (Karen Query)

Cathedral Mass Intentions

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8:00 AM +Linda Cacciotti (Carl & Family)

10:00 AM +Kirk Kling, Birth. (Weaver Family)

5:00 PM Pro Popolo/For the People

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

March 18, Monday, Lenten Weekday

12:00 PM +Souls in Purgatory (Anonymous)

March 19, Tuesday, St. Joseph, the Spouse of Mary

12:00 PM +Bill Anthony (McNelis All Stars & Friends)

March 20, Wednesday, Lenten Weekday

12:00 PM +Paul Caracciolo (Vicki & Rod Hamer)

March 21, Thursday, Lenten Weekday

12:00 PM +Mary Modica (Tami Cross)

March 22, Friday, Lenten Weekday

12:00 PM +Dan & Miriam Burns (M/M Dave Hanekamp)

March 23, Saturday, Lenten Weekday

12:00 PM +Barbara Shoemaker (Renee Luciano & Tim Bryan)

Vigil: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

5:00 PM +Marti Stefanon (Ronald & Eileen Roefaro)

March 24, Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

8:00 AM +Sandy Cuomo, Anniv. (Family)

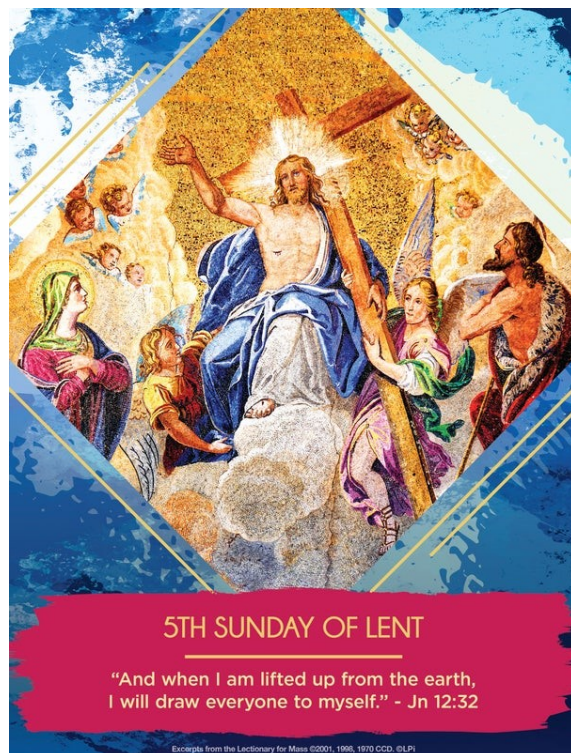
10:00 AM +Bob Eger (BG Class of 1965)

5:00 PM 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 candle has been donated in memory of Denise Keagy.



Readings for the week of March 17, 2024

Sunday: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 (12a)/
Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-
62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27
and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk
2:41-51a

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54,
55, 56/Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59

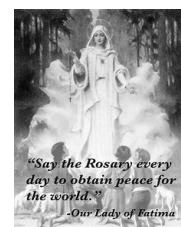
Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/Jn 10:31-
42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/Jn
11:45-56

Next Sunday: Mk 11:1-10, Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18,
19-20, 23-24 (2a)/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1—15:47

Thank You Very Much

Your prayers, volunteerism,
and financial support are
deeply appreciated. The con-
tributions for Sunday, March
10, were \$1,677.60.
Thank you.



Confirmation Preparation

The Final Session and Interview for 11th grade confirmation candidates will be today, Sunday, March 17, from 2:30-4:30 PM. A parent or sponsor must attend with the student. All make-up work must be turned in.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIP- TURE

March 17, 2024 5th Sunday of Lent

A middle-aged woman sat on the couch in my parish office and recounted to me a shocking list of terrible calamities in her life: addictions, terminal illnesses, financial loss, broken relationships, and so on. She smiled as she did so. "Please forgive me," I asked, "but you seem to be smiling as you share this." She said, "Father John, I am totally overwhelmed. But I'm smiling because I just can't wait to see what good things God does with this mess." She expected God would manifest His glory when she most needed it.

This week in the Gospel, God speaks from heaven for the third and final time in Jesus' earthly ministry. It's at a tough moment. Gentiles seek Jesus, who announces his terrible suffering, and then boldly prays, "Father, glorify your name!" John then writes: Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it and will glorify it again." Was the task of drawing the whole non-Jewish world to himself overwhelming? Or was it the terrible specter of crucifixion? Whatever it was, the crushing weight triggers his turning to the Father with an unshakeable expectation of divine glory to burst through. And indeed, it did on Easter Sunday. In our burdens, our greatest strength is to turn to God and boldly ask Him for His glory.

Lenten challenge: This week, I invite you to list out everything which is a burden to you. Write it down. Then add these words: "Father, glorify Your name in all these things!" Put that paper in your pocket or purse when you come to Holy Week liturgies next week. You might smile at the most unlikely times.

— Father John Muir ©LP



The Blessing will take place at Noon on Holy Saturday at Our Lady of Fatima Church

A typical Eastern European Easter Basket would include a variety of symbolic foods. The basket would contain all or some of these items: bacon (a symbol of God's abundant mercy), bread (representing the staff of life given by God, Easter Bread/Paska Bread (reminiscent of the risen Lord), butter, sometimes shaped like a lamb, (symbolic of the Paschal Lamb), Candles (symbolic of Jesus the Light of the world), cheese (to remind Christians of moderation), colored eggs (indicate hope, new life, and Christ rising from the tomb), ham (symbolize great joy and abundance), linked sausage/kielbasa (symbolic of the chains of death that were broken when Jesus rose from the dead), horseradish (reminds us of the bitterness and harshness of the Lord's passion), salt (adds zest to life and preserves us from corruption), sweets (suggest the promise of eternal life or the good things to come.)

Cathedral's Lenten Fish Lunch

The Cathedral's annual Fish Fry Lunch is on sale on the Fridays of Lent, except Good Friday. The drive-thru lunches will be available from 10:30 A.M. until 1:00 P.M. The cost is \$10.00 for a large fish sandwich, mac and cheese, and cole slaw. For ten or more lunch purchases, delivery is available, but you need to call ahead and pre-order at 814-944-4603. Take out and cash only.



Msgr. Carson will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation at 12:30 P.M. this Sunday, March 17, at Our Lady of Fatima Church.



Catholic Ministries Drive

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The *2024 Catholic Ministries Drive* has begun. Our sacrificial gift of prayer and treasure will make an immediate and lasting impact on our ministries that focus on evangelization, serving those in need, and the formation of our priests and deacons.

During Lent, and throughout the year, we are challenged to renew our spiritual devotions and duties—and one of those holy duties is to support the Church. This year, our campaign's theme is *Encountering Christ*. During this time of Eucharistic Revival, *Encountering Christ* is an invitation to grow in our living relationship with Christ in the Eucharist, to open our hearts to serving our brothers and sisters, and to fulfill our holy duty of supporting the Church by gifts of time, talent, and treasure.

If you didn't bring your pledge card to Mass this weekend, or send it in this past week, please prayerfully consider making a donation this coming week or in the near future. Our diocese's ministries need our support. **Our parish's target is \$9,813. So far, \$620 has been received from 5 donors. Thank you.**



Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards. In addition to these obligations, other forms of fast and abstinence may be observed.

If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily his Resurrection.



Stations of the Cross are prayed at the Cathedral on the Fridays of Lent at 5:30 PM. The service last 1/2 hour.