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Thank you,

Msgr. Stan Carson

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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

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

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: lthayer@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

September 20, 2020
TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
10:30 AM

OUR LADY OF FATIMA MASS INTENTIONS
Today's Intention - Poor Souls, (Anonymous)

September 27, 2020 - Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary
Time

Next Week's Intention-Thomas W. Stoltz, Sr. (Frances
Good)

Cathedral Mass Intentions

September 21, Monday, St. Matthew

6:45 AM +Rev. Paul E. Turnbull (M/M Dave Hanekamp)
12:00 PM +Joseph & Helen Carson (Daughter, Doris Eget)

September 22, Tuesday, Weekday

6:45 AM +Mary Ann "Behe" Eger (The Carosielli Family)
12:00 PM +Joe Tomlinson (Alice Winkler)

September 23, Wednesday, St. Pius of Pietrelcina

6:45 AM +Betsy Cote (Barb Stoltz)
12:00 PM +Patricia Koeck (John Koeck & Family)

September 24, Thursday, Weekday

6:45 AM +Kyle Duffy (Beth Moore)
12:00 PM +Michael & Ella Gibbons (Children of Thomas
& Mary Irwin)

September 25, Friday, Weekday

6:45 AM Mass of Thanksgiving (Anonymous)
12:00 PM +Deacon Jim Leap (Ed & Lois Simanski)

September 26, Saturday, Sts. Cosmas and Damian

8:00 AM +James Lower (Charismatic Prayer Group)
12:00 PM +Darlene Werchowski (Patricia Rhoa)

Vigil: Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 PM +Tom Boslet (Pam & Tim Seasoltz)

September 27, Sunday

8:00 AM +Robert Beck (John & Alice Joyce)
10:00 AM +Kimberly Kokolis Moran, Birthday (Mom & Dad)
12:00 PM +Brian & Barry Elmers (Mom & Dad)
5:00 PM Pro Popolo/For the People



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Turn to the LORD who is generous in forgiving (Isaiah 55:6-9).

Psalms — The Lord is near to all who call upon him (Psalm 145).

Second Reading — Live your lives in a way worthy of the gospel of Christ (Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a).

Gospel — The last will be first, and the first will be last (Matthew 20:1-16a).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13

Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44; Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9;

Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163; Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17bc;
Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Eccl 3:1-11; Ps 144:1b, 2abc, 3-4;
Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: Eccl 11:9 — 12:8; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17;
Lk 9:43b-45

Sunday: Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25:4-9; Phil 2:1-11 [1-5];

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 is today. Gratitude is extended to Chris Laraia, Jean Koury, our catechists, and our parents who help our children and teens grow in faith.

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).

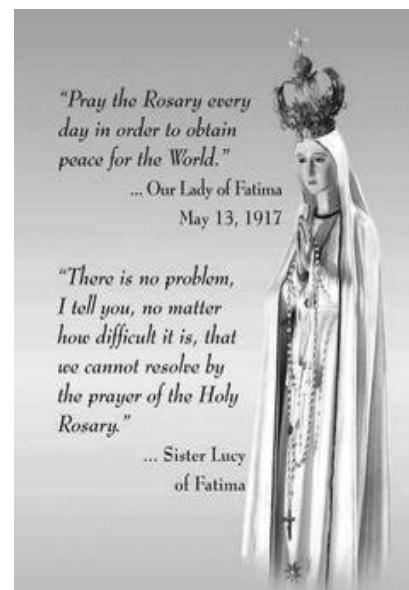
Thank You

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

Last week's parishioner contributions amounted to \$1,279.

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.

