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Thank you,

Msgr. Stan Carson

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 29, 2020

Our Lady of Fatima Parish
2010 12th Avenue
www.ourladyoffatimaaltoona.org

Rectory Office Hours:
Temporarily Unavailable

Parish Office: 814-942-0371 (to leave a message) or call the Cathedral Office at 944-4603.

Our Lady of Fatima Church

Our Lady of Fatima Parish Administrator

Rev. Msgr. Stanley B. Carson

Director of Music Ministry
Kathy 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

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
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Religious Education Office: Sundays – 943-7424

Director of Music Ministry
Leslie C. Thayer, MM, CAGO
Music Ministry Office - 944-2044
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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

November 29, 2020
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
10:30 AM
OUR LADY OF FATIMA MASS INTENTIONS
Today's Intention - Catherine Barr (Justin Trybus)

Next Week's Intention- December 6, 2020
The Second Sunday of Advent 2020 - Ronald Geis (Family)

Cathedral Mass Intentions

November 29, First Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM +Janet Tomlinson (M/M Maurice Nazaruk)
10:00 AM +Rose Ciavarella (Linda Kutz)
Noon PM +Bernadine Garcia (Betty Yost)
5:00 PM Pro Popolo/For the People

November 30, Monday, St. Andrew, Apostle

6:45 AM +John Capouellez, Anniv. (Family)
12:00 PM +Debbie Capotosti, Birth. (Yanchik Family)

December 1, Tuesday, Weekday

6:45 AM +Msgr. Roy Kline (Gerri Rose)
12:00 PM +Dave Berger (Serge Szuhaj Family)

December 2, Wednesday, Weekday

6:45 AM +Souls in Purgatory (Anonymous)
12:00 PM +Joseph A. Knott (Alan & Mary Dodson)

December 3, Thursday, St. Francis Xavier, Priest

6:45 AM +Fred Fedeli (Family)
12:00 PM +Madeline Vogel (M/M Stephen Kinder)

December 4, Friday, Weekday, St. John Damascene

6:45 AM +Dottie Stephens (Cowan Family)
12:00 PM +Lori Keirn (Suzie Behe)

December 5, Saturday, Weekday

8:00 AM +Vickie Dempsie, Health (Dave Capouellez)
12:00 PM +Herbert Kuttruff, Anniv, (Family)

Vigil: Second Sunday of Advent

5:00 PM +Marti Stepanon (Jim & Steph Kilycoyne)

December 6, Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM +Richard Anthony (Tom & Debbie Swires)
10:00 AM +John Adams (Mary & Albert Yurinko)
12:00 PM +Beverly Woodring (Mike & Sherry Byrne)
5:00 PM Pro Popolo/For the People

LIKE A CHILD

One who aspires to the grace of God must be pure,
with a heart as innocent as a child's. —St. Nicholas



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — We are the clay and you, O Lord, are the potter: we are the work of your hands (Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7).

Psalm — Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved (Psalm 80).

Second Reading — God is faithful; by God you were called to fellowship with the Son (1 Corinthians 1:3-9).

Gospel — Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come. (Mark 13:33-37).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 - 10:1, 5a, 6-8

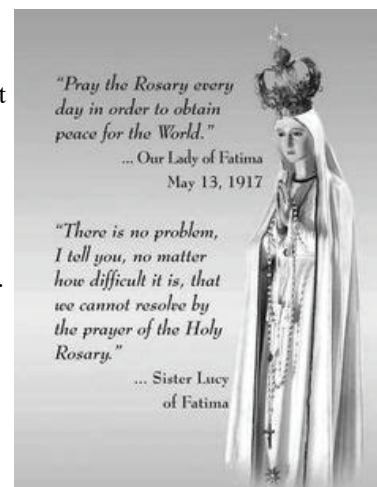
Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

Thank You

Your prayers, volunteerism, and financial support are deeply appreciated. Last week's parishioner contributions amount is not available due to an early bulletin deadline because of Thanksgiving.

Please Remember

Please remember to wear some form of facial covering when you enter our church and keep a safe physical distance if you are not with family.



BE WATCHFUL! BE ALERT!

When Jesus does not speak in eloquent sentences, but barks out imperative statements such as in our Gospel reading today, one can understand the urgency. There is no place for flowery language. “Be watchful! Be alert!” One has a sense that these should be written in bold or all caps! He tells the parable of the homeowner leaving his workers at home, with no knowledge of when he would return. Without phones and texts and travel schedules it could have meant the homeowner was returning sometime in the day, or sometime in the coming month or year. So Jesus is not telling us, “You have to behave for a little bit,” but rather, “You must live your life and work like the homeowner is always here. You must always be prepared.”

This author was very aware of the language of “master/servant” in the Gospel today and is reading it and praying it in light of discussions on racism in recent months. Perhaps this goes with the last imperative at the end of the parable to “Watch!” This year has taught us to be alert in our actions such as social distancing, masks, and sanitizing, as well as in our language and even our thoughts. Now how do we apply that to our spirituality, to our faith? For many, due to restrictions on numbers in church, singing, and choirs, this has meant learning to pray in a whole different way. The celebration of liturgy is the same as ever, with its focus always on the Word and the Eucharist, but for those in the pew, or still watching on livestream, the sense of active participation has taken on a very different meaning from how most of us have experienced liturgy in our lifetime. It feels like we have become spectators rather than participants. Perhaps this challenge can move us from complacency in our faith, to rediscover and relate to God in new ways, and call us to be even stronger in our personal faith. We must remain diligent. We must “watch.” We must hope. We must love. We must pray.

Today's Readings: Is 63:16b–17, 19b, 64:2–7; Ps 80:2–3, 15–16, 18–19; 1 Cor 1:3–9; Mk 13:33–37

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OPLATKI/CHRISTMAS WAFERS

Packets of oplatki are available on the tables in the back of the church. The donation is \$2.00 per packet; each packet has three pieces of wafer/bread. The legacy of the custom and a prayer are printed on the packet. The oplatki are shared at the Christmas meal (usually on Christmas Eve) as an expression of family unity and love with wishes of blessings and happiness. It is dipped in honey by some as a symbol of God's sweet goodness and generosity.

MARK'S JESUS

Mark's Gospel is the shortest and tersest of all four. The discourses of Jesus tend to be terser as well. Mark's portrayal of Jesus has none of the poetry of the Sermon on the Mount or the Sermon on the Plain as in Matthew or Luke, nor the extensive, reflective “I Am” discourses as in John. Mark's Jesus “cuts to the chase,” we would say today. This is reflected quite well in today's passage.

It is no accident that the dialogue of Jesus at this point in the Gospel according to Mark—the concluding words about the end of the world—immediately before his passion, is riddled with exclamation points and an overall sense of urgency.

We would do well to re-tool our own way of living this Advent, for we live in a world urgently in need of hearing the message of Jesus proclaimed. It's time for us to “wake up!” and get out into the world to do it.

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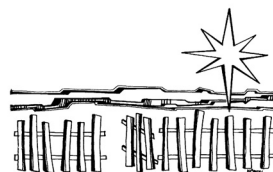
THE LITTLE BLUE BOOK

The Little Blue Book, an Advent and Christmas Seasons reflection booklet, is available on the tables in the back of the church. It provides 6 minutes worth of daily reflections based upon Scripture and the seasons' feasts and symbols.

SAVE AROUND COUPON BOOKLETS

The 2021 *Save Around* coupon booklets are now available for \$20.00. The parish receives a profit of \$5.00 per booklet.

See Paul Masic following Mass.



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November 29, 2020

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You do not know when
the time will come.

— Mark 13:33