

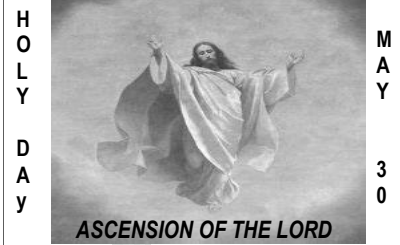
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MAY 26, 2019

May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you!
— Psalm 67:6

Our Lady of Fatima
Pleaded that we pray the Holy Rosary
before Sunday Mass and
privately from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm daily.



Our Lady of Fatima Parish
2010 12th Avenue
www.ourladyoffatimaaltoona.org
Rectory Office Hours:

Monday – Friday 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Parish Office: 814-942-0371

Our Lady of Fatima Mass Schedule
Sunday: 10:30 AM - Holy Days: 6:00 PM
Rosary: 10:05 AM - Rosary: 5:40 PM

Our Lady of Fatima Parish Administrator
Very Reverend Alan E. Thomas, VG
Parish Secretary
Carol Z. Smith

Eucharist for the home bound - weekly:
Patty Flanagan 942-0371 for arrangements.

Our Lady of Fatima Church is open
Monday through Friday: 9AM - 5PM Winter
9AM - 6PM Summer
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
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healing may call the Cathedral Parish Office to
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Reconciliation @ Cathedral: 7:00 PM Wednesday
12:30 PM Saturday

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Hospital Visitation: Call the Cathedral: 944-4603

Cathedral Eucharist:

Sunday: 5:00 PM (Vigil)	Holy Days: 5:30 PM (Vigil)	Weekdays: 6:45 AM
8:00 AM	8:00 AM	12:00 Noon
10:00 AM	12:00 Noon	12:00 Noon
12:00 Noon	5:30 PM	Saturday: 8:00 AM
5:00 PM		12:00 Noon

THE GIFT OF PEACE

“There arose no little dissension and debate.” Did that happen at work this week? Most of us can recall run-ins with coworkers, even with the boss. Did it happen while socializing with friends? Go easy on politics, religion . . . even sports. At home? Even the most peaceful household experiences a little “give and take” now and then. So where was it that “there arose no little dissension and debate”? That tumultuous conflict occurred among our first Christian ancestors, disrupting the community life of the early church. But today’s Acts of the Apostles shows how beautifully the Holy Spirit, promised by Jesus in today’s Gospel, helped the church achieve a grace-filled resolution. What evolved was that “reconciled diversity,” often encouraged by Pope Francis and even envisioned in today’s Revelation passage; and a wondrous experience of Jesus’ promised Gospel gift: “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.”

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Why is it still Easter? The lilies have long since faded. The roots of our tradition of fifty days of rejoicing from Easter to Pentecost lie in the seven-day rhythm of the Jewish week, drawn from the six days of creation plus a Sabbath day. A favorite name for the Lord’s Day among our ancestors in the faith was “The Eighth Day,” meaning that in Christ a breakthrough to a new humanity was achieved. With that inner architecture, it makes sense to see Pentecost as a week of weeks, forty-nine days plus one, again signaling that a new age has begun in Christ and the outpouring of his Spirit. The Jewish appreciation for Pentecost gave rise to the Jubilee year, the fiftieth year, when debts were released and prisoners set free. Today, the character of our Easter Sundays is conveyed by joyful Alleluias and the rite of sprinkling at Mass. Long ago, people expressed this joy by suspending all rules of fasting and by never kneeling at liturgy.

These customs all point to our conviction that time is holy. There is an elegant balance to the Christian year: forty days of Lenten fast and discipline give way to fifty days of unrestrained rejoicing. That’s why it is still Easter!

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CONTENTED

A contented person is one who enjoys the scenery along the detour.

—Anonymous

LEGACY

We want to give our children what we didn’t have; but let’s make sure we give them what we did have: our faith.

—Anonymous

OUTDOOR SUMMER MASSES

Father John D. Byrnes, Rector, and the Parish Family of Saint Michael the Archangel Basilica, Loretto, invite the faithful to join us each Sunday evening at 7:00 p.m. for the outdoor Sunday Mass at the beautiful garden Shrine of Our Lady of the Alleghenies in Loretto. The first Mass of the season will be celebrated on Sunday, May 26, 2019, and will continue through Labor Day Weekend, September 1, 2019. Please bring a lawn chair. In the event of inclement weather, the Mass will be celebrated in the Basilica of Saint Michael the Archangel.

