

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Twenty-Sixth Sunday in O. T.
Sept. 29, 2019

[K]eep the commandment
without stain or reproach until
the appearance of our Lord
Jesus Christ
—1 Timothy :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.

The Holy Guardian Angels-October 2nd



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



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

Our Lady of Fatima Mass Schedule
Sunday: 10:30 AM - Holy Days: 6:00PM
Rosary: 10:05 AM - Rosary: 5:40 PM

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Very Reverend Alan E. Thomas, VG
Parish Secretary
Carol Z. Smith

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Chris Laraia – Pre-K thru 8 - 312-7317
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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

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.

Religious Education @ Cathedral: Pre-K through 11
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Confirmation
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Marriage Prep
Christian Initiation
Hospital Visitation: Call the Cathedral: 944-4603

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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

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

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.

HOW GOD INTENDS US TO LIVE

Today's readings are again directed to believers, communities of faith. As in last week's reading, Amos confronts us with a condemnation of those whose lives are focused on pleasure and self-absorption. The psalm contrasts that focus with the Lord's—justice for the oppressed; food the hungry; freedom for captives; sight to the blind; raising of those who are bowed down; loving the just; protecting strangers, orphans, and the widow; and by doing so, thwarting the way of the wicked. Timothy urges the pursuit of righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness. Luke tells the familiar tale of the wealthy man and the poor beggar at his doorstep, who experience life very differently in this world and in the next. We are once again being given clear indications about how God intends for us to live our lives.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Over the past century, a desire to recover a deep sense of unity among all believers in Christ has grown. The "ecumenical movement" (from the Greek word meaning the "the whole inhabited world") began among Protestant Christians, but was given great energy in 1920 with a letter from the Orthodox Patriarch of Constantinople, calling for closer dialogue and cooperation among Christians. In 1960, Pope John XXIII invited Protestant and Orthodox observers to the Second Vatican Council. In 1964, the Council's Decree on Ecumenism named these Christians "separated brethren," a huge leap forward from the time of labeling them as "outside the Church." A year later, a new pope, Paul VI, and the Orthodox Patriarch officially nullified the condemnations that walled off East from West for nine hundred years.

The pace and optimism of the 1960s has sadly waned, and the signs of progress toward unity are few; yet there are wider agreements on sharing Communion among various Christian denominations, and among Protestants agreements regarding sharing of ecclesiastical life and ministry. Among the success stories of the ecumenical movement are greater cooperation among Christian clergy, a similar Lectionary for Protestants and Catholics, and even experiments in the monastic life and common worship.

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PRAYING TO THE ANGELS

We pray to the angels, for they are given to us as guardians.

—St. Ambrose

INVOLVEMENT

Our job is to get in the game, not keep score.

—Anonymous

THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS

October 2, 2019

The mission of the Guardian Angels is, as Saint Paul tells us, to serve the future heirs of salvation. Every kingdom, country, diocese, church and religious order has its protecting Guardian Angel. So has every person. Each bishop of the Catholic Church has two Guardian Angels. Our Guardian Angel is given us at the moment of our birth, stays with us all through life, comforts us in Purgatory, and escorts us, if we are saved, into Heaven. There is a special angel in each church to record all distractions and irreverence's that occur there. The greatest joy any of us can give our Guardian Angel is to receive Holy Communion and make our breast a tabernacle of the Eternal God before Whom this angel can adore. Many of the saints saw their Guardian Angels. Saint Rose of Lima did, and so did Saint Gemma Galgani. And so did Saint Frances of Rome, Saint Margaret of Cortona and Saint Bridget of Sweden. A great Pope, Saint Gregory the Great, was tenderly devoted to his Guardian Angel. Saint Catherine of Siena saw her Guardian Angel. Saint Francis de Sales had, as one of his special devotions, reverence for the Holy Angels who have charge of the care of the tabernacle in every Catholic Church.

