

THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

ALL SOUL'S DAY

November 2, 2025

Our Lady of Fatima Parish
2000 12th Avenue
Altoona, PA 16601
www.ourladyoffatimaaltoona.org

Office Hours:
Tuesdays and Thursdays
11:00AM to 4:00 PM
Parish Office located inside the church
814-942-0371

Rev. Mariusz Gorazd, Administrator
Residing at St. Mary's Rectory, Altoona
Emergency Phone Number 814-942-2416

Administrative Assistant
Paula Hall

Eucharist: Sunday: 11:30 AM
Holy Days: 6:00PM
Confession-Sunday 11:00AM to 11:25AM
Holy Communion for the home bound-
weekly: Patty Flanagan
Religious Education-Contact St. Mary's
814-942-2416

Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals will be
held at Our Lady of Fatima.

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick
will be scheduled by calling the office.

Our Lady of Fatima Church is open daily
from 7:30AM-5PM for visits before the
Blessed Sacrament.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH IS A
RESULT OF THE MERGER BE-
TWEEN THE ROMAN CATHOLIC
CHURCHES OF SS. PETER & PAUL
AND ST. LEO THE GREAT IN 1995.

*****IF YOU HAVE A GLUTEN ALLERGY,**
PLEASE RECEIVE COMMUNION FROM
FR. MARIUSZ GORAZD'S LINE***

THE FATIMA TOWERS

OUR LADY OF FATIMA MASS INTENTIONS

11:30 A.M.

November 2, 2025 Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed

(All Souls' Day)

Parishioners and Benefactors

November 9, 2025 The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Joe Ianniello [A 11/2] by Brian and Nancy Ianniello

ATTENTION!! FYI!!

OUR LADY OF FATIMA OFFICE IS NOW LOCATED IN THE CHURCH!!

Since the sale of the Rectory, the Church Office is now located inside the Church in the Reconciliation Room. Hours will remain the same:

Tuesdays and Thursdays

11Am-4PM

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Our readings today ponder two powerful truths: God is infinitely greater than we are; and God provides every kind of help so we can discover and share in God's glory. The readings from Wisdom reminds us that we are tiny compared to "the Lord of the whole universe."

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***HEALING MASS: Holy Spirit Ministry will hold a special Healing Mass Tuesday, November 4th @ 7pm, St. Michael Church, Hollidaysburg. This powerful night of hope and healing is for all who are suffering physically, emotionally, and spiritually. Fr. Jeremy Mohler will be the main celebrant. Praise and worship will precede the Mass @ 6:30pm and prayer ministry will follow the Mass. If you are suffering physically, or from an addiction, or hurting or struggling in any way, come and experience the healing power of Jesus and be set free! All are welcome!

*****Please Update Information*****

Parishioners are asked to please update their contact information with the parish office. If you have had a change of address, discontinued a land line phone number, or have a new cell phone number, inform the office or put a note in your envelope.

Today's Readings

First Reading—Lord, you love all things that exist (Wisdom 11:22-12:2).

Psalm—I will praise your name forever, my king and my God (Psalm 145).

Second Reading—May the name of Christ be glorified in you and you in him (2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2).

Gospel—Today salvation has come to the tax collector Zacchaeus' house (Luke 19:1-10).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon: Rom 11:29-36; Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36; Lk 14:12-14

Tues: Rom 12:5-16b; Ps 131:1bcde-3; Lk 14:15-24

Wed: Rom 13:8-10; Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9; Lk 14:25-33

Thurs: Rom 14:7-12; Ps 27:1bcde, 4, 13-14; Lk 15:1-10

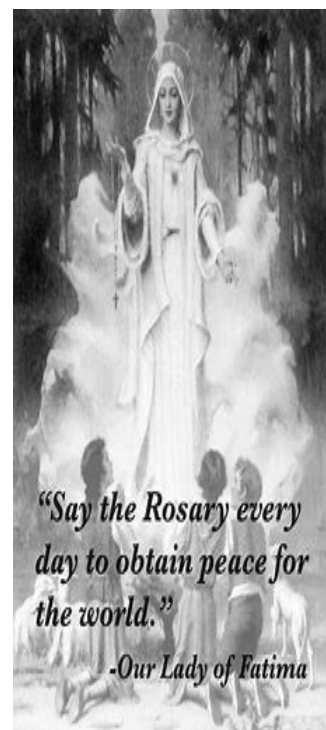
Fri: Rom 15:14-21; Ps 98:1-4; Lk 16:1-8

Sat: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9;
1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22

