

# TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Twenty-Third Sunday in O. T.  
Sept. 8, 2019

Fill us at daybreak with your kindness, that we may shout for joy and gladness all our days.

— Psalm 90:14

Our Lady of Fatima  
Pleaded that we pray the Holy Rosary before Sunday Mass and privately from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm daily.

Exaltation of the Holy Cross-Sept.14th



**Our Lady of Fatima Parish  
2010 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue**

[www.ourladyoffatimaaltoona.org](http://www.ourladyoffatimaaltoona.org)  
Rectory Office Hours:

Monday – Friday 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Parish Office: 814-942-0371



## Our Lady of Fatima Mass Schedule

Sunday: 10:30 AM - Holy Days: 6:00PM  
Rosary: 10:05 AM - Rosary: 5:40 PM

Our Lady of Fatima Parish Administrator

Very Reverend Alan E. Thomas, VG

Parish Secretary  
Carol Z. Smith

Eucharist for the home bound - weekly:  
Patty Flanagan 942-0371 for arrangements.

Our Lady of Fatima Church is open  
Monday through Friday: 9AM - 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. 944-4603

**S**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

Very Rev. Alan E. Thomas, VG, Administrator  
PH: 814-742-7075, Allison, Secretary

Rev. Father Dennis M. Kurdziel, Parochial Vicar  
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](http://www.holytrinitycatholic.school)  
Altoona Campus (Pre-K thru Grade 4) - 381-7011  
Hollidaysburg Campus (Pre-K thru Grade 4) - 695-6112  
Middle School Campus (Grades 5 thru 8) - 942-7835

Directors of Religious Education:  
Chris Laraia – Pre-K thru 8 - 312-7317  
Jean Koury – 9 thru 12 – 949-2777

Religious Education Office: Sundays – 943-7424

Director of Music Ministry

Leslie C. Thayer, MM, CAGO  
Music Ministry Office - 944-2044  
E-Mail: [ltaylor@dioceseaj.org](mailto:ltaylor@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: 6:45 AM

8:00 AM	8:00 AM	12:00 Noon
10:00 AM	12:00 Noon	
12:00 Noon	5:30 PM	Saturday : 8:00 AM
5:00 PM		12:00 Noon

### POST-SUMMER CHALLENGES

*With any luck, summer delights will continue a while past last weekend's Labor Day: refreshing recreation (with maybe an occasional swim) or enjoyable relaxation on the deck (with tasty outdoor grilling). Truth is, for some of us, this year's Labor Day came way too early. With many schools back in session for a while already, mealtimes and driving schedules needed readjustment to coordinate youth sports with adult commitments. Some religious education and parish programs resumed, too. No surprise, then, that this weekend's scriptures sound a little like post-summer challenges. For instance, Wisdom reminds us that believers in God can never be content with "timid deliberations" and "unsure plans." Paul challenges longtime friend and follower Philemon to "let the good you do be voluntary." Jesus instructs "great crowds" traveling with him—including us—on three things necessary for all true disciples to accomplish. On this early autumn weekend, our scriptures describe disciples' lifelong labors.*

Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

*Eastern Catholic and Orthodox Christians share a love for the Byzantine liturgy because it is during the Eucharist that the Church is most true to its identity, expresses its integrity, and discovers its vocation. Eastern Catholic and Orthodox Christians celebrate essentially the identical liturgy, with only very slight variations. It is a fairly complex ritual weaving together three separate layers of prayers: a liturgy prayed in the sanctuary by priests, often hidden by a curtain or screen; a liturgy sung by the assembly and led by a deacon in front of a screen formed of painted icons; and a third layer of private prayer by the priest, who prays in support of the deacon and the faithful. It is an eyes-wide-open experience, gorgeous in visuals, and filled with the sound of God's people singing prayer. The energy of the worship centers on the presence of Christ, largely through an awareness of heaven touching earth when the Church gathers to celebrate.*

