

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 15, 2023

Our Lady of Fatima Parish
2010 12th Avenue
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

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

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**

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Web: www.holytrinitycatholic.school

Holy Trinity Eldorado (Pre-K thru Grade 5) 814-381-7011

Holy Trinity Fairview (Pre-K thru Grade 5) 814-942-7835

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: lthayer@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:

Sunday: 5:00 PM (Vigil) Holy Days: 5:30 PM (Vigil) Weekdays: 12:00 PM

8:00 AM

8:00 AM

Saturday: 12:00 PM

10:00 AM

12:00 Noon

5:00 PM

THE FATIMA TOWERS

OUR LADY OF FATIMA MASS INTENTIONS

11:30 A.M.

Today, October 15, 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mim Pufka Billman (Ray & Barb Trybus)

Next Sunday, October 22, 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Tia Colasante (Keagy Family)

Cathedral Mass Intentions

October 15, Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM +Elizabeth Yauneridge (Family)

10:00 AM +Carrie Kibler Detwiler (Kathleen Winter)

5:00 PM Pro Popolo/For the People

October 16, Monday, St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin

12:00 PM +Mike Wolf (Butch Winkler)

October 17, Tuesday, St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bp. & Martyr

12:00 PM +Mary Allman Culbreth, Birtyh. (Shama Elijah)

October 18, Wednesday, St. Luke, Evangelist

12:00 PM +Jim Ronan (McNelis All Stars and Friends)

October 19, Thursday, Sts. John de Brebeuf and Isaac

Jogues, Priests and Companions, Martyrs

12:00 PM +Ann Rhodes, Anniv. (Family)

October 20, Friday, Weekday

12:00 PM +Edward Hallinan (Family)

October 21, Saturday, Weekday

12:00 PM +Derek Behe (Mom & Dad)

Vigil: Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 PM Special Intentions of Josephine Moloney, Birth
Frank & Elaine Dombroski

October 22, Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM +Placide & Victor Little (Kwolek Grandchildren)

10:00 AM +Tom DePue (Ushers)

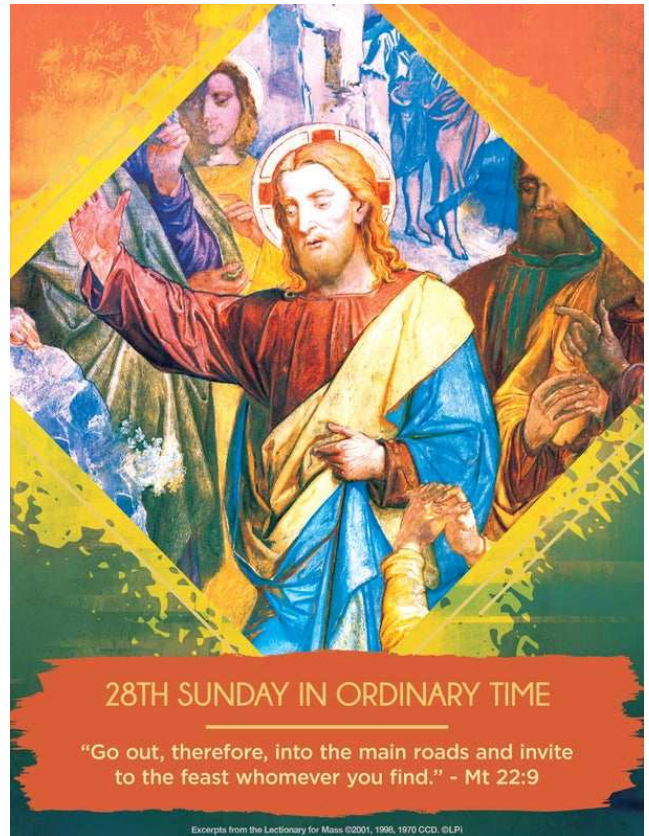
5:00 PM +Pro Popolo/For the People

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

**TABERNACLE
CANDLE**

For the month of October, the sanctuary candle in front of the tabernacle is being lit in memory of the deceased members of the Kirsch, Duman, Tsikalas and Hall Families requested by Paula Hall.

Thank you.



