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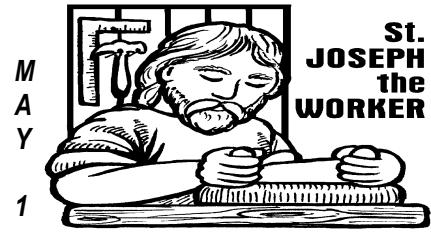
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 3,

2020



*Our Lady of Fatima
Pleaded that we pray the Holy
Rosary
privately from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm
Sunday thru Friday.
Saturday 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM*



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**Our Lady of Fatima Parish
2010 12th Avenue**

www.ourladyoffatimaaltoona.org
Rectory Office Hours:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday - 11 AM - 2PM

Parish Office: 814-942-0371

Our Lady of Fatima Church

Our Lady of Fatima Parish Administrator

Rev. Msgr. Stanley B. Carson

Parish Secretary

Carol Z. Smith

Eucharist for the home bound - weekly:

Patty Flanagan 942-0371 for arrangements.

***(DISCONTINUED-due to Covid-19 virus.)**

**Our Lady of Fatima Church is open
*Sunday through Friday: 8:30 AM - 5PM,
Saturday 7:30 AM - 5 PM
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**

**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.**

**OUR LADY OF FATIMA CLOSED DUE
TO COVID-19**



Cathedral Church Office: 814-944-4603

One Cathedral Square

Most Reverend Mark L. Bartchak, Bishop

**Rev. Msgr. Stanley B. Carson, Administrator
PH: 814-944-4603**

**Rev. Father Dennis M. Kurdziel, Parochial Vicar
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

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**

Directors of Religious Education:

**Chris Laraia – Pre-K thru 8 - 312-7317
Jean Koury – 9 thru 12 – 949-2777**

Religious Education Office: Sundays – 943-7424

Director of Music Ministry

**Leslie C. Thayer, MM, CAGO
Music Ministry Office - 944-2044
E-Mail: ltaylor@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

Masses discontinued because of covid-19 virus

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	5:30 PM	Saturday : 8:00 AM
5:00 PM		12:00 Noon

May 1, 2020

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

St. Joseph-Wonder Worker of the Church: St Joseph ‘saves’ Two Desperate Monks

St Joseph miracle prayer

Here's the story of the devotion to St Joseph's seven joys and the miracle prayer to St Joseph. Many years ago, two Franciscan friars found themselves shipwrecked during an ocean voyage. By clinging to a plank of wood they kept their heads just above water as the storm continued. Both monks had a devotion to St Joseph, the spouse of Mary, and they sought his help from Heaven in their desperate plight calling out and praying to him.

After a little while the storm died down and the men saw a radiant shining figure just ahead of them standing on the water.

The figure greeted them and guided them miraculously to the shore so that when they got to land the two monks threw themselves at the feet of the stranger to thank him for helping them.

At this point the visitor told them;

' I am Joseph, if you wish to do something pleasing to me, never let a day pass without saying the Our Father and the Hail Mary seven times in honour of the seven joys that consoled me whilst I was on earth in the company of Jesus and Mary.'

The visitor then vanished leaving the monks in awe and wonder.

Since St Joseph himself has declared how pleasing these prayers are to him it is an excellent way of honouring him and also of gaining his help and protection. Jesus is our one true mediator but Jesus wills that we share in his Ministry and who better than his beloved foster father, St Joseph and his Holy Mother Mary to intercede for us.

St Joseph more than any other Saint in Heaven (apart from Mary) has a special bond with Jesus' Heart and access to the Divine ear so to speak!

For the miracle prayer honouring St Joseph's seven joys, You can use this prayer for anything, marriage difficulties, exams, illness, house sales etc. It really is very powerful when used to implore Joseph's aid. Remember as on earth as Jesus' foster father so too it is in Heaven. There is no limit to St Joseph's generosity and intercession and he is a great Patron Saint to have!

The Prayer to St Joseph

Oh, St. Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God, I place in you all my interests and desires.

Oh St. Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession and obtain for me from your divine son all spiritual blessings through Jesus Christ, our Lord; so that having engaged here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of Fathers.

Oh St. Joseph, I never weary contemplating you and Jesus asleep in your arms. I dare not approach while he reposes near your heart. Press Him in my name and kiss his fine head for me, and ask him to return the kiss when I draw my dying breath. St. Joseph, patron of departing souls, pray for us. Amen

Prayers to Mary by Pope Francis

O Mary, you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm. You, know what we need, and we are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.



The shepherd calls his own sheep
by name and leads them.

John 10:3

FOURTH SUNDAY OF *Easter*

MAY 3, 2020

THE ONE WHO KNOWS US BY NAME

Today's readings tell about the confusion and fear that followed Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection. In Acts, the people ask, "What are we to do?" after they are reminded that they were part of the death of Jesus, who was Lord and Christ. In First Peter we are reminded of Jesus' innocence. He did nothing to deserve the suffering and death that he experienced for us. Both the psalm and First Peter introduce the image of Jesus as shepherd. John's Gospel talks about Jesus as shepherd but not in the usual way. We recognize this shepherd's voice because he calls each of us by name. The confusion and fear we too often feel is calmed by the voice of the One who knows us by name.

WHAT ARE WE TO DO?

The readings describe that time when confused and frightened followers of Jesus looked to the apostles to tell them what to do after the Crucifixion and Resurrection. The answer seems simple. They must believe that Jesus, whom they crucified, is both Lord and Christ, both God and human. They must acknowledge their complicity in his death and seek forgiveness. They must be baptized. In First Peter the standard for their behavior is Jesus' behavior. Jesus, though free from sin himself, bore our sins and returned no insult or threat. Peter introduces the image of the shepherd who is the guardian of us who have gone astray. The Gospel emphasizes not the shepherd's leadership but that we are called by name.

LISTEN FOR YOUR NAME

The emphasis in John's Gospel is not on the leadership of the shepherd. The focus is specifically on the voice of the shepherd. We listen for the shepherd who calls us by name. We are not called to follow passively. We are called to recognize our name when it is spoken. We are to listen so that we can hear the voice of the One who knows who we truly are—not the external, transient realities like "I am a doctor" or "I am a mother." Our real name known to our Creator is much more than the roles we fill or the work we do. If my name is who I truly am, then I must listen for the One who calls me "forgiven" and "merciful" and "beloved." For this is my true name. This is my true nature.

TODAY'S READINGS

- Acts 2:1, 4a, 36–41
- Psalm 23:1–6
- 1 Peter 2:20b–25
- John 10:1–10