*In the late twentieth century, Latin Rite Catholics were encouraged to embrace a style of worship that was "full, conscious, and active," a value that has never been lost in the East. The liturgy has great impact in its beauty, in its poetry and contemplation, and by the actions of bowing, signing with the cross, and chanting that are required of the assembly. Contact with the Eastern Church reveals some key values that have been obscured in our own Church and are slowly being recovered.*

—James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

### THE VALUE OF EDUCATION

*What greater or better gift can we offer the republic than to teach and instruct our youth?*

—Cicero

### CONTINUE TO CHANGE

*When you're through changing, you're through.*

—Anonymous

The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, celebrated every year on September 14, recalls three historical events: the finding of the True Cross by Saint Helena, the mother of the emperor Constantine; the dedication of churches built by Constantine on the site of the Holy Sepulchre and Mount Calvary; and the restoration of the True Cross to Jerusalem by the emperor Heraclius II. But in a deeper sense, the feast also celebrates the Holy Cross as the instrument of our salvation. This instrument of torture, designed to degrade the worst of criminals, became the life-giving tree that reversed Adam's Original Sin when he ate from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil in the Garden of Eden.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>September 8, 2019</b>  <b>TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>  <b>10:30 AM</b></p> <p><b>OUR LADY OF FATIMA MASS INTENTIONS</b>      Readings: Wis 9:13-18; Phlm 9-10, 12-17; Lk 14:25-33</p> <p><b>Today's Intention -Grace Ruscito</b>      Readings: Ex 32:7-11,13-14; 1 Tm 1: 12-17; Lk 15:1-32  <b>Twenty-Fourth Sun. In O.T.</b>  <b>Rose Marie Bookhammer, Mary Ann Hofer</b></p> <p><b>Cathedral Mass Intention</b></p> <p><b>September 9, Monday: Saint Peter Claver, Priest</b>      Readings: Col 1:24-2:3; Lk 6:6-11      6:45 AM Audrey Krause (Phyllis Lavelle Sheetz)      12:00 PM Hilda Conrad (M/M R. Cummins &amp; Family)</p> <p><b>September 10, Tuesday: Weekday</b>      Readings: Col 2:6-15; Lk 6:12-19      6:45 AM Kay Alyce Seidel &amp; Irwin Lint (Family)      12:00 PM Angeline Mangiacarne (Dan &amp; Ann Costlow)</p> <p><b>September 11, Wednesday: Weekday</b>      Readings: Col 3:11; Lk 6:20-26      6:45 AM Roberta Lamont (Dave &amp; Maureen Hanekamp)      12:00 PM Special Intention (M/M Randy Grove)</p> <p><b>September 12, Thursday: The Most Holy Name of Mary</b>      Readings: Col 3:12-17; Lk 6:27-38      6:45 AM Alice Winkler (Lori &amp; Tim Wright)      12:00 PM Rosemarie Fedeli (Family)</p> <p><b>September 13, Friday: St John Chrysostom, Bp.&amp;Dr.</b>      Readings: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Lk 6:39-42      6:45 AM Rudy Seidel (Family)      12:00 PM Msgr. Roy Kline (Earl &amp; Sandy Krug)</p> <p><b>September 14, Saturday: Exaltation of the Holy Cross</b>      Readings: Num 21:4-9; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17      8:00 AM Carrie Kibler Detwiler (Skip Cowan Family)      12:00PM Rita Luciano (Jim &amp; Elaine Weaver)</p> <p><b>Vigil: Twenty-Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time</b>      Readings: Ex 32:7-11,13-14; 1 Tm 1: 12-17; Lk 15:1-32      5:00 PM Jennie Calabrese, Birth. (Daughter &amp; Family)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Jesus, Son of the Living Father,      Have Mercy on Me a Sinner.</i></p> <p><i>Please pray for all of our parishioners, especially for      those who have illnesses great and small and our      seniors who are lonely and need comfort and care.</i></p>	<p><b>September 8, 2019 Scripture Reflections</b></p> <p><i>The cost of being a follower of Jesus is demanding. The Second Reading illustrates this in the request Paul makes of his close friend Philemon. (This is the only private letter from Paul that has survived.) Paul, in prison, asks Philemon to receive back a slave, Onesimus who had run away. Paul had converted Onesimus to Christ and so asks Philemon to receive him back "no longer as a slave but as a brother." Paul asks Philemon to extend forgiveness.</i></p> <p><i>Today's First Reading from the Book of Wisdom reminds us that we do not have answers to everything. Even more so, we must recognize that we cannot understand God's mind. Only through the gift of wisdom and the Holy Spirit can we "know God's counsel."</i></p> <p><i>The Gospel continues the theme of the cost of discipleship. Jesus offers a series of sayings that require a depth of commitment, for example, "Whoever does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple." Jesus is being provocative and demanding. His unsettling language causes us to sit up and pay attention. When he says we should "hate our family members," Jesus obviously is not to be taken literally. What we hate is what is opposed to our relationship with him. The full meaning of the First Commandment to love God above all things is fleshed out in the examples Jesus gives: neither family members, or possessions, or even one's life can be placed above love and commitment to God. Priority must be given to our relationship with Jesus Christ.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>What demands does your Christian faith make on you?</b></li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;">AT HOME with the WORD 2019, Archdiocese of Chicago:      Liturgy Training Publications, pg. 125.</p>
---	---

