

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

November 23, 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 dai-
ly 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.

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John Kasun, Jr [A] Stan & Rita Sral

November 30, 2025 First Sunday of Advent

Thomas Byrne [B 11/13] Byrne Family

*****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.

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

Today's solemnity, the final feast of the Church year, is a youngster as feasts go. In 1925, Pope Pius XI was distressed by global political upheaval and the de-Christianizing of society. That year was a "Holy Year," keyed to the sixteen hundredth anniversary of the Council of Nicaea, when the works "and of his kingdom there will be no end" were added to the Creed. The Pope explained that although most feasts had developed over many centuries, the Church sometimes provided a new feast to address new needs. He pointed to the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, showing Christ's love and compassion in a time when many people embraced a cold and gloomy spirituality. Originally on the last Sunday of October, in the late 1960s the solemnity of Christ the King was moved to the last Sunday of the year.

Fresh from baptism's waters, we are anointed with chrism "as Christ was anointed priest, prophet, and king." This feast is a key to our identity. On this feast, we recognize Christ as a king who breaks the usual mold of kingship, and who shapes his kingdom with our hands, our words, our deeds of love and service.

—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.

Today's Readings

First Reading—The Lord said to David, "You shall shepherd my people Israel" (2 Samuel 5:1-3)

Psalm—Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord(Psalm 122)

Second Reading—Thanks to the Father who has made you fit to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light (Colossians 1:12-20)

Gospel—Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom (Luke 23:35-43)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Dn 3:52-56; Lk 21:1-4

Tues: Dn 2:31-45; Dn 3:57-61; Lk 21:5-11

Wed: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Dn 3:62-67; Lk 21:12-19

Thurs: Dn 6:12-28; Dn 3:68-74; Lk 21:20-28

Thanksgiving Day, suggested:

Sir 50:22-24; Ps 145:2-11; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19

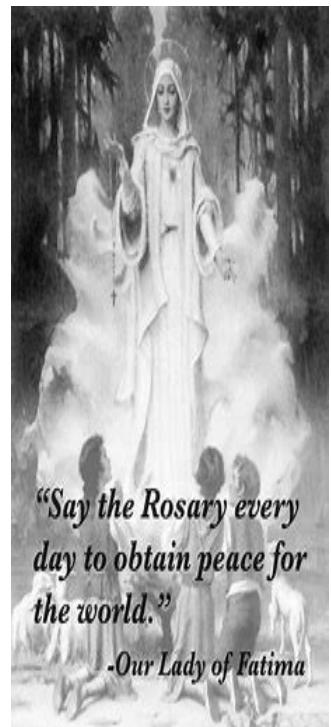
Fri: Dn 7:2-14; Dn 3:75-81; Lk 21:29-33

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

Sun: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44

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.



"Say the Rosary every day to obtain peace for the world."

-Our Lady of Fatima

Thank You Very Much

Your prayers, volunteerism, and financial support are deeply appreciated. The contributions for November 16 was \$ 981.00. 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.



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.

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE 2025 WILL END AT THE END OF THE YEAR. IF YOU HAVE NOT CONTRIBUTED TO THIS DRIVE AND ARE ABLE TO, PLEASE SEND IN YOUR DONATION PRIOR TO DECEMBER 31 TO BE COUNTED FOR 2025. ANY DONATION WILL HELP OUR LADY OF FATIMA REACH IT'S GOAL. THANK YOU IN ADVANCE.

iGiveCatholic kicks off with advanced giving on November 17 (12:00 AM Advanced Giving Phase) and continues until Giving Tuesday on December 2 (12:00 AM-11:59 PM). Bishop Mark has approved the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown's participation for the 5th year. Over the past 4 years, \$410,000.00 has been raised for our parishes, schools and ministries.

#iGiveCatholic is a giving day event celebrated annually on #GivingTuesday for the faithful from participating dioceses across the nation (and the world!) to unite and donate— both online and offline—to their favorite participating Catholic parishes, schools, and ministries. #GivingTuesday is an annual day of giving fueled by the power of social media and collaboration. Celebrated on the Tuesday following Thanksgiving (in the US) and widely recognized shopping events of Black Friday and Cyber Monday, #GivingTuesday kicks off the charitable season, when many focus on their holiday and end-of-the year giving.

