

# TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

St. Janarius Feast-Day Sept. 19th

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Twenty-Fourth Sunday in O. T.  
Sept. 15, 2019  
A clean heart create for me, O  
God,  
and a steadfast spirit  
renew within me.  
— Psalm 51:12

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



**Our Lady of Fatima Parish**  
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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: 6:00 PM  
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:  
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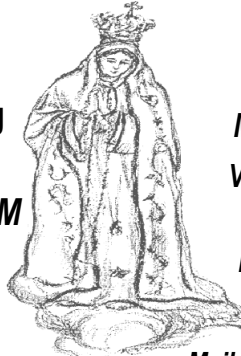
Our Lady of Fatima Church is open  
Monday through Friday: 9AM - 5PM  
for visits before the Blessed Sacrament.

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  
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healing may call the Cathedral Parish Office to  
make arrangements. 944-4603

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One Cathedral Square

Most Reverend Mark L. Bartchak, Bishop  
Very Rev. Alan E. Thomas, VG, Administrator  
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Reconciliation @ Cathedral: 7:00 PM Wednesday  
12:30 PM Saturday

Religious Education @ Cathedral: Pre-K through 11  
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Confirmation

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Marriage Prep  
Christian Initiation

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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

## LOST AND FOUND

*Welcome to "Lost and Found Sunday"! Just in case being in church makes us proudly consider ourselves especially religious, today's Gospel suggests that we'd be wiser to admit that we're sometimes lost. Then we'll eventually be happily counted among Jesus' "found," because today Jesus focuses on a lost sheep, lost coin, lost son. Jesus does so because the Pharisees and scribes, proudly considering themselves especially religious, "began to complain" that Jesus "welcomes sinners and eats with them." So Jesus warns them—and us—to stop judging others. Marvel instead that God's amazing grace has found us! Indeed, we should become Jesus' friends lovingly trying to find others. So Exodus asks, if God "relented in punishment" and pardoned us, shouldn't we forgive fellow sinners graciously? Even Paul admits his "arrogance" as "foremost among sinners." We too, happy at being "mercifully treated," should share with everyone else Jesus' unfailing patience.*

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## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

*Although New Year's Day has been fixed firmly on January 1 for several hundred years, Labor Day has the feel of a great dividing line between leisure and routine. The pace of life has since picked up, and new schedules and commitments crowd us. In the background is God's call to consider the third commandment, still life-giving and binding, to make holy the Lord's Day by worship and rest. Jews see the Sabbath, Saturday, not so much as a day of worship, but as a day of rest, a day of renewing friendship with God by delighting in the beauty of creation and the joy of family and friends. It is a day for contemplating the wonder of God's creation, but not disturbing it.*

*For Christians in the first three centuries, the Lord's Day, Sunday, was not for rest, but worship. It was a regular work day. People met before dawn, and after Eucharist hurried off to daily routines. Today we come to Mass, but many hurry off to essential work, not a day of rest. The Lord's Day is not the Sabbath, but we can enhance Sunday's ability to transform us if we consider embracing some Sabbath values: having a family meal, going for a walk in a beautiful place, making room in our lives to open ourselves more fully to holiness of life in Christ.*

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## NEEDED

*The thing that is most needed in homes today is a family.*

—Anonymous

## REMOTELY SPEAKING

*Television remote controls encourage couch potatoes to exercise their options while broadening their base.*

—Anonymous

## St. Januarius, Bishop and Martyr, Feast Day Sept. 19th

*Patron Saint of Blood banks, Naples, Volcanic eruptions; Many centuries ago, St. Januarius died for the Faith in the persecution of Diocletian, and to this day God confirms the faith of His Church, and works a continual miracle, through the blood which Januarius shed for Him.*

*The Saint was Bishop of Beneventum, and on one occasion he travelled to Misenum in order to visit a deacon named Sosius. During this visit Januarius saw the head of Sosius, who was singing the gospel in the church, girt with flames, and took this for a sign that ere long Sosius would wear the crown of martyrdom.*

*So it proved. Shortly after Sosius was arrested, and thrown into prison. There St. Januarius visited and encouraged him, till the bishop also was arrested in turn. Soon the number of the confessors was swollen by some of the neighboring clergy. They were exposed to the wild beasts in the amphitheatre.*

*The beasts, however, did them no harm; and at last the Governor of Campania ordered the Saints to be beheaded. Little did the heathen governor think that he was the instrument in God's hand of ushering in the long succession of miracles which attest the faith of Januarius.*

*The relics of St. Januarius rest in the cathedral of Naples, and it is there that the liquefaction of his blood occurs. The blood is congealed in two glass vials, but when it is brought near the martyr's head it melts and flows like the blood of a living man.*

September 15, 2019  
TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
10:30 AM

## September 15, 2019 Scripture Reflections

### OUR LADY OF FATIMA MASS INTENTIONS

Readings: Ex 32:7-11,13-14; 1 Tm 1: 12-17; Lk 15:1-32

#### Today's Intention - Rose Marie Bookhammer

Readings: Am 8:4-7; 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13 [10-13]

September 22nd, Twenty-Fourth Sun. In O.T.

Vanessa Burr, Anthony Bruno

As we look back over the lives, we recall with embarrassment and guilt sinful events we should rather forget. Each of the readings recalls such moments but these are celebrated instead of forgotten. In the readings from Exodus the people of Israel, whom God had liberated from slavery, have turned away to worship false gods. In prayer, Moses mediates on their behalf and they experience the joy of God's merciful love.

