

The Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

March 2, 2025

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**

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

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.

Sunday, March 2, 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ray McCall (Theresa Heasley)

Next Sunday, March 9, First Sunday of Lent

Denise Keagy, Birth. (Family)

Cathedral Mass Intentions

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8:00 AM +Libby Shea Allen (Albert Schlecht)

10:00 AM +Regina Kutruff, Anniv. (Family)

5:00 PM Pro Popolo/For the People

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

March 3, Monday, St. Catherine Drexel, Virgin

12:00 PM +Robbie Frederick (Ray & Marian Airhart Family)

March 4, Tuesday, Weekday

12:00 PM +Hannah Wilken, Birth. (Rich & Nanci Hall)

March 5, Ash Wednesday

8:00 AM +Rosemary Plank Greig (Brother, William P. Plank)

12:00 PM +Ray Kelly (Family)

5:30 PM +Tom & Jean Welteroth (Family)

March 6, Thursday After Ash Wednesday

12:00 PM Special Intention (Anonymous)

March 7, Friday After Ash Wednesday

12:00 PM +Raymond Baker (Anonymous)

March 8, Saturday After Ash Wednesday

12:00 PM +John Kirsch (Patty & Tom Forr)

Vigil: First Sunday of Lent

5:00 PM +Terry Bartley (Smithmyer Family)

March 9, First Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM +Shawn Kennedy (Friends)

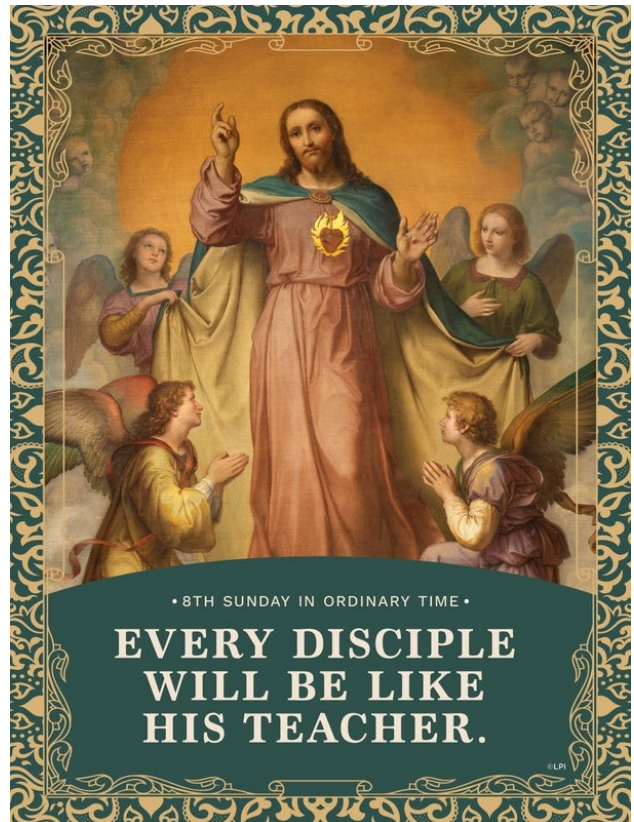
10:00 AM +Wayne Madden (Choir)

5:00 PM +Pro Popolo/For the People

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



The Sanctuary Candle during the month of March is lit in memory of Denise Keagy by the Keagy Family. Thank you.



Readings for the week of March 2, 2025

Sunday: Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 (see 2a)/1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45

Monday: Sir 17:20-24/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12/Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 and 23/Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32

Next Sunday: Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 (see 5b)/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13

Thank You Very Much

Your prayers, volunteerism, and financial support are deeply appreciated. The contributions for February 23, will be listed in next week's bulletin. Thank you.



GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

March 2, 2025

8th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Luke 6:39-45

One of the things that older pastors and younger priests occasionally quarrel about is the proper balance between work and prayer. I know one pastor who complains that his younger associate ignores the people and the parish because he wants to spend more time in prayer. And the young priest complains that the pastor gives him too much work to do and no time to pray. The Lord's words this Sunday speak into this tension with an image that can help us find a proper balance between life and prayer.

Jesus says, "For every tree is known by its fruit. For people do not pick figs from thorn bushes, nor do they gather grapes from brambles" (Luke 6:44). When we are deeply rooted and cultivating our relationship with Jesus, we are going to bear the fruit of that love in our lives. No fruit, no good prayer. How do we know that we are praying well? We are experiencing concrete fruits of love for others in our lives.

Someone who prays well will, sooner or later, burst forth the "figs" and "grapes" of acts of love. But without concrete commitment to deeds of selfless service to others, our prayer time is as useless as thorn bushes and brambles. Let's recommit ourselves to be men and women of prayer and service. And hopefully the pastors will help their associates to pray and serve fruitfully...with minimal quarreling.