ST. LEO THE GREAT, FEAST DAY, NOVEMBER 10

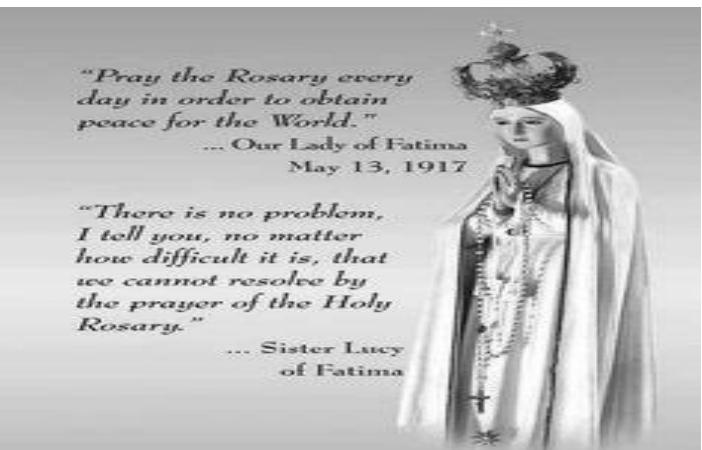
Saint Leo the Great, also known as Pope Saint Leo I, was born into a Roman aristocratic family. His response to the call of the Lord transformed him into one of the greatest popes of Christian history. In fact, he was the first pope to be given the title "the Great." Details pertaining to Leo's place 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.

Thanksgiving

Gratitude is the inward feeling of kindness received. Thankfulness is the natural impulse to express that feeling. Thanksgiving is the following of that impulse.

—Henry Van Dyke



iGiveCatholic donations can be offline donations of cash or check and can be mailed to Our Lady of Fatima or dropped in the collection basket or office. iGiveCatholic envelopes are available on the back tables in the church.

Credit card or ACH donations for the #iGiveCatholic campaign are given through the donation button on the profile page for each participating organization.

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.

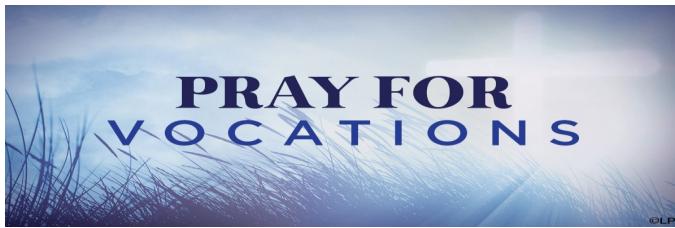
The Cathedral has a collection crib at the alley entrance of the Cathedral for non-perishable baby items (diapers, wipes, clothing, bibs, towels, blankets, etc.)

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.

OF KINGS AND KINGSHIP

Americans have an uncomfortable relationship with kings. The American Revolution was fought for independence from King George, after all. Nonetheless, today every Catholic church around the world celebrates the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Today's feast invites us to look beyond our national loyalties and rejoice in our primary identity. We are children of God in Jesus, Christ the King. Our readings help us consider what it's like to belong to God's kingdom. The book of Samuel captures the deep longing of the Israelites for a king to shepherd them. Saint Paul reminds the Colossians that we belong to the kingdom of Christ, whose power he praises in a beautiful hymn. Finally, Luke's Gospel calls to mind the kind of king Jesus chooses to be—a suffering servant, a man for others. By sacrificing his life for us, Jesus throws open the gates of Paradise.

—J.S. Paluch Co



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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On this Feast of Christ the King, our readings show us that we serve the greatest of Kings, who is at the same time the humblest of Kings. Christ is the perfect model of servant leadership. And what an indescribable privilege that He has called us to be servant leaders—stewards in the work of advancing His Kingdom.

What powerful lessons this King teaches us from the Cross. We learn that true leadership is displayed in emptying ourselves for others; that true greatness is displayed by way of humility; that none of us is worthy of the call to stewardship of His kingdom but that all of us, like the good thief, are welcomed and invited to take up this call. Following in His footsteps will involve suffering and sacrifice. Yet know can we say no to the King who loves us so completely and promises that His faithful stewards will one day be with Him in Paradise?

*****Society of St. Vincent de Paul Collection*****

The St. Vincent de Paul Needs Office is asking for your support. We will be hosting a 5th Sunday collection to help with rent, utilities, medical expenses, or any other urgent costs that arise with those facing difficult times. Envelopes are available marked: St. Vincent de Paul for any month that has 5 Sundays. Please be as generous as possible to help care for the poor and vulnerable in our area.

Holy Rosary Church

Is celebrating their 125th Anniversary on December 2, 2026. They are looking for old photos and thoughtful memories of years gone by. Once a month, beginning in January 2026, they will be posting photos and thoughtful memories in their bulletin as well as on Facebook. Please email photos to holrosaryaltoona@dioceseaj.org and put "125th Memories" in the subject line. For your convenience, there will also be envelopes in the back of Holy Rosary and St. Mark's Churches for your photos and/or memories. If you would like the photos returned, be sure to have your name and address on the back. Please identify as many people in the photos as possible. Thank you, The 125th Anniversary Committee

