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Thank you,

Msgr. Stan Carson

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September 13, 2020

*Our church is open from
from 7:30 am to 5:00 pm*

Our Lady of Fatima Parish
2010 12th Avenue

www.ourladyoffatimaaltoona.org

Rectory Office Hours:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday - 11 AM - 2PM

Parish Office: 814-942-0371

Our Lady of Fatima Church

Our Lady of Fatima Parish Administrator

Rev. Msgr. Stanley B. Carson

Parish Secretary

Carol Z. Smith

Director of Music Ministry

Kathy McFee

Eucharist 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

PH: 814-944-4603

Rev. Father Dennis M. Kurdziel, Parochial Vicar

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Catholics returning Home: 944-4603

**Mail Ministry to Elderly, Homebound, Seriously Sick
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HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Web: www.holytrinitycatholic.school

Altoona Campus (Pre-K thru Grade 4) - 381-7011

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

Jean Koury – 9 thru 12 – 949-2777

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Leslie C. Thayer, MM, CAGO

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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

September 13, 2020
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
10:30 AM

OUR LADY OF FATIMA MASS INTENTIONS

Today's Intention - Bernadette Weakland, (M/M Francis Krug)

Readings: Sir 27:30-28:7; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18: 21-35

September 20, 2020 - Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Is 55:6-9; Phil 1:20-24,27; Mt 20:1-16

Next Week's Intention-Poor Souls, (Anonymous)

Cathedral Mass Intentions

September 14, Monday, The Exaltation of the Cross

Readings: Nm 21: 4-9; Phil 2: 6-11; Jn 3: 13-17

6:45 AM +Msgr. Paul Panza (Bell & Breinick Family)

12:00 PM +Joseph Knott (Colleen Douglass)

September 15, Tuesday, Our Mother of Sorrows

Readings: 1 Cor 12:12-14,27-31; Jn 19:25-27

6:45 AM +Fred Fedeli (Rose Marie Fedeli)

12:00 PM +Sandy Cuzzolina (Family)

September 16, Wednesday, Sts. Cornelius and Cyprian

Readings: 1 Cor 12: 31-13:13; Lk 7: 31-35

6:45 AM Our Cathedral Parish (McNelis All Stars)

12:00 PM +Jane Davidson (John & Alice Joyce & Family)

September 17, Thursday, St. Robert Bellarmine

Readings: 1 Cor.15: 1-11; Lk 7: 36-50

6:45 AM +Kitty Bell (Family)

12:00 PM +Robert Wojcik (Jim & Steph Kilcoyne)

September 18, Friday, Weekday

Readings: 1 Cor 15: 12-20; Lk 8: 1-3

6:45 AM +Marti Stefanon (Tony & Anna Rose Eckenrode)

12:00 PM +Patricia Koeck (Darin & Dana Tornatore)

September 19, Saturday, Weekday

Readings 1 Cor. 15: 35-37, 42-49; Lk 8: 4-15

6:45 AM +Bernie McLucas (Family)

12:00 PM +Beverly Woodring (Bridgid & Mike Cardone)

Vigil: Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 PM +Kyle Duffy (Tim & Pam Seasoltz)

September 20, Sunday

8:00 AM +Mary Ann Irwin (Fran & Chrissy Dambeck)

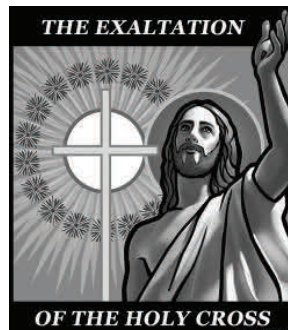
10:00 AM +James Gardner (Jerry & Mary Grace Neugebauer)

12:00 PM +John Duffy (Molony Family)

5:00 PM Pro Popolo/For the People

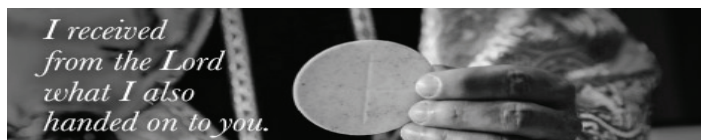


Today, Sunday, September 13, is Grandparents Day. Pope Francis said "Grandparents are a treasure in the family. Please, take care of your grandparents: love them and let them talk to your children."



