

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 21, 2023

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

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

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

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Web: www.holytrinitycatholic.school

Altoona Campus (Pre-K thru Grade 4) - 381-7011

Holidaysburg Campus (Pre-K thru Grade 4) - 695-6112

Middle School Campus (Grades 5 thru 8) - 942-7835

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.

Today, May 21, Seventh Sunday of Easter

David Conrad, Anniv. (Karen Conrad)

Next Sunday, May 28, Pentecost Sunday

Fr. Paul Robine (Deacon Sam and Carol Albarano & Frances Albarano)

Cathedral Mass Intentions

May 21, Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM +John Hallinan (Family)

10:00 AM +Mike Kling (Family)

5:00 PM Pro Popolo/For the People

May 22, Monday, St. Rita of Cascia, Religious

12:00 PM +Tom Plunket, Birth. (Bob & Cathy Chirdon)

May 22, Tuesday, Easter Weekday

12:00 PM +Special Intention Pete & Sally Colledge
(Children)

6:00 PM Holy Trinity Catholic School Graduation

May 24, Wednesday, Easter Weekday

12:00 PM +Gauge Eckenrode, Anniv. (Vanessa Harvey)

May 25, Thursday, St. Bede the Venerable, Pr. & Dr.

12:00 PM +Don & Anita Hanekamp (M/M Dave Hanekamp)

May 26, Friday, St. Philip Neri, Priest

12:00 PM +Charles Yanchik, Anniv. (Family)

May 27, Saturday, St. Augustine of Canterbury

10:00 AM Priesthood Ordination

12:00 PM +Mary Alice Plummer (Dr. Joseph & Rebecca
Clark Family)

Vigil: Pentecost

5:00 PM +Ron Sheehan, Anniv. (wife, Jean)

May 28, Pentecost Sunday

8:00 AM +Sandy Cuomo (Bear & Patty McCloskey)

10:00 AM +Barbara Noel, Anniv. (Michelle, Sherry &
Connie)

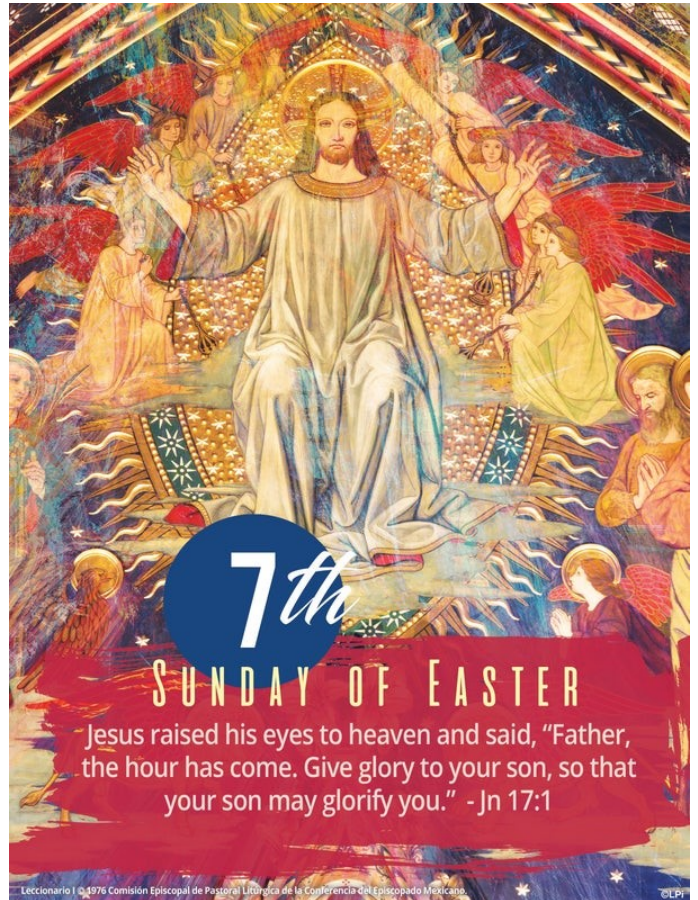
5:00 PM +Pro Popolo/For the People

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



**TABERNACLE
CANDLE**

During the month of May, the Sanctuary Candle is being lit in memory of Kate Starr by Pete, children, and grandchildren.



Readings for the week of May 21, 2023

Sunday: *Seventh Sunday of Easter*: Acts 1:12-14/Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8 (13)/1 Pt 4:13-16/Jn 17:1-11a

Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab/Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21/Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab/Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab/Jn 21:15-19

Saturday: *Morning*: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7/Jn 21:20-25

Next Sunday: *Vigil*: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 (see 30)/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39

Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 (see 30)/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23

Thank You Very Much

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

The contributions for Sunday, May 14, were \$1,364.