**Boscov's Friends helping Friends** are on sale now for \$5.00 in the vestibule. Please get your cards early and sell to family and friends. We only have a short window to sell them. Your \$5.00 stays with the parish!

\$aveAround coupons books are here! The books are half the size with more variety of coupons and only \$20. a book. If you are traveling check out the website and get them for where you are going! Sample in the vestibule.

**Annual September Tours**--Again this year the Cathedral will offer one-hour tours on four separate dates in September of the magnificent Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament. September 7 will mark the 88th anniversary of the formal dedication of the Cathedral. The tour dates are: Sunday, September 1 at 1:00 P.M.; Tuesday, September 10 at 7:00 P.M.; Tuesday, September 17 at 7:00 P.M.; and Sunday, September 22 at 1:00 P.M. Light refreshments will be provided. Please call the Parish Office (944-4603) to make reservations.

#### Arise

**Arise Group Leader Meeting...** Wednesday, September 11, 2019, 6:00 PM Cathedral Parish Center, Religious Education Floor. Arise Together in Christ is a 6 week, Catholic based, small group faith-sharing program that guides Christians to know God better, grow spiritually, meet new people, improve our relationship with Christ, and put our faith into action.

Season 3, "In the Footsteps of Christ" will focus on the key themes of Catholic social teaching. Please consider participating in this program beginning on Sunday, October 6th. Sign-up weekends will be held at the Our Lady of Fatima door beginning September 14th.

#### Religious Ed

Just a reminder that the Religious Education Pre K-8th Grade, will be resuming classes this Sunday, from 8:30 AM-9:45 AM. If you did not already sign up, and if this is your first time please make sure that you have your child or children's Baptismal Certificate with you.

#### F.I.R.E Classes

Today September 8th,, and September 22nd, 6:15-8:15 PM.

#### Confirmation Prep for September

Confirmation prep for ALL students seeking Confirmation. (AAHS, BG, HLBG, Home schooled) First class is September 8th, 2019. (ALL) Ninth and Tenth Grade Candidates and Parent meeting. Following the 10:00 AM Mass in the Cathedral Hall. We will begin 11:05 AM lasting about 30 minutes.

#### September 15th Sunday 6:15-7:30 PM

Confirmation prep 11th Grade (only). Candidate/Parent/Sponsor meeting. Please have at least a parent or your sponsor with you.