Sun: 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14; Ps 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15;
2 Thes 2:16-3:5; Lk 20:27-38 [27, 34-38]

Prayer to Our Lady of Fatima

O Most Holy Virgin Mary,
Queen of the most holy
Rosary, you were pleased to
appear to the children of
Fatima and reveal a glorious
message. We implore you,
inspire in our hearts a
fervent love for the recitation of the rosary. By meditating on the mysteries of the redemption that are recalled therein may we obtain the graces and virtues that we ask, through the merits of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Redeemer.
Amen.



During November, the Sanctuary Candle is being lit in memory of the "Souls in Purgatory" by Karen Querry



Thank you.

Thank You Very Much

Your prayers, volunteerism, and financial support are deeply appreciated. The contributions for October 26 was \$944.00. Thank you.

St. Mary's News:

Group Sessions on "The Chosen"

Blessed Mother Room Church
6:00pm-7:30pm, December 1, 15
Facilitator: Fr. Mariusz

If interested in attending call the rectory office.

GOVERNMENT is a trust, and the officers of the government are trustees; and both the trust and the trustees are created for the benefit of the people.—Henry Clay



The Catholic Ministries Drive target for Our Lady of Fatima Parish is \$10,200. So far 29 donations amounting to \$5,675.00 has been received or 56% of our goal, \$4,525.00 of the goal remains. Please prayerfully consider making a gift to the CMD. Every dollar stays within our diocese and directly supports the ministries that touch lives every day. Together, we can build a stronger, more vibrant Church rooted in faith, hope and love. Thank you in advance for your donation.

TRIENNIAL NATIONAL COLLECTION

for the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA
(every 3 years the Sunday before Veterans' Day)
(November 9, envelopes on the back tables)

The collection is approved by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops to be taken every three years, to increase awareness and support of the mission, *"Serving Those Who Serve."*

The ministries offered by the AMS benefit those who serve in all six branches of the U.S. Armed Forces, Veterans, and their families.

The mission of this Archdiocese is to ensure that service members, Veterans, and their families be able to seek sacramental preparation for baptism, confirmation, first Communion, penance, and marriage; to benefit from consultation with the priest, and to receive the sacrament of penance as they defend our rights of freedom and speech, and face constant transition and uncertainty.

In addition, the AMS Co-Sponsored Seminararian Program is the only vocations program in the US that provides priests to serve as military chaplains and also to serve in parishes and dioceses across the country that struggle with their own critical shortage of ministers. When the priest separates from the military, he then returns to his diocese of community.

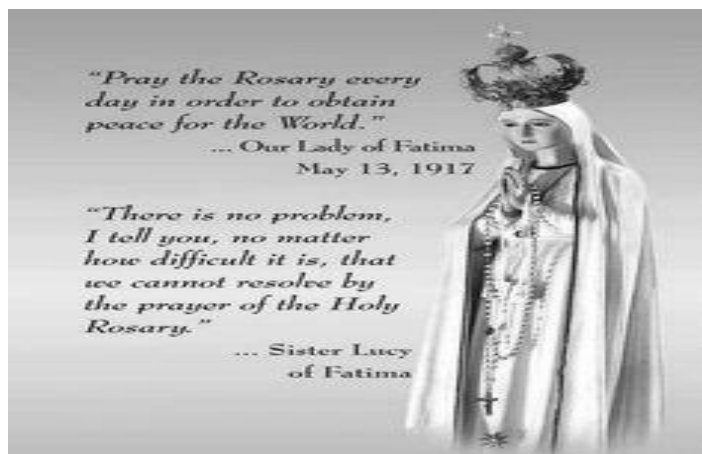
Please pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Know that your intentions will be remembered at the altar.

Thank you in advance for your prayers and donations.