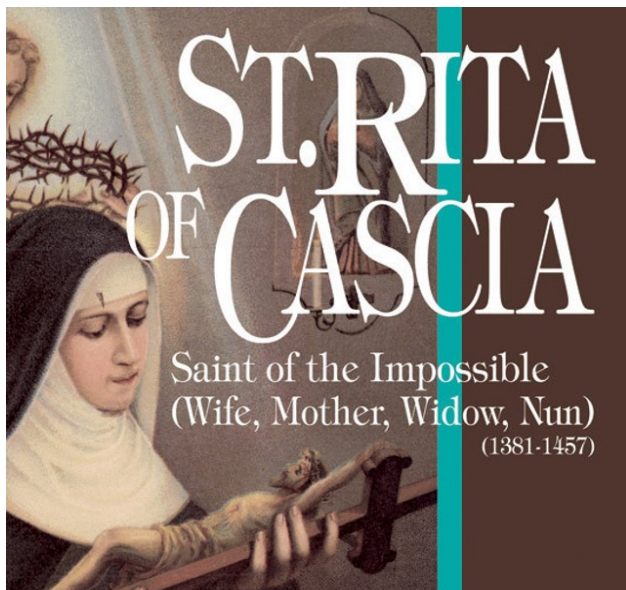


Catholic Ministries Drive

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The 2023 Catholic Ministries Drive target for Our Lady of Fatima Parish is \$9,224. The target is calculated as 10% of our regular offertory averaged over the previous three years (2020-2022). The CMD supports programs and services beyond the resources of any single parish.

Please be supportive. Thank you for helping our parish hit this year's target. **So far, 23 households have contributed/pledged \$6,045 towards our \$9,224 target.** If you haven't already done so, please contribute.



One of the most popular Saints in the Church for centuries, St. Rita is known as the "Saint of the Impossible" because of her amazing answers to prayers, as well as the remarkable events of her own life. Desirous of being a nun, she instead obeyed her parents and married. Her husband was cruel, and caused her much suffering, to which she responded with love and prayers and eventually converted him. After the death of her husband and two sons, Rita was able to enter a convent, where she devoted herself to prayer and penance. She abandoned herself totally to God, diminishing herself as He increased in her.



We have resumed distributing Holy Communion under both forms. Parishioners who feel comfortable receiving from the chalice are invited to do so. It is important to remember that the complete presence of Jesus Christ's resurrected body, blood, soul, and divinity is present under each of the Eucharistic species of bread and wine. It is also important to remember that Holy Communion has a fuller form as a sign when it takes place under both kinds.



Queen of Heaven (Regina Caeli)

Queen of heaven, rejoice, alleluia.

For he whom you were worthy to bear, alleluia, has risen, as he foretold, alleluia.

Pray for us to God, alleluia.

Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia, for the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

O God, who gave joy to the world

by the resurrection of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, Grant, we beseech you, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, his Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Congratulations!

Prayers and best wishes are extended to Daniel A. Stitt who graduated from Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School.



It's that time of year to participate in the annual Precious Life Baby Bottle Campaign. The campaign runs from Mother's Day, May 14, to Father's Day, June 18.

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Seeking Christ in One Another

The funeral luncheon, the Irish wake, the vigil at an ailing loved one's bedside: in times of crisis, people gather. In moments of sadness, fear, and confusion, we gravitate toward one another. For some reason, the feelings are so much more bearable when we are not alone.

I'm sure that the disciples and their companions, gathered in the upper room after the Lord's Ascension, did all of the things we typically do at these functions. I'm sure they hugged and talked and shared food, processing together the remarkable events they had witnessed.

But we don't hear about any of that. We hear only that they prayed — fervently, and together.

Saint John Paul II famously said that “it is Jesus that you seek when you dream of happiness; He is waiting for you when nothing else you find satisfies you.” And I think that, whenever we gather, in good times or in bad, we think we are seeking companionship — but we are actually seeking God.

As I think back on the last few crisis-gatherings my family has had, I try to remember when we have stopped everything to pray together. I can think of a few times, but to be honest, they are *too* few. We are usually occupied with more practical tasks: planning the funeral, talking to the doctor, making the decisions, ordering the food. Just trying to survive through it.

But this is the busywork of sorrow, and it is a waste of our time. We would do better to follow the example of the disciples and remember that, in these dire moments, God is waiting for us.

“*Of you my heart speaks; you my glance seeks.*” — Psalm 27

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Question: Are Catholics obligated to attend Mass each Sunday, or receive Communion each Sunday?

Answer:

The questions about Mass attendance and the reception of Holy Communion are clearly outlined in what are traditionally called the “Precepts” of the Church. These specific teachings are intended to stand alongside the Ten Commandments as fundamental practices for Catholics and are outlined in the *Code of Canon Law*. The obligations related to Mass attendance and receiving Communion are outlined in the first and third precepts, which we find quoted in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (no. 2042):

The first precept (“You shall attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation and rest from servile labor”) requires the faithful to sanctify the day commemorating the Resurrection of the Lord as well as the principal liturgical feasts honoring the mysteries of the Lord, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the saints; in the first place, by participating in the Eucharistic celebration, in which the Christian community is gathered, and by resting from those works and activities which could impede such a sanctification of these days.

The third precept (“You shall receive the sacrament of the Eucharist at least during the Easter season”) guarantees as a minimum the reception of the Lord's Body and Blood in connection with the Paschal feasts, the origin and center of the Christian liturgy.

Rather than seeing these as obligations that are simply to be fulfilled out of a sense of duty, Pope Saint John Paul II reminds us of the grace that is made available to us when we gather for Sunday celebrations of the Eucharist: “Sunday is the day which is at the very heart of the Christian life... Time given to Christ is never time lost, but is rather time gained, so that our relationships and indeed our whole life may become more profoundly human” (*Dies Domini*, no. 7). ©LPi