

## **Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**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: 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](mailto: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:**

<b>Sunday: 5:00 PM (Vigil)</b>	<b>Holy Days: 5:30 PM (Vigil)</b>	<b>Weekdays: 12:00 PM</b>
<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Saturday: 12:00 PM</b>
<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>12:00 Noon</b>	
<b>5:00 PM</b>		

**THE FATIMA TOWERS**

## **OUR LADY OF FATIMA MASS INTENTIONS**

**11:30 A.M.**

**May 18, Fifth Sunday of Easter**

In Thanksgiving (Tim & Colleen Sheehan)

**May 25, Sixth Sunday of Easter**

Howard "Pete" Colledge (Mary Ann Bruno)

### **Cathedral Mass Intentions**

**May 18, Fifth Sunday of Easter**

8:00 AM +Christina Flanagan, Birth. (Bear & Patty McCloskey)

10:00 AM +Deacon Bill Cronin, Anniv. (Family)

5:00 PM Deceased Parishioners

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

**May 19, Monday, Easter Weekday**

12:00 PM +John Kirsch, Anniv. (Marlene Kirsch & Family)

**May 20, Tuesday, St. Bernadine of Siena, Priest**

12:00 PM +Our Mothers (McNelis All Stars & Friends)

**May 21, Wednesday, St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest,  
And Companions, Martyrs**

12:00 PM +Lavelle Family (Phyllis Lavelle Sheetz)

**May 22, Thursday, St. Rita of Cascia, Religious**

12:00 PM +Harry & Elizabeth Smith (Daughter)

**May 23, Friday, Easter Weekday**

12:00 PM +Mike Kling (Mom & Sisters)

**May 24, Saturday, Easter Weekday**

12:00 PM +Patricia Dennis, Anniv. (Mary Ellen Burke)

**Vigil: Sixth Sunday of Easter**

5:00 PM +Richard Letrent (Bill & Tonya Letrent)

**May 25, Sixth Sunday of Easter**

8:00 AM +Janice Lilly McCarthey (Elaine Weaver)

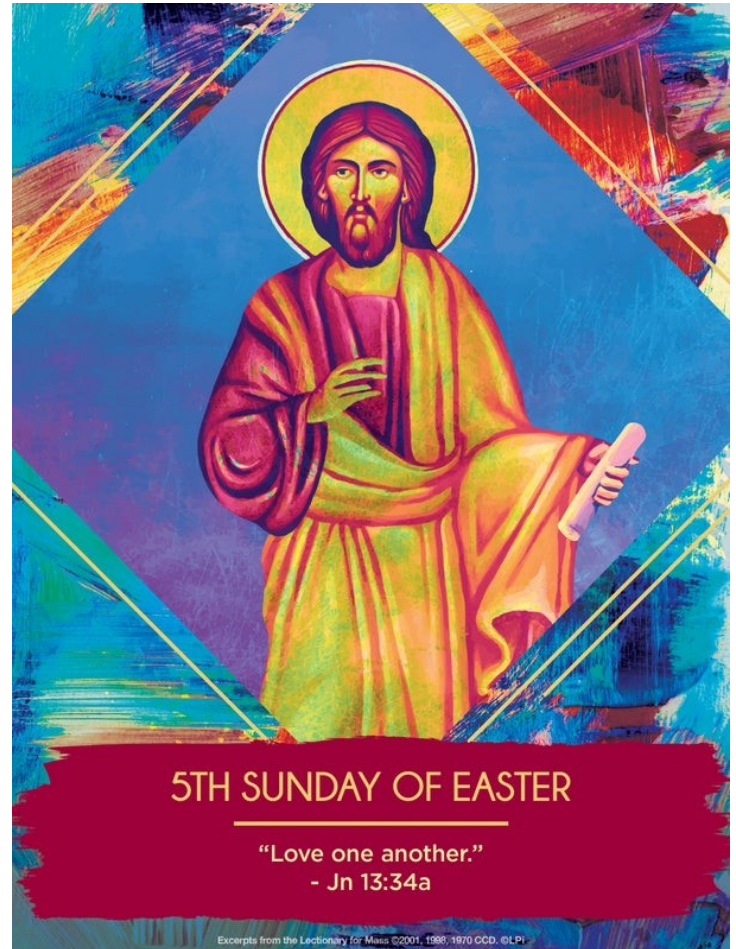
10:00 AM +Donna Hall (Family)

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 May is being lit in memory of Kate Starr by her husband, children, and grandchildren. Thank you.



