

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 12, 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 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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Colleen Douglas [B 10/7] (Margaret Misitano)

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Helen Watters (Mike & Sherry Byrne)

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

Christian liturgy has always contained an opportunity to make a choice for sharing. From the beginning, Christians pooled their resources, especially for the care of widows and orphans, at the weekly Eucharist. Over the years, the collection became detached from the liturgy and baskets or plates would be passed through the community while the Mass was going on at the altar, or contributions would be collected at the doors. In Milan's Ambrosian Rite, these gifts have always been brought to the altar by lay people in procession. In German countries, the ancient custom was for the entire assembly to process with their gifts—first the men, then the women, then the priests and deacons—to offer their gifts at the altar. The old ceremony of canonization included a curious vestige of this procession: people would present the pope with two loaves of bread, two barrels of wine and water, five candles, and three cages containing pigeons or turtledoves! —James Field, JS Paluch Co

BIBLE STUDY

Let sleep find you holding your Bible, and when your head nods let it be resting on a sacred page.

—St. Jerome

Our Lady of Fatima Traveling Statue

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 October, the Sanctuary Candle
Is being lit in memory of the Tom Byrne
Family
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—Naaman, cleansed from his leprosy, returns gratefully to Elisha (2 Kings 5:14-17).

Psalm—The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power (Psalm 298).

Second Reading—If we have died with Christ we shall also live with Christ (2 Timothy 2:8-13).

Gospel—Ten lepers are healed by Jesus, but only one, a Samaritan, returns to give him thanks (Luke 17:11-19).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon: Rom 1:1-7; Ps 98:1-4; Lk 11:29-32

Tues: Rom 1:16-25; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 11:37-41

Wed: Rom 2:1-11; Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9; Lk 11:42-46

Thurs: Rom 3:21-30; Ps 130:1b-6ab; Lk 11:47-54

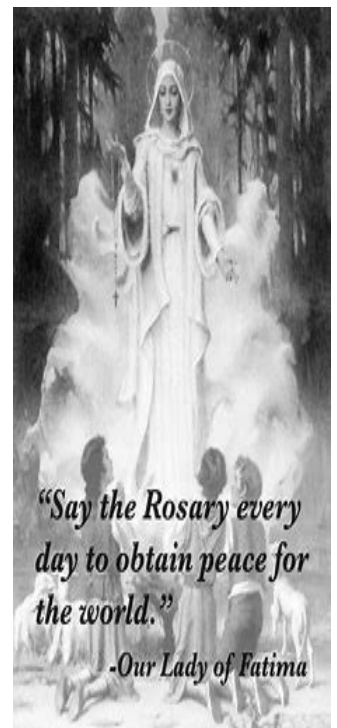
Fri: 2 Tim 4:10-17b; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Lk 10:1-9

Sat: Rom 4:13, 16-18; Ps 105:6-9, 42-43; Lk 12:8-12

Sun: Ex 17:8-13; Ps 121: 1-8; 2 Tm 3:14—4:2; Lk 18:1-8

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 October 5 was \$ 1788.00 Thank you.

St. Mary's News:

Group Sessions on "The Chosen"

Blessed Mother Room Church

6:00pm-7:30pm, October 13, 20, December 1, 15

Facilitator: Fr. Mariusz

If interested in attending call the rectory office.

Do you have a Last Will and Testament, Living Will, and/or Power of Attorney Prepared?

If interested, call the office, 1 or 2 attorneys are willing to offer appointments at St. Mary's if enough interest.

HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

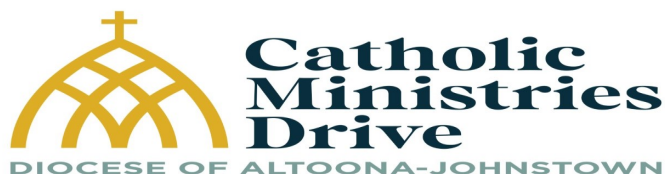
You are invited to the first in a series of active, inspiring, age-appropriate opportunities:

A guided small group tour of Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament with Msgr Stanley Carson

Sunday, 10/26/25 from 1:30-2:30pm

This is a unique opportunity to join Msgr Carson to learn more about our beautiful Cathedral's history, architecture rich art and stained-glass that together symbolize the presence of God in a different and transformed world. Invite a friend to join you!

RSVP interest by 10/12/25: Reply to your flock note invitation, or akcrtis@verizon.net



The Catholic Ministries Drive target for Our Lady of Fatima Parish is \$10,200. So far, 28 donations amounting to \$5,625 has been received or 56% of our goal. \$4,575 of the goal remaining. Thank you.