Readings for the week of October 15, 2023

Sunday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (6cd)/
Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

Monday: Rom 1:1-7/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Lk
11:29-32

Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13,
17-18/Lk 10:1-9

Thursday: Rom 3:21-30/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab/
Lk 11:47-54

Friday: Rom 4:1-8/Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11/Lk 12:1-7

Saturday: Rom 4:13, 16-18/Ps 105:6-7, 8-9, 42-43/
Lk 12:8-12

Thank You Very Much

Your prayers, volunteerism, and financial support are deeply appreciated.

The contributions for Sunday, October 8, were \$1,893.50. Thank you.





Sister Miriam Richard Soisson, who once served as principal at St. Leo School, is celebrating 75 years of religious life. If you would like to send her a greeting, her address is: DePaul Center/ Caritas Christi, 144 DePaul Center Road, Greensburg, PA 15601-1253

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

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I confess that I have a soft spot for the scary things Jesus says because they are usually ignored. But there's gold in them thar hills, if we have courage to look. This week Jesus gives us a terrifying warning in his parable about the king who gives a marriage feast for his son and promptly goes berserk when people don't respond. The point: those who do not properly respond to God's generous invitation will face totally devastating consequences. The invitees who don't show up get their city burned to the ground. The poor homeless man is tortured for not wearing the correct clothes. Scary indeed.

Is Jesus trying to intimidate or bully us into following him? No, because that is certainly not how he treats anyone in the Gospels. A better view is this: to Jesus, your life matters. The universe is not an empty wasteland where anything goes. It is a theater of love offered and either accepted or rejected. How easy it can be to glide through life thinking my life doesn't make a difference. But it does. It really does.

This should not only be sobering but exhilarating. The positive side of the negative in Jesus' scary parables is the thrill and joy that he is inviting us, therefore our lives matter a great deal. There is a reason to get up in the morning. God's generous love is relentlessly calling us. True, obstinately saying no through our indifference is a catastrophe for us and those around us. But how wonderful must the consequences of our 'yes' be?

— Father John Muir

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Boscov's-Friends Helping Friends

Our parish is participating in the annual Friends Helping Friends event that will take place on Wednesday, October 18, from 8 AM to 11 PM. If you purchase a one-day shopping pass for \$5.00 supporters get 25% off their lowest sale prices (exclusions apply). Our parish keeps 100% of the \$5.00 shopping pass donation.



Catholic Ministries Drive

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The 2023 Catholic Ministries Drive target for **Our Lady of Fatima Parish** was \$9,224. The target is calculated as 10% of our regular offertory averaged over the previous three years (2020-2022). The CMD supports programs and services beyond the resources of any single parish.

Thank you for helping our parish go over this year's target by \$926. Thank you! \$10,150 has been pledged or donated.



SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Meetings/sessions will be held for parents with children preparing for their First Reconciliation on Tuesdays, October 3 and November 7, from 6:30-8:00 P.M. in the Cathedral basement. A parent must accompany your child to the meetings. A copy of your child's baptism certificate is required. First Reconciliation will take place on Wednesday, December 20, at 6 P.M. Please contact Chris Laraia (814-312-7317 or claraia@dioceseaj.org) if you are unable to attend so that make up work can be assigned.

PRACTICIN(G) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

The Wedding Garment

I like to think that any self-respecting doomsday prepper would find something to admire in my van's stores of extra clothes, snacks, boredom-busting toys, sunscreen, and seasonal outerwear. You never know when you're going to pass a free splash pad or a particularly amazing sledding hill. And you never know when one of the kids is going to find the world's most irresistible mud pile or fall into a river.

All this pre-planning for fun and disaster, and still, I usually devote a fraction of that effort to spiritual preparedness.

I swap out my traveling first-aid kit every season, imagining hypothetical emergencies — and I push confession off another week. “I haven't committed any mortal sins,” I tell myself, “And I'm just so busy.”

I shove extra outfits into my car's trunk on the off-chance my son decides to paint himself in Go-Gurt — and I shrug off the daily examinations of conscience that could help me overcome a persistent sin.

I stock my purse with bags of Cheerios to ward off sneaky attacks of kid hunger — and I fall asleep without saying the Rosary, murmuring to myself: “I'm so tired. Mary understands.”

I am overwhelmed by the here-and-now, consumed by the minutiae of earthly life, that I forget there is only one eventuality I — or any of us — can expect with any certainty. We will all be invited to the feast.

Is my van stocked for that? “

The king said to him, 'My friend, how is it that you came in here without a wedding garment?'” — Matthew 22:12 cLPi

Copies of our parish's 2022-2023 Financial Report are available on the table in the back of the church.