Readings for the week of May 18, 2025

Sunday: Acts 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 (see 1)/Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Jn 15:1-8

Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11

Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12/Jn 15:12-17

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21

Next Sunday: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (4)/Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29

### **Thank You Very Much**

Your prayers, volunteerism, and financial support are deeply appreciated. The contributions for May 11 were \$1,173.50. 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.

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. So far, 16 donations amounting to \$2,860 has been received or 28% of our goal. Thank you.



This year’s Baby Bottle Campaign for Precious Life, Inc. began on Mother’s Day, May 11, and continues until Father’s Day, June 15. Please be supportive.

Precious Life is a Christian ministry dedicated to providing positive alternatives to abortion. Go to Facebook or [www.preciouslifeinc.com](http://www.preciouslifeinc.com)

## GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

May 18, 2025

5th Sunday of Easter

John 13:31-35

I’ve always found it amazing that Jesus never says to his disciples the straightforward and bumper stickery words “I love you” or “I will always love you” (a la Dolly Parton’s song). Why doesn’t Jesus say, “I love you”?

Well, actually he does, but in particular ways. He says, “As the Father loves me, so I love you” (John 15:9) thereby rooting his love for us in the space of the Holy Trinity. This week he commands, “Love another as I have loved you” (John 13:34). He presents his love for us as a completed action which continues into the present moment. How has he loved us? By becoming one of us, one with us, and finally giving his life for us in his suffering on the cross. We weren’t there when he did that, but neither were his Apostles (except one). Still, that action is his great “I love you” to us.

His love is also hedged in a command: “Love one another.” So how can we practically follow it? The great St. John XXIII wrote in his diary that each day he followed this rule: “Only for today, I will do one good deed and not tell anyone about it.” The hidden nature of a good deed is a sign that it is truly loving. This week, take on St. John XXIII’s practical method of following Jesus’ great commandment of love. It’s a splendid way to say, “I love you.”

— Father John Muir

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The Altoona Gabriel Project is a Catholic Pro-Life ministry dedicated to helping moms and babies with supplies, as well as providing spiritual and emotional support. Cathedral parish is a part of a group effort of several Altoona area parishes.

The Cathedral has a collection crib at the alley entrance of the Cathedral for non-perishable baby items (diapers, wipes, clothing, bibs, towels, blankets, etc.)

The Cathedral will also be a site for the distribution to moms and babies in our section of the city. Items will be distributed on Thursdays from 1:30-2:30 P.M. If you would know of someone in need of support, or would like to volunteers, please call 814-440-1021.



### VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD

God our Father, from eternity You appointed Your only begotten Son to be the High Priest of the human race.

Pour forth, we beseech You, Your Holy Spirit upon our families, that vocations to the priesthood may be multiplied.

Lord Jesus, give us holy priests:

To offer up the sacrifice of the Mass;

To lead the little ones to You;

To strengthen the faith of believers;

To preach the Gospel to all peoples;

To bring forgiveness to sinners;

To feed souls the Bread of Life;

To comfort the suffering & dying, and

To spread Your Kingdom in our midst.

Mary, Mother of our High Priest, pray for us and obtain for us an increase of holy priests. Amen



You are invited to join the James E. Van Zandt VAMC & the Blair Garden Club for a Memorial Day Ceremony and Garden Club Gold Star Memorial Plaque Dedication on Saturday, May 24th at 11:00 A.M. at "The Wall that Heals" 2907 Pleasant Valley Blvd. Altoona, PA