There are nine choirs of angels, and three hierarchies. These choirs and hierarchies are: first hierarchy, Angels, Archangels and Principalities; second hierarchy, Powers, Virtues and Dominions; third hierarchy, Thrones, Cherubim and Seraphim. This is in the order of ascent. It is from the first hierarchy — Angels, Archangels and Principalities — that guardians are chosen by God for man. Angels are for individuals. Archangels are for parishes, churches and religious communities. And Principalities are for provinces, countries and nations. Saint Augustine says, "Go where we will, our angels are always with us." Saint Jerome says, "So sublime is the dignity of the human soul that from its birth there is appointed to each one a Guardian Angel." And Saint Bernard says, "Make the holy angels your friends. No matter how weak we may be, or lowly our condition, or how great the dangers which surround us, we have nothing to fear under the protection of these guardians." In every difficulty, danger and temptation, Saint Bernard urges us to invoke our Guardian Angel.

September 29, 2019
TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
10:30 AM

September 29, 2019 Scripture Reflections

OUR LADY OF FATIMA MASS INTENTIONS

Readings: Am 6:1, 4-7; 1 Tm 6:11-16; Lk 16:19-31

Today's Intention - Poor Souls in Purgatory

Readings: Hb 1:2-3,2:2-4; 2 Tm 1:6-8,13-14; Lk 17:5-10

October 6th, Twenty-Seventh Sun. In O.T.

M. Charlotte McCall, (Theresa Heasley)

Cathedral Mass Intention

September 30, Monday: St. Jerome, PR & DR. Church

Readings: Zec 8:1-8; Lk 9:46-50

6:45 AM Beverly Woodring (Jerry Fleck)

12:00 PM John Vogel (Mary Gene & Maureen Vogel)

October 1, Tuesday: St. Therese of the Child Jesus

Readings: Zec 8:20-23; Lk 9:51-56

6:45 AM John Adams Sr. Anniversary (Family)

12:00 PM Bishop Joseph Adamec (Pat & Tom Forr)

October 2, Wednesday: The Holy Guardian Angels

Readings: Neh 2:1-8; Mt 18:1-5,10

6:45 AM Bernie McLucas (Family)

12:00 PM Richard Anthony (Dave & Karen Reimer)

October 3, Thursday: Weekday

Readings: Neh 8:1-4,5-6,7-12; Lk 10:1-12

6:45 AM Adelaide Kipple (M&M Dave Hanekamp)

12:00 PM Robert Wojcik (M/M Mike Byrne)

October 4, Friday: Saint Francis of Assisi

Readings: Bar 1:15-22; Lk 10:13-16

6:45 AM Jane Davidson (Mike Davidson & Jan Young)

12:00 PM Delphina Rutolo Anniversary (Family)

October 5, Saturday: Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos

Readings: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Lk 10:17-24

8:00 AM Agnes Shaffer (Family)

12:00 PM Deacon John Szwarc (Family)

Vigil: Twenty-Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time

Readings: Hb 1:2-3,2:2-4; 2 Tm 1:6-8,13-14; Lk 17:5-10

5:00 PM Edgar A. Johnston Ann (Wife & Mother).

"Woe to the complacent," shouts the prophet Amos in the First Reading. Indifference to the needs and plight of those around us, challenges the prophet Amos and Jesus in today's readings.

Luke tells the parable in the Gospel in three scenes. In the first, a contrast is drawn between the sumptuous lifestyle of a rich man (who remains unnamed) and the poor man (named Lazarus) covered with sores and lying at the entrance to the rich man's estate. There Lazarus dies, forgotten, with no mention of burial. The rich man also dies and is buried.

The next scene takes place in the afterlife, where the roles are reversed and Lazarus is with Abraham while the rich man is in torment. In the final scene, the rich man begs that his brothers be warned about their fate for overlooking the poor. Like the rich man and his brothers, we have the teachings of Scripture, but we also have the example from this parable and most importantly that of Christ, to remind us of our responsibility to care for the needs of others. Christians can never be indifferent to the needs of injustices done to others. Pope Paul VI said in *Populorum progressio*, 23, "It is well known how strong were the words used by the Fathers of the Church to describe the proper attitude of persons who possess anything towards persons in need. To quote Saint Ambrose: "You are not making a gift of your possessions to the poor persons in need. You are handing over to him what is his. For what has been given in common for the use of all, you have abrogated to yourself."