May 26, 2019
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
10:30 AM

OUR LADY OF FATIMA MASS INTENTIONS

Readings: Acts:15:1-2,22-29; Rv 21:10-14,22-23; Jn 14:23-29

Today's Intention-David Conrad

Readings: : Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Mk 16:15-20

Ascension Mass celebrant will be Very Rev. Fr. Alan E. Thomas

Ascension Thurs. May 30th, 6 PM(Thomas Stoltz, Stanley Krish II)

Readings: Acts 7:55-60; Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20; Jn 17:20-26

Sun., June 2nd, Poor Souls (Anonymous)

Cathedral Mass Intention

May 27, Monday: Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop

Readings: Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26-16:4

9:00 AM Kyle Holtz, Birthday (Family)

May 28, Tuesday: Easter Weekday

Readings: Acts 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11

6:45 AM Kevin Sheets (Dick & Bernice Cellini)

12:00 PM Madeline Vogel (Diane Fanele)

7:00 PM CONFIRMATION MASS

May 29, Wednesday: Easter Weekday

Readings: Acts 17:15, 22-18:1; Jn 16:12-15

6:45 AM Mildred Brandt Dill (Pat Rhoa)

Vigil of Ascension (Holy Day of Obligation)

Readings: Acts 18:1-8; Jn 16:16-20

5:30 PM Milt & Dottie Cupples (Tom & Patricia Forr)

May 30, Thursday: The Ascension of the Lord

Readings: Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Mk 16:15-20

8:00 AM Nicholas Hockenberry, Birthday (Mom)

12:00 PM John Bauer (Wife)

5:30 PM Jim Ruther (Cathedral Parish)

12:00 PM Danyll Rougeux, Ann. (Mom and Dad)

May 31, Friday: The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Readings: Zep 3:14-18; Lk 1:39-56

6:45 AM Carrie Kibler Detwiler (Theresa Lieb)

12:00 PM Susan Bauer (Children)

June 1, Saturday: Saint Justin, Martyr

Readings: Acts 18:23-28; Jn 16:23-28

8:00 AM Irene Schlecht (Patty & Bear McCloskey)

10:00 AM Permanent Diaconate Ordination Mass

Vigil: Seventh Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 7:55-60; Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20; Jn 17:20-26

5:00 PM Steve Flanagan (Mary & Jim Farrell)

Note: Saturday Mass Schedule

Because there are ordinations of permanent deacons this Saturday at 10:00 AM, there will be NO Noon Mass on Saturday, June 1. Confessions will be heard at 12:30 PM.

May 26, 2019 Scripture Reflections

The Gospel reading shows Jesus preparing his disciples for his departure. He promises them the gift of peace, a peace the world cannot give, since Jesus' sacrifice of love on the cross brings about reconciliation of humanity with God. Jesus reassures his followers that although he will not be physically present among them, he will continue to be present spiritually through the Holy Spirit. One of the Spirit's tasks is "to teach you everything and to remind you of all that I told you." The Spirit's inspiration enables Jesus' followers to fathom more deeply the meaning of Jesus' teachings. This provides the foundation for our Catholic teaching on the *senus fidei* ("sense of the faith"), also called *senus fidelium* ("sense of the faithful"), that the Catechism of the Catholic Church defines as "the supernatural appreciation of faith on the part of the whole people, when, from the bishops to the last faithful, they manifest a universal consent in matters of faith and morals" (92).

The First Reading notes the early Church's dependence on the Holy Spirit. In their outreach to the pagan world, the early Christians encounter problems that bring disagreements. Of major concerns was the question about whether the pagan converts were still subject to the Jewish laws. Today's reading gives insight on how to resolve similar issues: by prayer and open dialogue under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit: "It is the decision of the Holy Spirit and of us not to place on you any burden beyond these necessities." The Holy Spirit operates at the heart of the Christian community by guiding it toward wise decisions. This example shows that all plans and decisions must begin under the guidance of and in the name of Holy Spirit.

- How has the Holy Spirit guided you in the important decisions of your life?

AT HOME with the WORD 2019, Archdiocese of Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications, pg. 89.

Please pray for all of our parishioners, especially for those who have illnesses great and small and our seniors who are lonely and need comfort and care.

*Jesus, Son of the Living Father,
Have Mercy on Me a Sinner.*

Stewardship Reflections

"When we accept our lives as sheer gifts, the Spirit can use us as apt instruments for spreading the Gospel and the true peace of Christ."

Confirmation

Our Lady of Fatima candidate, Gretta Levine will be confirmed on Tuesday, May 28th, at 7:00 PM. with the Cathedral candidates. Please pray the Holy Spirit continues to guide her for the remainder of her life.

Vacation Bible School 2019

"Set Sail With the Holy Trinity"; July 29 to August 2. Ages 4-10 more information to come.

Custom of Visiting the Cemetery

This Monday is Memorial Day when our country remembers all those who died serving our nation along with all our deceased veterans. This is a day when all are encouraged to make a visit to the cemetery to pray for our dead. As we pray at the grave, we are reminded that death is not the end, and new life is promised to all who have been claimed for Jesus Christ.