— Father John Muir

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Please Update Information

Parishioners are asked to please update their contact information with the parish office. If you have had a change of address, discontinued a land line phone number, or have a new cell phone number, inform the office or put a note in your envelope.

Contribution Statements

Parishioners who would like a financial statement of their contributions to the parish during 2024 are asked to call the office.

A NOTE FROM MONSIGNOR CARSON

There have been a few inquiries and some interest in the purchase of our rectory. As required, I've been asked to consult our Finance Council. After having the rectory and adjacent property appraised, our Finance Council has recommended that we make the rectory and property available for sale. However, prior to advertising to the public, parishioners will have thirty days to have the opportunity to submit an offer.

A number of other details will need to be worked out over the next few months.

Proceeds from the sale would remain in the parish.

It is my understanding that this matter was also a topic of discussion prior to my arrival.

FOR SALE

Our Lady of Fatima Rectory
2010 12th Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601
Former Rectory + Adjoining Lot
4 Bedrooms, 2 1/2 Baths
Inquire at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament Office
Listing: \$175,000
Accepting Only Parishioner Offers
through March 15.

Eucharistic Revival Spring Priest Presentations

The last of the Eucharistic Revival Year presentations will on Saturday, March 29th, at St. Francis University, JFK Center in Loretto. From 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM. You may register online at [dioceseaj.org/spring, priest, presentations](http://dioceseaj.org/spring_priest_presentations) or by mail. Forms are available at our entrances. The speakers are : Father Jozef Kovacik, Father George Jakopac, and Father Brian Saylor.



Men's Conference; Strength in Christ!

Sunday, March 30, from 11:30 AM to 5:30 PM at Mount Aloysius College, Cresson. The day includes lunch, talks from local priests, personal testimonies, a panel discussion, and Sunday Mass. There is no cost to attend. Visit www.dioceseaj.org to register online. Paper registration forms are also available at our entrances. The deadline to register is March 21st.



Ashes will be distributed on March 5 at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament during Masses at 8:00A.M., Noon, and 5:30 P.M.
Ashes will be distributed at Our Lady of Fatima during Prayer Service at 3:00 P.M.

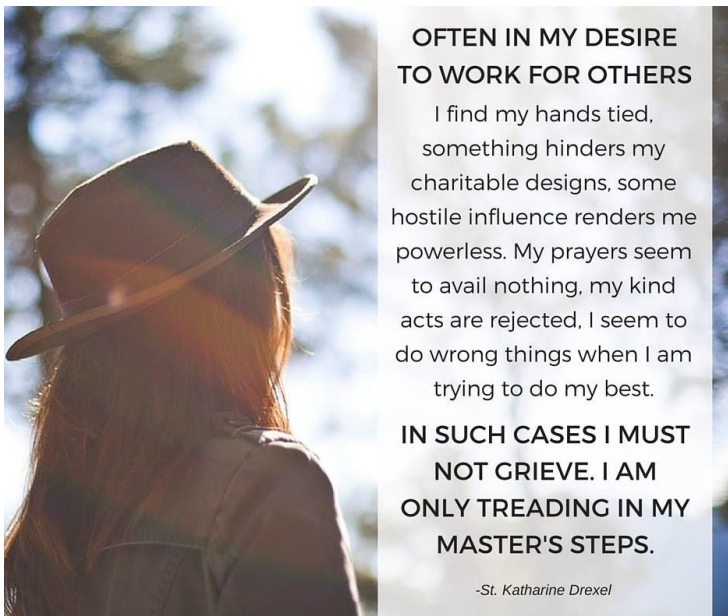
Stations of the Cross will be prayed at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament on the Fridays of Lent at 5:30 P.M.

The Cathedral Communal Penance Service is on Wednesday, April 8, at 6:00 P.M.

The Cathedral's Fish Fry Lunch includes a Fish Sandwich, Mac & Cheese, and Coleslaw is available from 10:30 A.M. until 1:00 P.M. \$10.00 and Drive Thru Only. Starting on Ash Wednesday and every Friday, except Good Friday.

Sung Evening Prayer and Benediction will take place on Sundays during Lent at 6:30 P.M.

Day of Fasting and Abstinence Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. All Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence. Abstinence refers to not eating meat at all on those days. Persons 14 years of age and older are to abstain. Fasting refers to one full meal, with two small meals, no eating between meals. People who have reached their 18th birthday and up to their 59th birthday are obligated to fast. In addition to these obligations, additional forms of fast and abstinence may be observed.



OFTEN IN MY DESIRE TO WORK FOR OTHERS

I find my hands tied,
something hinders my
charitable designs, some
hostile influence renders me
powerless. My prayers seem
to avail nothing, my kind
acts are rejected, I seem to
do wrong things when I am
trying to do my best.

**IN SUCH CASES I MUST
NOT GRIEVE. I AM
ONLY TREADING IN MY
MASTER'S STEPS.**

-St. Katharine Drexel