We adore You,
O Christ
and we praise You.
Because by Your
Holy Cross You
have redeemed the
world.

The 2020 Catechetical Sunday theme is taken from St. Paul's first letter to the Corinthians, "**I Received from the Lord what I also Handed on to You.**" This theme focuses on the essential work of catechesis, which is an invitation to a whole new life given by Christ Himself. Catechetical Sunday in next weekend.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

PK/8 religious education classes began on September 13th through the use of an online program. If you haven't registered, please contact Chris Laraia (814-312-7317) or Jean Koury (814-949-2777).

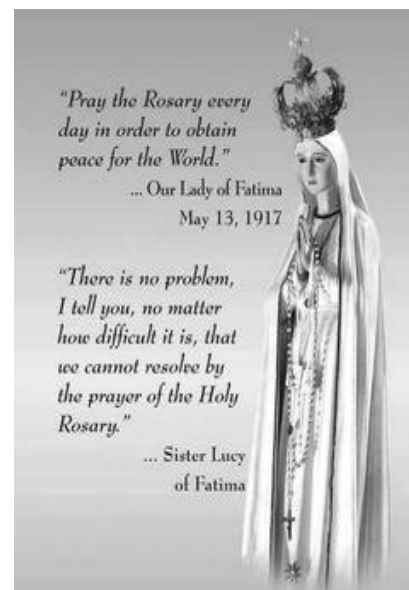
Thank You

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

Last week's parish-ioner contributions amounted to \$1,689.00.

Please Remember

Please remember to wear some form of facial covering when you enter our church and keep a safe physical distance if you are not with family.





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Peter asked,
“Lord,
how often
must I forgive?
As many as
seven times?”

MATTHEW 18:21

TWENTY-
FOURTH
SUNDAY
IN
ORDINARY
TIME
SEPTEMBER
13
2020

GOD’S MERCY

In many of our relationships with others—friends, spouse, neighbors, or co-workers—often the most difficult times come when someone damages the relationship. There are moments when only apology and forgiveness can lead to healing. In this week’s readings, we are reminded how our connection with God is woven into our relationships with others. God is the source of all mercy, and all of us stand in need of forgiveness. As we are able to accept the mercy of God deep within our hearts, we become empowered to show mercy to others. When things go badly in our relationships, we can remember that God is present at the center of these difficult moments. God is offering grace to ask forgiveness, to receive apology, and to accept the forgiveness extended to us.

FORGIVEN AND FORGIVING

In today’s Gospel, Jesus calls his followers to forgive “seventy-seven” times. In other words, stop keeping track when forgiving others. But when we are hurt, this is really hard to do. In fact, to protect ourselves from further hurt, we might be inclined to do the opposite, and lash out. Jesus teaches the futility of this approach.

Jesus’ parable of the unforgiving servant reminds us that in the course of our lives we have harmed others, and so distanced ourselves from God. We have also been harmed by others. Like the servant, we sometimes owe a debt, and sometimes others owe a debt to us. Here we are invited to stop the cycle of pain with the grace of mercy. We are called to imitate our God, who forgives wholeheartedly.

PROTECTING THE VULNERABLE

It is also tempting to view this teaching on forgiveness in isolation. This would suggest that the burden is placed entirely upon the offended person to go on forgiving, without mentioning any accountability on the part of the offending person. This interpretation can often be dangerous. The call to forgive should never be used as a cover for bullying or for oppressive relationships of any kind.

It is helpful to consider all of chapter 18 in Matthew’s Gospel, which teaches about forgiveness and reconciliation, and the exercise of authority in the Christian community. Last week’s Gospel (Matthew 18:15–18) provides guidance on how Christians can call to accountability someone who has hurt others, to protect the weak, and to seek reconciliation as a community. The parable we hear today reminds us that, like the master who protected the second servant from the cruelty of the unforgiving servant, God seeks to guard the most vulnerable from harm.

The Gospel of Matthew presented an alternative to the violence-based order of his day. Matthew described Jesus’ vision of community, in which power is used at the service of all and the vulnerable are protected and cherished.

TODAY’S READINGS

Sirach 27:30 — 28:7
Psalm 103:1–4, 9–12
Romans 14:7–9
Matthew 18:21–35