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*Fifth Sunday of Easter  
April 29, 2018*

*Let us love not in word or  
speech  
but in deed and truth.  
— 1 John 3:18*

*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.*

**St. Joseph The Worker**



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**Our Lady of Fatima Parish**  
2010 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
[www.ourladyoffatimaaltoona.com](http://www.ourladyoffatimaaltoona.com)  
**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**  
**Reverend Monsignor Robert C. Mazur**  
**Parish Secretary**  
**Carol Z. Smith**

**Eucharist for the home bound - weekly:**  
**Patty Flanagan 942-0371 for arrangements.**

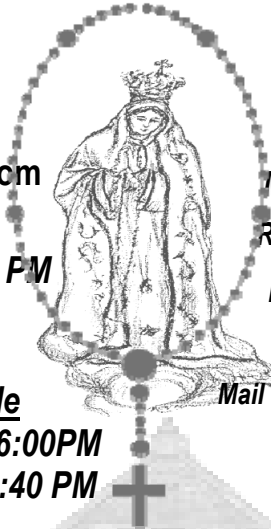
**Our Lady of Fatima Church is open**  
**Monday through Friday: 9AM - 6PM**  
**for visits before the Blessed Sacrament.**

**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. 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**  
**Reverend Monsignor Robert C. Mazur, Rector**

**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](http://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**

**Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School:**  
**Web: [www.bishopguilfoyle.org](http://www.bishopguilfoyle.org) – 944-4014**

**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](mailto: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	8:00 AM
10:00 AM	12:00 Noon	12:00 Noon
12:00 Noon	5:30 PM	Saturday : 8:00 AM
5:00 PM		12:00 Noon

## **St. Joseph The Worker, Feast Day May 1**

### **Who Was St. Joseph?**

**First appearing in the gospels of Matthew and Luke, St. Joseph was the earthly father of Jesus Christ and the husband of the Virgin Mary.**

**Venerated as a saint in many Christian sects, St. Joseph is a biblical figure who is believed to have been the corporeal father of Jesus Christ. Joseph first appears in the Bible in the gospels of Matthew and Luke; in Matthew, Joseph's lineage is traced back to King David. According to the Bible, Joseph was born circa 100 B.C.E. and later wed the Virgin Mary, Jesus's mother. He died in Israel circa 1 A.D.**

### **Fact and Fiction**

**Everything we know about St. Joseph, the husband of Mary and the foster father of Jesus, comes from the Bible, and mentions of him are underwhelming. The 13 New Testament books written by Paul (the epistles) make no reference to him at all, nor does the Gospel of Mark, the first of the Gospels. Joseph first appears in the Bible in the gospels of Matthew and Luke, one of which (Matthew) traces Joseph's lineage back to King David.**

**To add to the problem of not knowing enough about Joseph, some apocryphal writings—such as the second-century *Protevangelium of James* and the fourth-century *History of Joseph the Carpenter*—muddy the historical waters further, presenting him as a widower with children when he met Mary and claiming that he lived to the age of 111. These claims, however, are spurious and are not accepted by the church.**

### **Marriage to Mary**

**After marrying Mary, Joseph found that she was already pregnant, and being "a just man and unwilling to put her to shame" (Matt. 1:19), he decided to divorce her quietly, knowing that if he did so publicly, she could be stoned to death. An angel, however, came to Joseph and told him that the child Mary carried was the son of God and was conceived by the Holy Spirit, so Joseph kept Mary as his wife.**

**After Jesus's birth in Bethlehem, an angel came to Joseph again, this time to warn him and Mary about King Herod of Judaea and the violence he would bring down upon the child. Joseph then fled to Egypt with Mary and Jesus, and the angel appeared again, telling Joseph that Herod had died and instructing him to return to the Holy Land.**

**Avoiding Bethlehem and possible actions by Herod's successor, Joseph, Mary and Jesus settled in Nazareth, in Galilee. The Gospels describe Joseph as a "tekton," which traditionally has meant "carpenter," and it is assumed that Joseph taught his craft to Jesus in Nazareth. At this point, however, Joseph is never mentioned again by name in the Bible—although the story of Jesus in the temple includes a reference to "both his parents."**

### **Death and Sainthood**

**The circumstances of Joseph's death are not known, but it is likely that he died before Jesus's ministry began, and it is implied that he was dead before the Crucifixion (John 19:26-27). Already a patron saint of Mexico, Canada and Belgium, in 1870, Joseph was declared patron of the universal church by Pope Pius IX, and in 1955 Pope Pius XII established May 1 as the "Feast of St. Joseph the Worker" to counter the Communists' May Day.**

**ORDER  
OF  
CHRISTIAN  
FUNERALS**

**Liturgical Reflection...**

*Jesus is the vine and we are the branches. When the grieving family stands graveside for the committal prayers of the Church, the concluding prayer reminds us that all life rests in Christ, the true vine of life. The prayer echoes the faith of believers: "Almighty God, through the death of your Son on the cross, you destroyed our death; through his rest in the tomb, you hallowed the graves of all who believe in you; and through his rising again, you restored us to eternal life." The crucified, buried, and risen Christ is our source of life. We are the branches of the sacred vine. Therein is our life.*

*Order of Christian Funerals, 1998/1989, Number 222.*

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**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter** (April 29, 2018)

*As branches of the vine that is Jesus Christ, we disciples are called to bear His fruit. We do this according to today's second reading, by believing in Jesus and in loving one another.*

**April 29**

**John 15:1-8**

*Like the vine grower in today's gospel, parents must "prune and cleanse" the branches in their family if their children are going to be rooted. Discipline, limits, and setting goals are a necessary part of parenting so our children will grow and "bear fruit."*

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**April 29, 2018**

**April is Child Abuse Prevention Month**

The last Sunday of every April is considered National Blue Sunday "a day of prayer for abused children and those who rescue them." In Matthew 18:5, Jesus says "whoever receives one child such as this in my name receives me." It takes the responsibility of all adults to keep children and youth safe from abuse. <http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/18>

**Did you know: People can be taught to identify grooming behavior?** Grooming behavior are the actions which abusers take to project the image that they are kind, generous, caring people, while their intent is to lure a minor into an inappropriate relationship. An abuser may develop a relationship with the family to increase his credibility. Abusers might show attention to the child by talking to him/her, being friendly, sharing alcohol with a minor and giving the child status by insinuating that the child is their favorite or special person. Offenders can be patient and may groom their victim, his or her family, or community for years.

**Did you know: Background checks work?** Background checks in churches, schools and other organizations keep predators away from children both because they scare off some predators and because they uncover past actions which should ban an adult from working or volunteering with children. If an adult has had difficulty with some boundaries that society sets, such as not driving while intoxicated or not disturbing the public peace, he or she may have difficulties with other boundaries, such as not hurting a child. Never forget that offenders lie.

Source: The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)

*Please remember the importance of families and communities while working together to prevent child abuse. The Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown is asking you to become more aware of the signs of child abuse and neglect. Seek out our youth protection awareness and mandated reporting trainings. These are available for the first time advocate or as a refresher course. To learn more about Youth Protection Awareness and Mandated Reporting, please contact Cindy O'Connor at (814) 695-5579, extension 2621 or via email at [coconnor@dioceseaj.org](mailto:coconnor@dioceseaj.org).*



**OUR LADY URGES US TO PRAY THE HOLY ROSARY FOR**

**PEACE AND OFFER**

**SACRIFICES BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE!**