- **How has your life been touched or changed when you have responded to someone in need?**

*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.

Life Chain--Please join us for our annual LIFE CHAIN Sunday, October 6, 2019 from 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM meet at 17th Street and 9th Ave., Altoona (at the Station Medical Center). Call 814-946-0681. The Preborn Have a Right to Life! This is Why We "Life Chain."

2019 ALTOONA PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY RALLY, HERITAGE PLAZA, 11TH AVE., 14TH St. ALTOONA. Join in the praying of the Rosary on the 100th Anniversary of the "Miracle of the Sun" at Fatima on Saturday, October 12th, 2019 at NOON at the Heritage Plaza, 11th Ave. and 14th Street, Altoona. This event is celebrated in over 20,000 cities around the world on this same day. Invite a friend. We will be praying for our nation, veterans and troops. Go to www.anf.org.

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INDOOR YARD SALE - Saturday, October 19, 2019 - 8 AM-1 PM - **Saint Mark's Recreation Hall** - 416 6th Avenue Rear, Altoona. The Kitchen will be open. If you would like to rent a double table for \$15, get in touch with Sally Young at 515-1404.

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 until October 5th . Please see sign up sheet in vestibule.

Confirmation Prep Class- Fall Session Sunday September 29th , ALL 10th graders will meet in the Cathedral Hall from 6:15-7:30 PM

First Reconciliation Prep Students and parents will meet for the first session on October 2nd at 6:30 PM in the Seton Suite. Please bring your child's copy of baptism and registration form if you have not already sent those in. Call Chris Laraia, (814-312-7317) if you have any questions.

Religious Ed PK-8 Donations of tissues, paper towels, hand sanitizer/wipes, and Lysol cleaning products are needed with the start of the season. Please help if you can.

Silver Rose Pilgrimage The Pilgrimage of the Silver Rose sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, is stopping here at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament Monday, September 30th at 7:00 PM for a program. The Rose travels from Canada through the United States on to its final destination of Mexico City, to honor Our Lady of Guadalupe on her feast day, December 12th. Please plan to attend this program to honor all life.

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

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Sept. 22nd Weekly Collection \$2,425.00

BIRTHDAYS: Mark Panek 10/6; Colleen Douglass 10/7;

Stewardship Reflections

Our culture makes it easy to be like the rich man. It is easy to "walk by" those asking for a handout. On our electronic devices, it is easy to watch the basest human tendencies play out as entertainment. Charity begins by seeing others through God's eyes, as persons made in God's image and worthy of our love and care.

We are called to live as stewards in our homes, our neighborhoods, and our community. Our gifts are needed by those around us. Our acts of sharing are our witness of our belief in Jesus.

Welcome

Monsignor Stanley Carson. Monsignor Carson has had many years of experience as a priest and pastor. He has served admirably as Vicar General of our Diocese, and he has the respect of Bishops, Priests, and Deacons. Please give him your prayerful support.

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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.

VISIT TO HISTORIC CHURCHES--

Fr. Aron Maghsoudi will view sponsoring a daytrip to visit five historic ethnic parishes in Cleveland, Ohio on Sunday, October 7th. They include architecturally significant churches that serve German, Irish, Hungarian, Slovenian, and Polish Communities. The bus has pick up locations in Central City, Boswell, and Latrobe. The cost is \$50 per person. For more information or to register for the trip, please call the parish rectory at 814-754-5224. All are welcome. (Please call Carol at the rectory if you would like to car pool.)

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 Wieliczka 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 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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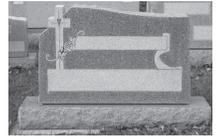
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