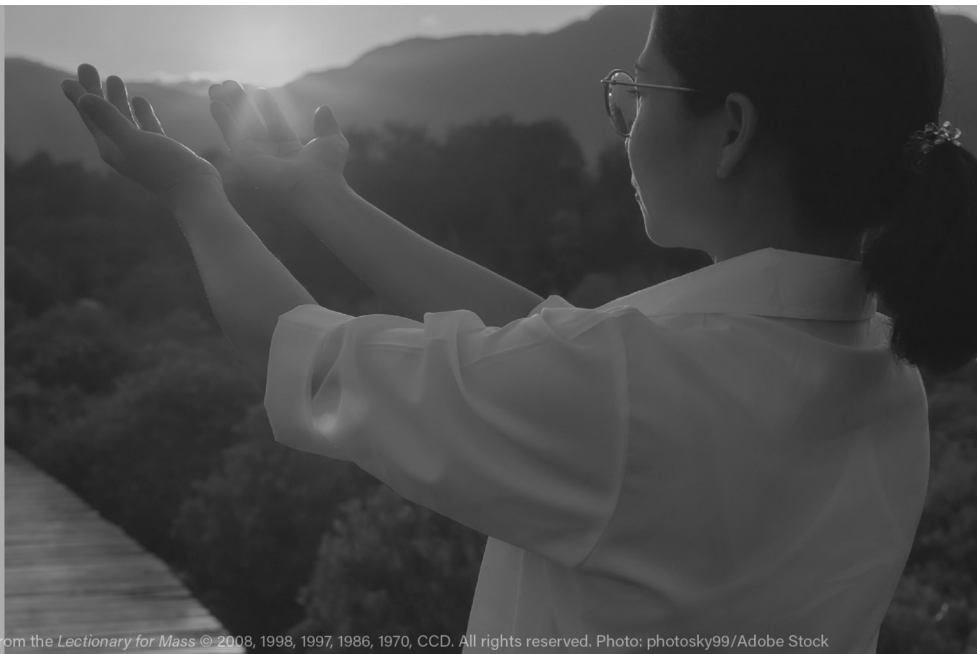


As high as the heavens
are above the earth,
so high are my ways
above your ways
and my thoughts
above your thoughts.

ISAIAH 55:9

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 20 2020

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Jesus' parable depicts workers who "punch the clock" at various times throughout the long day: dawn, nine, noon, three, and five o'clock. Regardless of when they began working in the vineyard, the laborers all receive the same reward. The reward seems lavish to the latecomers, of course, and shockingly unfair to the long-faithful workers. The landowner soothes his most dutiful laborers, however, delighting in them as friends and transforming their bitter confrontation into a reflection on generosity. The laborers who arrived at five o'clock might have been late to the job, but those who began at the crack of dawn were last to understand the extravagant bounty of the landowner. Seen in this way, the parable discusses not only God's generosity toward "unworthy" believers, but also the Lord's inexhaustible patience toward those who thought they had nothing more to learn.

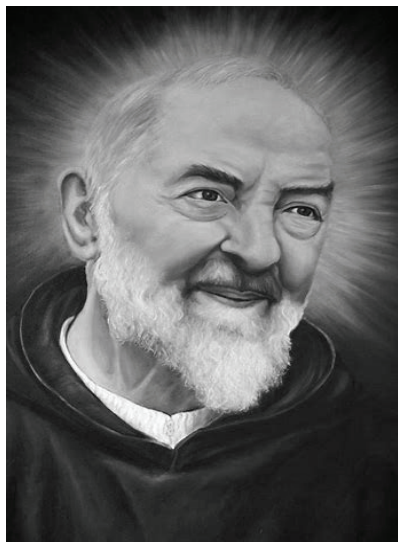
BEGINNING AGAIN

Today's readings provide sweet refreshment to all of us who know the bitterness of discouragement. No matter how stubbornly we determine to improve ourselves, the human

condition often leaves us in puddles of failure and regret. Jesus has a new plan for us. Today's Gospel parable demonstrates the mercy of God, mercy that rejoices in fresh beginnings. We take comfort in knowing that God accompanies us in our labors—and works for us—whether we struggle with caring for our bodies, striving for patience, avoiding gossip, making time for prayer, being generous, overcoming addiction, remaining in recovery, or simply attending to our daily work. Jesus shows us that he actively engages with us each time we fall short. From dawn to dusk, the Lord seeks us out, calling us to join him in the vineyard. Now, today, right this moment, is our dawn. Or our nine o'clock. Or noon? Ignore the clock! Jesus invites us to forget past failures; divine mercy wipes them away. Today's psalm insists that the "Lord is near to all who call upon him." In hope, then, we begin again.

Today's Readings: Is 55:6–9; Ps 145:2–3, 8–9, 17–18;
Phil 1:20c–24, 27a; Mt 20:1–16a

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SAINT PIUS OF PIETRELCINA (1887-1968)

September 23

Did the World War II American flyer really see Padre Pio in midair, preventing the bombing of his village below? Did Pio actually "bilocate" in Italy, the Holy Land, even America, as countless witnesses testified? Or "read hearts" before penitents spoke? What of the stigmata, Christ's wounds imprinted on Padre Pio's hands, feet, and side? John Paul II, who as a young man visited Pio, never mentioned these extraordinary elements at the canonization. Instead, the pope spoke of "trials accepted with love," referring perhaps to sanctions restricting Pio's faculties for hearing confessions and celebrating public Mass, imposed because of criticism, later discredited, sent to the Vatican; of Pio's offering his sufferings in union with Jesus' passion for a suffering world; of his continual availability to sinners seeking direction and absolution; of Padre Pio's prayer that blossomed in charity, especially through his House for the Relief of Suffering, a healthcare facility that anticipated by decades today's holistic partnering of medical science and spirituality. Finally, how comforting for us ordinary Christians, this extraordinary saint's most frequent advice: "Pray, hope, and don't worry!"

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