The CMD is more than a fundraiser—it's a call to live out our faith through action. Every gift supports vital ministries that bring Christ's love to our neighbors in need. From nurturing vocations and strengthening the Catholic education to feeding the hungry and comforting the sick, your generosity fuels the mission of the Church in our diocese.

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.



You are invited to help Our Lady of Fatima Parish by supporting this year's FHF fundraiser which will take place on Wednesday, October 22, from 8 AM until 11 PM. A donation of \$5.00 for a shopping pass entitles you to 25% off the lowest sale price. Our parish keeps the \$5.00 donation. More details are available on the pass. They are available in our office and following our weekend Mass.

*******SPECIAL THANKS*******

The Board of Directors and Staff at Calvary Cemetery would like to extend their heartfelt thanks for the generous donation of the three inspiring statues to their sacred grounds. The gift is a blessing that brings not only beauty to the cemetery, but also a deeper sense of spiritual comfort to all who come here to remember and pray.

These holy statues will stand as a visible sign of God's presence and love—inspiring hope and reminding us of His promise of eternal life.

Your contribution will touch many lives and be a lasting part of this holy resting place.

May God bless you abundantly for your kindness!

"SPONSORS OF HOPE" CAMPAIGN

The Permanent Diaconate Community of the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese is launching a "Sponsors of Hope" campaign to raise funds to continue supporting our foreign missions program. With the guidance of our dedicated contact, Pakistani priest Father Khalil Maqsood, we have opened a school for the "Brickyard Children," who work daily in the brickyards and have no opportunity to receive an education. In addition, we have been helping the many persecuted Christians who are deprived of the basic necessities of life, such as food, medicine and clothing. Hopefully, by joining our efforts to raise funds, we can not only help further the education of these impoverished children but also serve as a beacon of hope by bringing the mercy of Christ and His love into their world. Though the main thrust of our work is helping the children, our long-term goal is to continue to reach out by providing food, medical supplies, clothing, and prayerful support through the guidance of our trusted friend, Father Khalil. We also provide assistance in India and other parts of the world as the need arises. We are now open to anyone who may want to join us on this journey. For more information please see the Deacon's Website: <https://www.deaconaj.org>



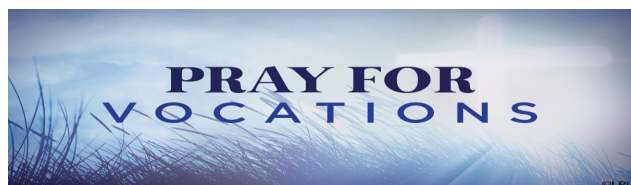
The Altoona Gabriel Project is a Catholic Pro-Life ministry dedicated to helping moms and babies with supplies, as well as providing spiritual and emotional support. Cathedral parish is a part of a group effort of several Altoona area parishes.

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

HEALING AND SALVATION

The readings today speak of healing and salvation. In Second Kings, Naaman, a commander of the army of the king of Syria, develops leprosy. He goes to a stranger, a prophet from Israel, when no one else can cure his disease. Much to his surprise, after a simple bath in the river, he is cured. In Luke's Gospel, Jesus cures ten lepers and sends them to the priest. Only one, a Samaritan, returns to thank Jesus for his cure and only he hears the words, "Your faith has saved you." The psalm and Timothy remind us that salvation involves justice, kindness, and faithfulness and forever links us with Jesus. In a world as broken as ours, both healing and salvation are necessary.



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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Gratitude is the key to a stewardship way of life. Today's readings demonstrate the power and vital importance of gratitude in the life of the Christian disciple, for gratitude leads us to worship God who offers us salvation.

The truth is that our very lives and every breath we take are His gifts to us. But we can get so caught up in the stresses and distractions of daily life that we lose touch with this truth. Gratitude begins within our minds and hearts when we take the time to recognize how blessed we truly are and when we have the humility to recognize where these blessings come from—our merciful and loving God.

The Samaritan from our Gospel today reacts to his gift of healing in much the same way as Naaman from our First Reading, and demonstrates the proper response to our loving God. Recognizing what he had just received from the Lord, he "returned, glorifying God in a loud voice; and he fell at the feet of Jesus and thanked Him." He was grateful for what God had done for him and this gratitude led to worship.



SANCTUARY CANDLES 2026

The months of February, April, May, June, September, October and December 2026 are available to be lit in memory or honor of someone special in your life. The cost is \$30.00 per month. A check or cash can be submitted to the office for a special month through the Sunday collection, through the mail or dropped off to the office with the month and intention clearly marked on the envelope.

Thank-you in advance for your support.