Easter Evening Prayer

Every Sunday in Easter Season the Cathedral Parish gathers at 6:30 PM for Evening Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.

Independent Catholic Foundation News

The Independent Catholic Foundation seeks applicants for the 2019 Welge Scholarship which provides financial assistance to worthy parishioners who are entering their junior or senior year of college and are a member in good standing here at Cathedral Parish. Applications are available in the parish office or can be downloaded from the "Grants" page of the Foundation website, www.icfdaj.org. Completed applications, including the pastor's signature, are due no later than 4:00 PM on Friday, June 15.

2019 Catholic Ministries Drive

Our Lady of Fatima's receipts through April 30th is \$1,185. We have a long way to reach our goal. Please use your diocesan envelope or go to the diocesan website and make your donation. Thank You.

A second collection for the Catholic Communications Campaign will be taken up next Sunday. Please be as generous as you can.

Collection May 19th = \$ 1,563.00

BIRTHDAYS: Mike Wall, 6/01; Janice Jorkasky, 6/03; Barbara Wozniak 6/04;

There will be a baptismal preparation session for infant baptism on Tuesday June 4th, at 7:00 P.M. in the Seton Suite. Parents need not wait until your baby is born to attend the class. All parents are expected to attend this informative meeting regarding your baby's baptism.



OUR LADY URGES US TO PRAY THE HOLY ROSARY

FOR

PEACE AND OFFER

SACRIFICES BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE!

Memorial Day

Notice that there will only be one Mass said on Monday May 27 at 9:00 AM at the Cathedral. Cathedral Parish Office will be closed and re-open on Tuesday May 28 at 9:00 AM.

Eucharistic Adoration

There will be adoration before the Blessed Sacrament in exposition on Wednesday, June 5th from 12:30 PM until 8:00 PM. The Monstrance is located in front of the tabernacle in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. All are invited to make time in our schedules to spend quality prayer time before the Blessed Sacrament.

THE MASS

Sister Theresa, CCW, will be offering Bishop Robert Barron's DVD on "THE MASS". This is a wonderful opportunity for you to understand more deeply what the Mass is all about.

We will meet Tuesday, June 4th, 11th, and 18th from 6:30 to 8:00 PM at the Sacred Heart School Building. Please come and bring a friend. God bless you.

Families United for Change

Is Your Family Suffering from Drug Addiction? We are a group of Family Members affected by Addiction. We are starting a grass roots efforts to bring about change in recovery. All are Welcome! Next Meeting: May 14th, 2019 (and every second Tuesday of the Month).

Time: 7:00 PM

Place: Hope Community Church
1520- 11th Street, Lower Level
Altoona, Pa.

Phone: 814-934-8067

May 26

John 14:23-29

Today Jesus makes an amazing promise: "My Father will love you and we will make our home with you." Imagine the Creator of the universe living in your home, eating and watching TV with you, listening to your conversations, laughter, and disagreements; with you in the difficulties, successes and when you sleep. This is the promise made to families that "keep my word." What a security system!

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HTCS YARD SALE!

Saturday June 1, 2019, from 7:00 AM until 1:00 PM we will hold our Annual Yard Sale at the Middle School Gym (Maria Parish Center) at Saint Rose of Lima Parish. We are currently collecting your unwanted treasures. Items can be dropped off at the Middle School gym anytime.

Society of St. Vincent dePaul

We are dedicated to helping the poor and the suffering. Through our local Council we provide various services to the needy in our community. Our Financial needs department is located in our Altoona Thrift Store. The services we provide vary greatly. We provide financial help for the following situations and more.

- * To prevent loss of electricity, heat and water to their residence when they receive a termination notice.
- * To help with obtaining housing or to avoid loss of housing.
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- * To provide beds and furniture for people who were homeless
- * To provide gas for people who have no money and are looking for a job or providing transportation for a sick family member.

We provide food for residents in emergency situations, serve meals when Sister Paula's kitchen is closed for the holidays and help in special situations such as help repair a vehicle for the resident to obtain employment, etc.

Thank you for your donation. It is greatly appreciated and will help us to do our mission.

Mary the dawn,
Christ the Perfect day.
Mary the gate,
Christ the heavenly way.
Mary the root,
Christ the mystic vine.
Mary the grape,
Christ the sacred wine.
Mary the wheat,
Christ the living bread.
Mary the stem,
Christ the rose blood-red.
Mary the font,
Christ the cleansing flood.
Mary the cup,
Christ the saving blood.
Mary the temple,
Christ the temple's Lord.
Mary the shrine,
Christ the God adored.
Mary the beacon,
Christ the haven's rest.
Mary the mirror,
Christ the vision blest.
Mary the mother,
Christ the Mother's Son.

By all things blest while endless ages run

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