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**Thank you,**

**Msgr. Stan Carson**

# FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 2, 2021

**Our Lady of Fatima Parish**  
2010 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
[www.ourladyoffatimaaltoona.org](http://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 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

**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.**

**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](http://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](mailto: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**

**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

**THE FATIMA TOWERS**

### OUR LADY OF FATIMA MASS INTENTIONS

This Sunday, May 2, Fifth Sunday of Easter

Bebe Milliron (Kevin Roesch)

Next Sunday, May 9 Sixth Sunday of Easter

Jack Douglass (Jim Riley)

### Cathedral Mass Intentions

#### **May 2, Fifth Sunday of Easter**

- 8:00 AM +Robert Beck (Pat Slogan)  
 10:00 AM +Jim & Peggy Mullan (Nancy & Skip)  
 Noon PM +Henry Mangicarne, Anniv. (Family)  
 5:00 PM Pro Popolo/For the People

#### **May 3, Monday, Sts. Philip and James, Apostles**

- 6:45 AM +Dorothy Stephens (Robert Farabaugh)  
 12:00 PM +Thomas Byrne, Anniv. (Wife & Family)

#### **May 4, Tuesday, Easter Weekday**

- 6:45 AM +Bishop Joseph Adamec (Anonymous)  
 12:00 PM +Msgr. Paul Panza (Ed & Lois Simanski)

#### **May 5, Wednesday, Easter Weekday**

- 6:45 AM To End Abortion (Chris McNelis)  
 12:00 PM +Tom Boslet (Ellen Rahm)

#### **May 6, Thursday, Easter Weekday**

- 6:45 AM +Jane Davidson (Tom & Patricia Forr)  
 12:00 PM +Karl Burgmeier, Birth. (Daughter, Carol)

#### **May 7, Friday, Easter Weekday,**

- 6:45 AM +Priests (Anonymous)  
 12:00 PM +Barry Saletnik (Rose Mary Lobre)

#### **May 8, Saturday, Easter Weekday**

- 8:00 AM +Martha Maurer (Patricia Rhoa)  
 12:00 PM +John Duffy (Mike & Sherry Byrne)  
**Vigil: Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
 5:00 PM +Fran Moses (Mr. & Mrs. Tony Eckenrode)

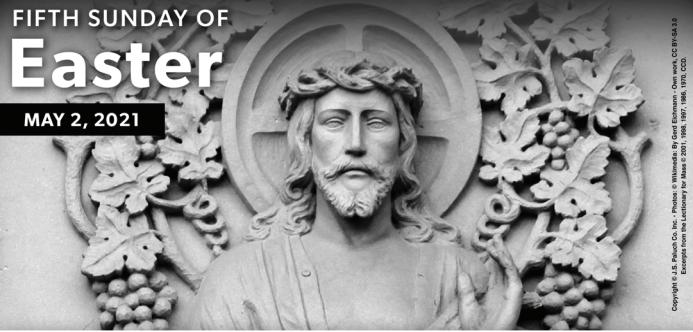
#### **May 9, Sixth Sunday of Easter**

- 8:00 AM +Anna Marie Jacobs (Family)  
 10:00 AM +Eleanor Fischer (Ray & Jackie Voltz)  
 12:00 PM +Mary Catherine Moran Aigner (Peg & Joe Serra)  
 5:00 PM Pro Popolo/For the People

### SANCTUARY CANDLE



The Sanctuary Candle for the month of May has been donated by Kayla & Cody Weamer. The donation is \$30.00. Thank you.



I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in them will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing.  
 John 15:5

### **TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — Barnabas reported to the apostles how Saul had seen the Lord on the way (Acts 9:26-31).

**Psalm** — I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people (Psalm 22).

**Second Reading** — This is God's commandment: that we may believe and love (1 John 3:18-24).

**Gospel** — I am the true vine; whoever remains in me will bear much fruit (John 15:1-8).

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### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21;  
 Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8