ST. Leo the Great, Feast Day, November 10

Saint Leo the Great, also known as Pope Saint Leo I, was born into a Roman aristocratic family. His response to the call of the Lord transformed him into one of the greatest popes of Christian history. In fact, he was the first pope to be given the title "the Great." Details pertaining to Leo's place of birth are not known, but it is believed his ancestors come from Tuscany. St. Leo the Great became a very well-known deacon of the Church by 431, serving the church under pontificate of Pope Celestine I. Leo was widely respected for his love for the Lord, intelligence and persuasive nature. He was also gifted in bringing reconciliation between disputing groups of Christians. That is why he was often sent out to settle disputes, both secular and theological. Following the pontificate of Pope Celestine, the next Pope was Pope Sixtus III.

Pope Sixtus III passed away while Leo was visiting Gaul at the request of Emperor Valentinian III. His task was to bring peace between one of Gaul's chief military commanders and the chief magistrate. Leo was then unanimously elected as the next pope to succeed Pope Sixtus III in 440. His swift election reflected the respect he had garnered among the people from his service to the Lord and the affection the faithful had this pastoral and wise servant of the Lord.



MOUNTAIN LION BACKPACK PROGRAM

The program was created to help address the food insecurity problem in the area which is at a 13.3% high.

The program's volunteers pack a bag with enough food to help get a child through the weekend for 37 weeks of the school year. Last year almost 1100 bags were prepared weekly for elementary school students. It costs approximately \$6 per child per week. The program does not receive funding from local, state, or federal government sources and is not part of the AASD. The only funding is through teacher and student driven fundraising projects such as dress down days or food drives. MLBP exists solely through generous donations from individuals, businesses, and organizations.

A food drive is currently in progress to support the program. Items needed are individual applesauce servings, fruit cups, and small boxes of macaroni and cheese. These are items that get packed in the bags each week and are essential to the program's ongoing effort to feed the elementary students.

A box will be located in the back of the church for the collection, thank you in advance for your generosity.

THE GABRIEL PROJECT

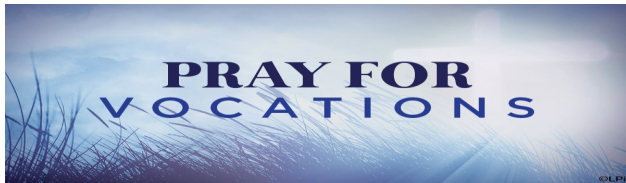
The Altoona Gabriel Project is a Catholic Pro-Life ministry dedicated to helping moms and babies with supplies, as well as providing spiritual and emotional support. Cathedral parish is a part of a group effort of several Altoona area parishes.

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.

A GREAT AND GLORIOUS GOD

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Loving and Generous God, it is You who call us by name and ask us to follow You. Help us to grow in the Love and Service of our Church as we experience it today.

Give us the energy and courage of Your Spirit to shape its future. Grant us faith-filled leaders who will embrace Christ's Mission of love and justice.

Bless the Church of Altoona-Johnstown by raising up dedicated and generous leaders from our families and friends who will serve Your people as Sisters, Priests, Brothers, Deacons and Lay Ministers.

Inspire us to know You better and open our hearts to hear Your call. We ask this through our Lord. Amen

November 2, 2025 The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)

On this sacred day, the Church invites us to remember and pray for all the faithful departed—those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith. It is a day of profound connection, when the veil between heaven and earth feels especially thin.

Stewardship is rooted in gratitude, and today we give thanks for the lives of those who shaped our faith nurtured our families, and built our communities. Their legacy is a gift we have received, and we are called to be faithful stewards of that gift by living lives of holiness generosity and love.

As we celebrate this day, we are reminded that stewardship is not only about what we do with our time, talent and treasure—it is about how we care for the memory and spiritual well-being of others. Our prayers for the dead are acts of mercy, expressions of hope, and signs of our belief in the communion of saints. Let us honor the faithful departed by continuing their good works, supporting our parish communities, and living as witnesses to the Resurrection.

CHRISTMAS AT LONGWOOD GARDENS

With the Blair Garden Club

Saturday, November 22, 2025

Leave Lowe's at 10:00am

Arrive Longwood at 3:00pm

Leave Longwood at 7:00pm

Arrive Lowe's at 11:00pm

Adult-\$114 Under 18-\$95

(includes travel, entry ticket & driver tip)

Payment/reservation, call Emma Kowalski 814-932-0375

No lunch or dinner stops. Beverages must be in closed containers. Food available at Longwood or pack a neat lunch.

BEGIN WITH ARDOR

If we wish to make any progress in service of God we must begin every day of our life with new ardor.

St. Charles Borromeo

