

The Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 30, 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.

March 30, The Fourth Sunday of Lent

Charles Hennigan (Wife & Daughters)

April 6, The Fifth Sunday of Lent

Elaine Smithmyer (Joe & Diane Yeager)

Cathedral Mass Intentions

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8:00 AM +Steve Pellegrine (Ruth Slippey)

10:00 AM +Helen Watters, Birth. (Children)

5:00 PM Pro Popolo/For the People

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

March 31, Monday, Lenten Weekday

12:00 PM +Sr. Rose Tomlinson (Kathleen Davies)

April 1, Tuesday, Lenten Weekday

12:00 PM +Ken Luke, Anniv. (Wife)

April 2, Wednesday, St. Francis of Paola, Hermit

12:00 PM +Naomi Long, Anniv. (Family)

April 3, Thursday, Lenten Weekday

12:00 PM +Nancy Moffa Jenaway (Estate)

April 4, Friday, St. Isidore, Bp. & Dr.

12:00 PM +Helen Watters (Dave & Karen Rhoa)

April 5, Saturday, St. Vincent Ferrer, Priest

12:00 PM +John Vargo, Birth. (Family)

Vigil: Fifth Sunday of Lent

5:00 PM +Jim Weaver, Birth. (Elaine & Daughters)

April 6, Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM +Geraldine Petrunak (Richard & Dottie Gonsman)

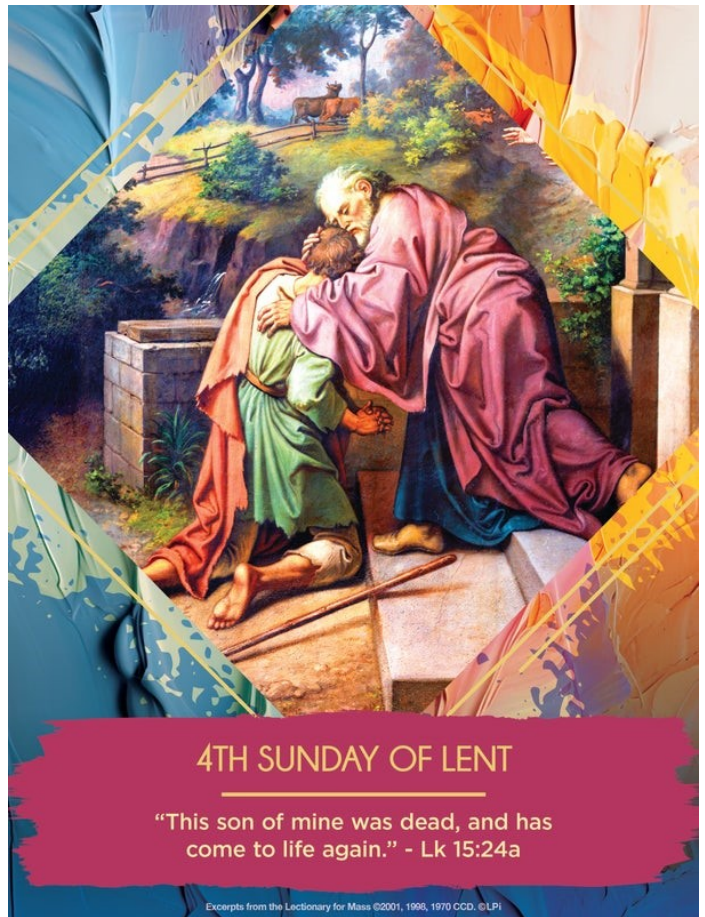
10:00 AM +Rita McCloskey (Jerry & Fran Fulare)

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. During April, the candle is lit in memory of Lori Krug. Thank you.



Readings for the week of March 30, 2025

Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 (9a)/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Jn 4:43-54

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 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-53

Next Sunday: Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11

Thank You Very Much

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

The contributions for March 23, were \$1,092.00. Thank you.





The Catholic Ministries Drive target for Our Lady of Fatima Parish is \$10,200 (which is 10% of our regular receipts averaged over the previous three years, 2022-2024).

This year the theme is Follow Me-the Words "Follow Me" invite us into a deeper relationship with Jesus as we share in His mission to love and serve.

This is Commitment Weekend. 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.

By now, you should have received a letter from Bishop Mark.



Be Sure To Attend!

The world-famous Westminster Cathedral Choir of Boys & Men, London, England will present a concert in the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament on Thursday, April 3, 2025, 7:00 pm. The concert is free, but tickets are required. The tickets will be available in the parish office this week until Thursday noon.

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

COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENTS

An Update and Special Thank You

The Gabriel and Levine Families are happy to share that Gwendolyn Gabriel, our brave little heart warrior, has successfully received her 2nd heart transplant after one year of waiting. The surgery took place on March 2nd and was a complete success thanks to the incredible team of surgeons, doctors, and nurses who have been caring for Gwen every step of the way.

Though Gwen is still in the early stages of recovery, the family is hopeful and optimistic that her biopsy, which will take place soon, will show no signs of heart rejection and she can come home within a month of so.

Gwen's families wish to thank all who have prayed for Gwen and her family, expressed words of kindness, kept her in her thoughts, donated money, gift cards, and household items, participated in fundraising and simply supported them during this challenging time. They would especially like to thank the 7th grade CCD students for their time, energy, and creative fundraising effort as well as the facetime! Thank you for being a part of their journey and continue to keep Gwen and her family in your prayers.

Bus Trip to Wind Creek Casino Bethlehem, PA

Mt. Carmel Parish is sponsoring a Casino trip on Saturday, April 26. Leaving from the church parking lot at 8:30 a.m. and departing the Casino at 7 p.m. There will be one stop coming and going. The cost of the trip is \$45.00 per person. The Casino Bonus is \$25.00 slot play. To receive this bonus, please bring to the Casino a valid photo ID. There are outlets and a food court attached to the Casino complex. Call the office at 814- 942-8501 during the week to make a reservation.

Please Note

Due to the concert on Thursday, April 3, the Cathedral will be closed at 1:00 P.M. until the doors open for the concert at 6:15 P.M. Our Lady of Fatima Church will be open for those who want to pray in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.



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 9, 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, 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.