Thursday: Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11

Friday: Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21

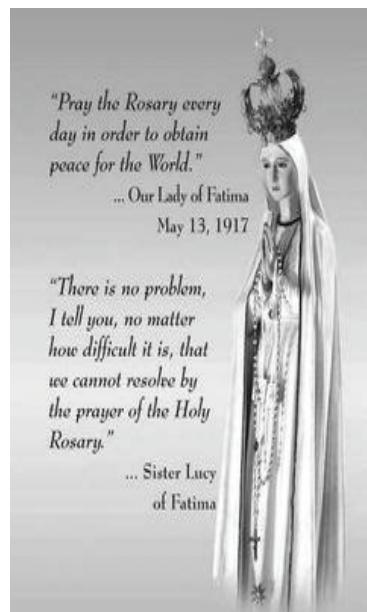
Sunday: Acts 10:25-36, 34-35, 44-48; Ps 98:1-4;  
 1 Jn 4:7-10 or 1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 15:9-17  
 or Jn 17:11b-19

### Thank You

Your prayers, volunteerism, and financial support are deeply appreciated. The contributions for Sunday, April 25, were \$1,245.80.

Our Lady of Fatima's **Catholic Ministries Drive** target for 2021 is \$9,168.

The drive presents us with an opportunity to provide a message of hope to the people of our diocese. \$525.00 has been pledged.



# VINES, BRANCHES, AND FRUIT

Few activities are as disappointing as cultivating garden plants, watering them, and ensuring that they receive sunlight and nutrients, only to receive one or two vegetables or flowers to show for all the effort. Jesus uses the metaphor of the vine and branches to describe how closely we are called to remain with him—so close that we bear the fruit of his life and love in the way we live. When we do this, Jesus says, we give glory to God the Father, which Jesus did perfectly through his life, passion, death, and resurrection. Like plants that rely on the sun and nutrients from the soil, we rely on the Lord Jesus through whom we can do all for which we are called. Without the Lord, we can do nothing.

The story of the early Church that we hear from the Acts of the Apostles during the Easter season is instructive and inspiring. We learn how the community grew in their understanding of what it means to remain close to Jesus in the most challenging of situations. They lived in word and deed as Christ had taught and bore the fruit of their faith in their daily decisions, in small ways and in dramatic moments. Faced with Saul who had persecuted Christians and who presented himself as a disciple, Barnabas risked believing Saul's testimony. Through Barnabas, the community accepted Saul, with increasing numbers of people being led to belief in Christ as a result. We too are called to live in word and deed, taking to heart Christ's command to love one another, even when it is challenging to do so. We may find inspiration in the way the early believers drew consolation from the Holy Spirit, finding wisdom and strength to keep the commandments and do what pleases God.

Today's Readings: Acts 9:26–31; Ps 22:26–27, 28, 30, 31–32; 1 Jn 3:18–24; Jn 15:1–8

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## Religious Education PK-8

Service Hours Forms were due by May 1st for grades 1-8. The final online class is May 23rd.

Registration forms and copies of Baptism certificates are due by June 1st for those who are receiving 1st Reconciliation and First Communion during the 2021-2022



### YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH

The diocese has prepared a leaflet for the year of St. Joseph which includes prayers, pilgrim information, and information about the indulgence that is available. The tri-fold leaflet is on the tables in the back of the church. A children's activity booklet is also available.

**Precious Life, Inc.** is a faith based, non-profit organization which offers practical help to those impacted by unplanned pregnancies through our pregnancy care centers. We are dedicated to meeting the emotional, physical and spiritual needs of women and their families, empowering them to make positive life-affirming choices.

**The Baby Bottle Campaign** runs from Mother's Day to Father's Day. You're invited to take an empty baby bottle and fill it with change, cash or checks to support pro-life ministry. The bottles are in the back of the church.



## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The month of May has not only good weather, but an interesting pedigree. It is named after the Roman goddess Maia, said to be the mother of Hermes, or Mercury. The Romans saw it as "love's month," while in England, more practical farmers called it "Three Milks," since the cows grazing on springtime's bounty could produce at a phenomenal rate. Old customs die hard, and Christians have never made peace with Maytime frolics. No wonder that popular tradition dedicated the month's prayers and devotions to Mary, although we cannot lose sight of the fact that the liturgy always has Easter at the center of celebration. Recent developments have enriched Mary's place in a cycle of feast days woven through the whole year, dedicated Saturday as a weekly day for devotion, and highlighted Mary's role in the Advent story. In fact, every day of the year Evening Prayer centers on the singing of Mary's Canticle of Praise. The fifty days of Easter culminate on Pentecost with Mary, present of course for Christ's birth, waiting in the upper room for the birth of the church.

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**Ascension Thursday** is May 13. We will have Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Parish at 6 o'clock in the evening that day.