

THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

November 9, 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
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814-942-0371

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Emergency Phone Number 814-942-2416

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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 BETWEEN 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.

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

November 16, 2025 Thirty-third in Ordinary Time

Marcella Ianniello [B 11/12]

by son Brian and Nancy, Jonathan and Christine

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

In the seventeenth century, English Catholics, many of them wealthy and well educated, looked to the American colonies as a place to regain a measure of religious freedom. In Ireland, the so-called penal laws were even harsher than in England, as a minority Parliament tried to force the conversion of the population by denying the majority political and economic power. Beginning in 1691, laws were passed that punished dissenters, principally Catholics, but also causing hardship for Jews, Quakers, and others. There were acts forbidding "mixed marriage" or sending children "beyond the seas" for schooling. Catholics were taxed at double the common rate, barred from the legal professions and from university, and not allowed to build churches or own a decent horse.

In 1793 the situation began to change, as it became clear that the economic persecution would not drive the majority away from Catholicism. Gradually, laws were repealed until by 1829 freedom was won, although Catholics at university were ineligible for honors, and until the 1920s when the Republic was formed, the Church of Ireland was the state church, funded by the taxes of all citizens. —James Field, J.S. Paluch Co

OUR LADY OF FATIMA TRAVELING STATUE

...is available to sign out and take home. Please ask Chris Keagy after mass or contact the office if interested.

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

Thank you.



*******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—The King of the world will raise us up to live again forever (2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14).

Psalm—Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full (Psalm 17).

Second Reading—May the Lord encourage and strengthen your hearts (2 Thessalonians 2:16—3:5).

Gospel—Those who are deemed worthy of the coming age can no longer die (Luke 20:27-38 [27, 34-38]).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon: Wis 1:1-7; Ps 139:1b-10; Lk 17:1-6

Tues: Wis 2:23—3:9; Ps 34:2-3, 16-19; Lk 17:7-10

Wed: Wis 6:1-11; Ps 82:3-4, 6-7; Lk 17:11-19

Thurs: Wis 7:22b—8:1; Ps 119:89-91, 130, 135, 175; Lk 17:20-25

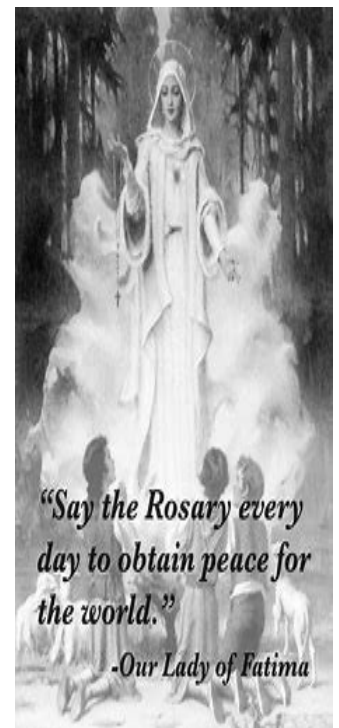
Fri: Wis 13:1-9; Ps 19:2-5ab; Lk 17:26-37

Sat: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43; Lk 18:1-8

Sun: Mal 3:19-20a; Ps 98:5-9; 2 Thes 3:7-12; Lk 21:5-19

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.



Thank You Very Much

Your prayers, volunteerism, and financial support are deeply appreciated. The contributions for November 2 was \$1974.11 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.

TODAY IS CALLED BY NAME SUNDAY!

Bishop Bartchak is asking us to identify faithful young men (ages 15-30's) who exhibit qualities of leadership and service, and who may be open to learning more about the priesthood. To submit names, please visit advocations.org/calledbyname. Men you submit will receive a letter of encouragement from Bishop Bartchak, invitations to discernment events, and support from our Vocation Team. Thank you for your participation in this important campaign!



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 Seminarian 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.

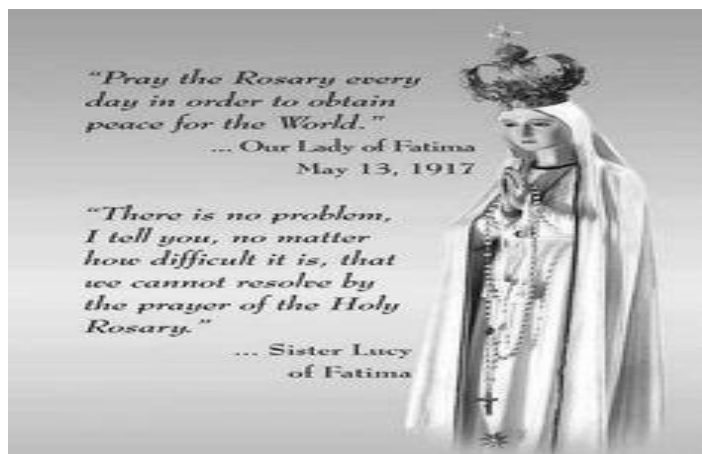
Please pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Know that your intentions will be remembered at the altar.

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.

CONFIDENCE IN THE LORD

We are nearing the end of the liturgical year. Today's readings remind us that our own lives will draw to a close one day, and we can be certain that the Lord will encourage, strengthen, and save us—both now and at the last. The astonishing story of the Maccabees invigorates our faith as we behold an entire family willing to die rather than deny the Law of Moses. The psalm response echoes the faithful cries of the Maccabees: "I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God." That same confidence appears in Saint Paul's letter to the Thessalonians. "The Lord is faithful," he testifies; "he will strengthen you and guard you from the evil one." In the Gospel, Jesus explains just how long God's protection will endure. The children of God whom God guards, Jesus says, will live forever like angels. J.S. Paluch C

PROCRASTINATION

Tomorrow is always the busiest day of the year.

—Anonymous



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

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Today's readings challenge us to focus on the "why" of stewardship. Why embrace this challenging way of life when it seems hard enough just to pay the bills, take care of our loved ones, meet the demands of our jobs, and fall into bed at the end of each full day? Because this life is not all there is. We were made for more—for eternal happiness in union with God. While we cannot earn our way into Heaven, what we do now with the life God has given us has eternal consequences. Stewardship living helps us to keep focused on our hoped-for destination in the choices we make each day.

In our Gospel passage from Luke, Christ reminds us very clearly that we were made for more than just this life and that our choices in this life have eternal consequences. In this passage, our Lord corrects some Sadducees for their mistaken notion that there is no resurrection. He instructs that "those who are deemed worth to attain to the coming age and to the resurrection of the dead. . . can no longer die, for they are like angels; and they are the children of God because they are the ones who will rise."

We should embrace the stewardship way of life to thank God for all His gifts to us and so that we may attain the gift of eternal life and the everlasting happiness of Heaven with Him.

PERSPECTIVE

We must often draw the comparison of time and eternity. This is the remedy of all our troubles. How small will the present moment appear when we enter that great ocean!

—St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

CHRISTMAS AT LONGWOOD GARDENS With the Blair Garden Club, Saturday, November 22, 2025
Leaves Lowe's @ 10am, Arrive @ Longwood @ 3pm
Leave Longwood @ 7pm Arrive Lowe's @ 11pm
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.