In his letter to Timothy, Paul recalls his former way of life as he persecuted Christ and his followers. Without excusing himself, Paul celebrates the forgiveness he has experienced through the Risen Christ's call and transformation.

The Gospel offers three parables displaying God's immense love and forgiveness. "There will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance."

This joy is captured in the parable that could be called the "Parable of the Forgiving Father." After patiently awaiting his son's return, the father sees him in the distance, runs, and embraces him. Such actions may have been extraordinary for a Jewish patriarch. The son begins to ask forgiveness, saying, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you," but the father interrupts his prepared speech and throws a party to welcome him back. Forgiveness results in celebration.

The second part of the parable, contrasts the father's joy and forgiveness with the elder son's inability to forgive. He cannot share his father's joy. Undoubtedly, the father portrays the greatest example of God's forgiving and embracing love.

- How can you imitate St. Paul in celebrating God's loving forgiveness in your life?

### Cathedral Mass Intention

#### September 16, Monday: Sts. Cornelius, Pope & Cyprian, Bp.

Readings: 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 7:1-10

6:45 AM Bill Clemens, Anniv. (Daughter Carole)

12:00 PM John Hupert (Family)

#### September 17, Tuesday: St. Robert Bellarmine, Bp. & Dr.

Readings: 1 Tm 3:1-13; Lk 7:11-17

6:45 AM Kitty Bell, Anniversary (Family)

12:00 PM Fred Fedeli (Rosemarie Fedeli)

#### September 18, Wednesday: Weekday

Readings: 1 Tm 3:14-16; Lk 7:31-35

6:45 AM Cathedral Anniversary (McNellis All Stars)

12:00 PM Sally Colledge (Pete Colledge & Family)

#### September 19, Thursday: St. Januarius, Bp. & Martyr

Readings: 1 Tm 4:12-16; Lk 7:36-50

6:45 AM Special Intention - Health

12:00 PM Kyle Holtz (Family)

#### September 20, Friday: Sts. Andrew & Paul and Comp., Martyrs

Readings: 1 Tm 6:2-12; Lk 8:1-3

6:45 AM Bernie McLucas (Family)

12:00 PM Steve Flanagan (M/M Steven McCloskey)

#### September 21, Saturday: St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

Readings: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Mt 9:9-13

8:00 AM Dottie Berger (Pat Byrne & Family)

12:00 PM Priests

#### Vigil: Twenty-Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Readings: Am 8:4-7; 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13

5:00 PM Mary Ann Irwin (M/M Francis Dambeck)

*Jesus, Son of the Living Father,  
Have Mercy on Me a Sinner.*

*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.*

**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!

**SaveAround** coupon 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 left are: 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 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 today, **September 15th**. Please see **sign up sheet in vestibule**. We are in need of 1 or 2 leaders for Our Lady of Fatima classes. If you are interested please call Chris Laraia at 312-7314.

### **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.

### **Confirmation Prep for September**

**September 15th, today, 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.

**F.I.R.E Classes** September 22nd, 6:15-8:15 PM.

### **Hurricane Dorian Collection**

There will be a special collection the weekend of **September 21 & 22**, at all masses throughout the Diocese. Checks may be made payable to Catholic Charities. All contributions will be forwarded to Catholic Relief Services and Catholic Charities USA who will see that financial assistance will go to those in need.

**Catholic Ministry Drive Goal = \$9,271.00** - Report for EOM Aug, 2019. - We received \$5425.00 in one time gifts and pledges. Still owing is \$3,846.00

**Sept. 8th Weekly Collection \$1,753.00**

**BIRTHDAYS:** Emma Kowalski, 9/20; Bill Bravin 9/23; Jill Watters 9/23;

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Linda & John Potopa 9/19; 9/23;

**St. Demetrius Parish in Gallitzin** will hold its annual Chicken BBQ Dinner and Mini-Bazaar, Sunday, Sept. 29th in the parish Activity Center, 714 Foster St., in Gallitzin. Dinners for Adults: \$10.00; Children 6-12: \$6.00; Children aged 5 and under: free. Takeouts \$10.00. A flea market will also be featured, as well as baked goods, games, and baskets. Dinner will be served from 11 AM until -?



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PEACE AND OFFER  
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## 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.

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

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- 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.

## OBERAMERGAU PASSION PLAY: SEPTEMBER 16 THROUGH 24, 2020

*Father Aron Maghsoudi of Queen of Angels Parish in Central City will be hosting a trip to the play and a tour of the ever enchanting countryside of Central/Eastern Europe, open to anyone who loves beautiful churches, epic meals, unforgettable scenery, and fascinating history. The trip includes the Passion Play and visits to Munich, the Bavarian Sea, Cesky Krumlov, Prague, JutnaHora, Olomuc, the Wielczka Salt Mines, Krakow, a tour of the incredible scenic landscapes of Central and Eastern Europe, and an optional excursion to a village in Slovakia. Additionally, the trip includes commentary and restaurants handpicked by Fr. Aron based on his many European adventures. If you've ever hoped to see Europe for the first time, to discover the treasures of Eastern Europe or enjoy some of Europe's off the beaten path surprises, this trip will not disappoint! Trip includes daily Mass and airfare with the total cost of \$3,399. For more information or for a brochure, please contact Fr. Aron by phone at (814) 754-5224, or by email: amaghsoudi@dioceseaj.org.*

### Charismatic Prayer Group Dates

*Cathedral Charismatic Prayer Group and Alive in the Spirit student group. 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.*

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