#### Catholic Ministry Drive Goal = \$9,271.00

Report for EOM July, 2019. - We received \$4,790.00 in one time gifts and pledges. Still owing is \$4,481.00

Sept. 1st Weekly Collection \$1,577.00

**BIRTHDAYS:** Theresa Jorkasky 9/12; Patty Gaeto 9/14; Sara Quinlan 9/14; Mary Wall 9/14; Judy Cheslock 9/18;

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Nancy & Ed Ptak 9/14; Sherry & Mike Byrne 9/19;

**SARA QUINLAN WILL CELEBRATE HER 96TH BIRTHDAY ON SEPT 14TH**

1929 E. Pl. Valley Blvd, Altoona, Pa 16601

Please take the time to send her Birthday Wishes!



**OUR LADY URGES US TO PRAY THE HOLY ROSARY  
FOR  
PEACE AND OFFER  
SACRIFICES BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE!**

## CATHOLIC CHARITIES, INC. OF THE DIOCESE OF ALTOONA-JOHNSTOWN--DONATIONS NEEDED

Every day, people walk into the Catholic Charities Altoona Office seeking help--help with a bill or a place to stay, a cup of coffee and listening ear, or just a place to sit out of the summer heat or winter cold. All are welcome. In each one we see the face of Jesus.

Our office always tries to have free nonperishable food and personal/household supplies available for those that need it. Everything is given freely.

Right now we are out of several items which are most in demand:

- Toilet Paper
- Shampoo & Conditioner
- Toothpaste
- Canned Soups with pull tab tops
- Pop tarts/Toaster Pastries
- Canned Beefaroni / Spaghettios / Raviolis / Lasagna
- Cleaning Supplies - Spray Cleaners / Disinfectant Wipes

Your donations will help us bridge the gap between the summer and when the students at Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School do a major food drive for us right before Thanksgiving.

Please place your donated items in the boxes in the vestibule.

### ***Charismatic Prayer Group Dates***

*Cathedral Charismatic Prayer Group and Alive in the Spirit student group. Sunday, September 8th, Sunday October 6th, Sunday November 3rd, and Sunday December 1st, all will be held at Bishop Guilfoyle High School from 6:00PM - 7:00PM.*

*Monday September 23rd, and Monday November 18th, will be held at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament Church at 7:00 PM. All are welcome to join us.*

### **Padre Pio Family Fest at Saint John the Baptist New Baltimore**

*All are invited to Saint John the Baptist Parish and Retreat Center in New Baltimore on Sunday, September 8 for an exciting program of prayer, music, games and food. There will be an outdoor Mass at noon. During the afternoon there will be music and games. At 5PM there will be a healing prayer service in honor of Padre Pio. Relics of Padre Pio, including a glove he wore and blood from his stigmata will be available for veneration. The Fest is sponsored by the Capuchin Franciscan Friars. Padre Pio who died in 1968 had on his body the wounds of Christ. Padre Pio is well known as an intercessor. God has granted many healings and miracles through Padre Pio's prayers. At 5 PM there will be a special prayer service where all are invited to ask for healing and for other favors.*

*Adult catechesis promotes mature adult faith: the faith of the disciple who has been saved by Christ's redemptive love and who is being continually converted to him. Adult catechesis fosters this discipleship by providing "a comprehensive and systematic presentation and exploration of the core elements of Catholic faith and practice—a complete initiation into a Catholic way of life."*

---From the National Directory for Catechesis

*The Office of Adult Enrichment and Lay Ecclesial Ministry has announced classes for 2019-2020 which begin this fall. For class information and registration forms please visit us online at [www.dioceseaj.org/lay-ecclesial-ministry/](http://www.dioceseaj.org/lay-ecclesial-ministry/) or contact us directly at (814) 361-2000 or by email at [mheinze@dioceseaj.org](mailto:mheinze@dioceseaj.org). All are welcome!*

