

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 5, 2021

Our Lady of Fatima Parish
2010 12th Avenue

www.ourladyoffatimaaltoona.org

Rectory Office Hours:

Tuesdays and Thursdays
11:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Parish Office: 814-942-0371

or call the Cathedral Office at 944-4603.

Our Lady of Fatima Parish

Rev. Msgr. Stanley B. Carson, Administrator

Parish Secretary

Paula Hall

Director of Music Ministry

Cathy 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.

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ment of healing may call the Cathedral Par-
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Reconciliation @ Cathedral: 7:00 PM Wednesday
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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

THE FATIMA TOWERS

OUR LADY OF FATIMA MASS INTENTIONS

This Sunday, September 5, Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Beverly Fabion (Anna Tusman)

Next Sunday, September 12, Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Robert Simanski (Bob & Ginny Prosser)

Cathedral Mass Intentions

September 5, Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM +Dave Berger, Sr. (Karen & Dave Rhoa)

10:00 AM +Ron Sheehan, Birth. (Wife)

Noon PM +Amerlia Seiler (Jean & Randy Koury)

5:00 PM Pro Popolo/For the People

September 6, Monday, Weekday, Labor Day

9:00 AM All Workers and Laborers

**September 7, Tuesday, Solemnity of the Dedication of
Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament**

6:45 AM +John Duffy (David & Melanie Lee)

12:00 PM +Barb Probst (Greg & Kathy Clemens)

**September 8, Wednesday, Nativity of the Blessed Virgin
Mary**

6:45 AM +Martha Maurer (Jim & Eileen Weaver)

12:00 PM Respect Life (Marie & Sharon Yanchik)

September 9, Thursday, St. Peter Claver, Priest

6:45 AM +Audrey Krause (Phyllis Lavelle Sheetz)

12:00 PM +Mary Alice Plummer (Debbie Brantner)

September 10, Friday, Weekday

6:45 AM +Joseph Merle, Jr., Birth. (Family)

12:00 PM +Kathy Starr (Mike & Sherry Byrne)

September 11, Saturday, Weekday

8:00 AM +Carrie Kibler Detwiler (Mom & Dad)

10:00 AM For the Spiritual and Temporal Well-being of our
Country

Noon PM +Mary Irwin (Paul & Mary Beth Corace)

Vigil: Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 PM Jim & Mary Ellen Kelly, Wedding Anniv.

September 12, Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM +Gary Doyle (John, Paul, & Friends)

10:00 AM +Vocations to the Religious Life (Rita Kibler)

12:00 PM +Ruth Snowberger (Ruth Novack Family)

2:00 PM Married Couples

5:00 PM +Pro Popolo/For The People

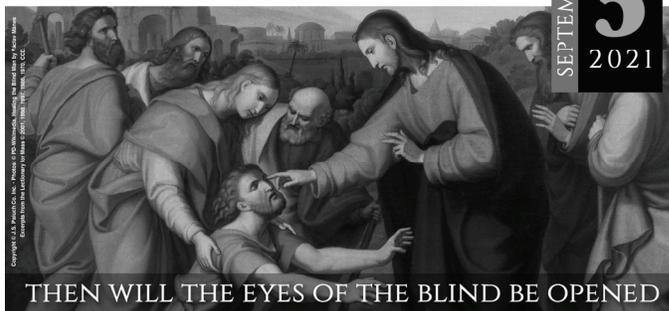
SANCTUARY CANDLE

For the month of September, the Sanctuary Candle has been donated by Noel Villadolid. Thank you.

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SEPTEMBER

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the ears of the deaf be cleared; then will the lame leap like a stag,
then the tongue of the mute will sing.

Isaiah 35:5-6

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Say to those whose hearts are frightened: Be strong, fear not! Here is your God (Isaiah 35:4-7a).

Psalm — Praise the Lord, my soul! (Psalm 146).

Second Reading — Show no partiality as you adhere to the faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ (James 2:1-5).

Gospel — Jesus makes the deaf hear and the mute speak (Mark 7:31-37).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Col 1:24 — 2:3; Ps 62:6-7, 9; Lk 6:6-11, or, for Labor Day, any readings from the Mass "For the Blessing of Human Labor," nos. 907-911

Tuesday: Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1b-2, 8-11; Lk 6:12-19

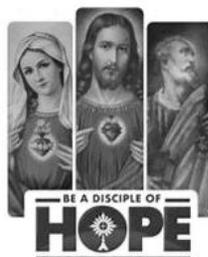
Wednesday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6 Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]

Thursday: Col 3:12-17; Ps 150:1b-6; Lk 6:27-38

Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-8, 11; Lk 6:39-42

Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17; Ps 113:1b-7; Lk 6:43-49

Sunday: Is 50:5-9a; Ps 116:1-6, 8-9; Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35



Twenty-eight pledges have resulted in our parish reaching 71.5% of this year's target...\$6,560 of our \$9,168 goal. Thank you. If you haven't contributed, there are extra envelopes in the back of the church.

Thank You

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

The contributions for Sunday, August 29, were \$1,138.01



Our Lady Of Fatima

Say the
Rosary
every day
to obtain
peace for
the world.

BLESSING FOR ALL

The story of the deaf man related in today's Gospel is one of several descriptions of extraordinary healings in this part of Mark's Gospel. Mark leads readers to understand that in Jesus, God is fulfilling the divine promises prophesied by Isaiah: "the ears of the deaf (will) be cleared . . . the tongue of the mute will sing." When the deaf can hear and the mute can sing, this sign of the coming of God means that the gifts of sight and hearing are now available, not only for the individuals involved, but for their families and the whole community around them.

There is a "ripple effect" of blessing extending well beyond individual healing. Those isolated by deafness and speech impediments could now fully participate in common life. With their inclusion, the community itself receives healing. In the Gospels, salvation is always inclusive and wholistic. God brings blessing to one small part of creation, so to extend blessing to all of creation.

For those who first heard today's passage from the letter of James, it probably struck a nerve. James challenged the local church's treatment of the poor as compared to the rich. It might strike a nerve for us too, because we live in a society where the wealthy are very much privileged, and the honoring of wealth is deeply ingrained in our cultural value system. James warns the church not to imitate the class distinctions made in the broader society. The Gospel proclaims that we are all equally God's children.

The church typically lives in a particular place and within a dominant culture. The church is always called upon to reflect upon its faithfulness to the Gospel, discerning whether it absorbs cultural values and attitudes that conflict with the Gospel. The church is called to love and nourish the culture, and at the same time to speak in critique of its idolatries. These challenges continue in our own parish communities, here and now.

Today's Readings: Is 35:4-7a; Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37

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Bishop Mark L. Barchak will celebrate a Mass on Saturday, September 11, at 10:00 A.M. to commemorate 9/11 and to honor first responders, medical professionals, and civil servants. Flight 93 crashed at Shanksville at 10:03 A.M. on the morning of September 11, 2001. God has been a source of comfort, strength, and hope over the last twenty years. It is appropriate for us to thank the Lord for his abiding presence and to entrust the spiritual and temporal well-being of our country to his providential care. Refreshments will be served in the cathedral hall following the liturgy.

FEAST OF FAITH Remembering

When Jesus broke the bread on the night before he died, he told his disciples, "do this in memory of me" (Luke 22:19). Christians have been faithful to that solemn command. Our Eucharistic remembering is not nostalgia, nor is it merely historical, recalling events and facts of long ago. In the liturgy, remembering is action. "Do this," Jesus said. In the Eucharist, we remember by doing. And as we remember, the sacrifice of Jesus is renewed, truly made present, no longer then, but now.

After the consecration, each of the Eucharistic Prayers includes a section called the *anamnesis*, a Greek word that means "remembering." In this part of the prayer, "the Church, fulfilling the command that she received from Christ the Lord through the Apostles, keeps the memorial of Christ, recalling especially his blessed Passion, glorious Resurrection, and Ascension into heaven" (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 79e). We pause and call to mind the whole paschal mystery, Christ's dying and rising. "We celebrate the memory of his death and resurrection" (*Eucharistic Prayer for Reconciliation II*). Obeying Christ's command, we remember.

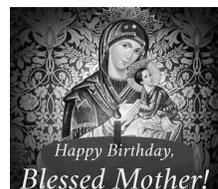
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Religious Education

PK4-11 begins next Sunday, September 12.



Gratitude is extended to our parish's Arise group for planning last Sunday's parish picnic. Gratitude is also extended to those who prepared the food and drinks. Thanks to the hospitality of St. Stan's Hall, we were able to move the picnic indoors because of the weather. Most especially, it was simply good to get together as a parish for friendly fellowship.



The birth of Mary celebration will take place at St. Catherine of Siena Parish in Duncansville on Wednesday, 9/8. Masses will be celebrated at 7:45 a.m., Noon, and at 5:30 p.m. with a rosary procession.

Help support Our Lady of Fatima Parish by purchasing a \$5.00 Shopping Pass to Boscov's Friends Helping Friends event on Wednesday, October 20.



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