

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 18, 2026

Our Lady of Fatima Parish
2000 12th Avenue
Altoona, PA 16601
www.ourladyoffatimaaltoona.org

Office Hours:
Tuesdays and Thursdays
11:00AM to 4:00 PM
Parish Office located inside the church
814-942-0371

Rev. Mariusz Gorazd, Administrator
Residing at St. Mary's Rectory, Altoona
Emergency Phone Number 814-942-2416

Administrative Assistant
Paula Hall

Eucharist: Sunday: 11:30 AM
Holy Days: 6:00PM
Confession-Sunday 11:00AM to
11:25AM
Holy Communion for the home bound-
weekly: Patty Flanagan
Religious Education-Contact St. Mary's
814-942-2416

Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals will
be held at Our Lady of Fatima.

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick
will be scheduled by calling the office.

Our Lady of Fatima Church is open dai-
ly from 7:30AM-5PM for visits before
the Blessed Sacrament.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH IS A
RESULT OF THE MERGER BE-
TWEEN THE ROMAN CATHOLIC
CHURCHES OF SS. PETER & PAUL
AND ST. LEO THE GREAT IN 1995.

*****IF YOU HAVE A GLUTEN ALLERGY,**
PLEASE RECEIVE COMMUNION FROM
FR. MARIUSZ GORAZD'S LINE***

THE FATIMA TOWERS

OUR LADY OF FATIMA MASS INTENTIONS

11:30 A.M.

January 18, 2026—Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

John Kasun, Sr [A 1/17] Sue & KC Seidel

January 25, 2026—Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Denise Keagy [A] Keagy Family

*****Please Update Information*****

Parishioners are asked to please update their contact information with the parish office. If you have had a change of address, discontinued a land line phone number, or have a new cell phone number, inform the office or put a note in your envelope. Thank-you!

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading—The glory of the LORD shows through Israel, a light to all nations, that salvation may reach to the ends of the earth (Isaiah 49:3, 5-6).

Psalms—Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will (Psalm 40).

Second Reading—All those who call upon the name of the Lord are called to be holy (1 Corinthians 1:1-3).

Gospel—John the Baptist testifies: The one who comes after me, on whom the Spirit comes down and remains, is the Son of God (John 1:29-34).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon: 1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mk 2:18-22

Tues: 1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89:20-22, 27-28; Mk 2:23-28

Wed: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Mk 3:1-6

Thurs: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Ps 56:2-3, 9-13; Mk 3:7-12

Fri: 1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57:2-4, 6, 11; Mk 3:13-19

Sat: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18

Sun: Is 8:23—9:3; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23[12-17]

ATTENTION:

*2026 Contribution Envelopes for Adults and Children are on the back table to the right as you enter the church

*2026 OLOF calendars are available on the back tables courtesy of Stanley J. Krish Funeral Home, Inc

February Co-op tickets are available on the table on the right as you enter the church. Thank you in advance for supporting this fundraiser.

*If you would like a copy of your contributions for 2025, please call the office and leave a message. Statements will only be printed upon request.***

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

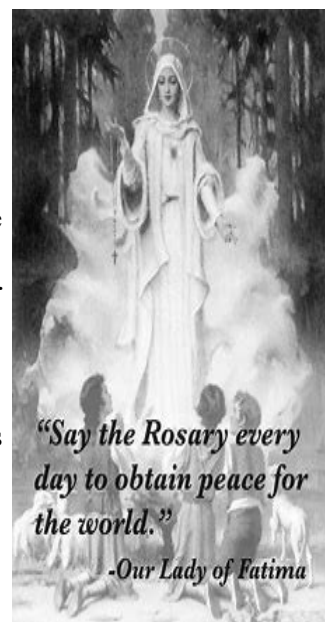
The symbols and actions of baptism evolved around the experience of adults dying to old patterns of life and rising from the waters of baptism as new creations. As for newborn babies, at first it was desired to wait until the following Easter, when they could be baptized, anointed with chrism, and given a taste of the Eucharist in association with adults. The Church was always willing to baptize adults in emergency situations outside the Easter timetable, and in time, since infancy itself was a life-threatening situation, the baptism of babies became commonplace. As with the “emergency” adult baptisms, it was required that parents bring the child, as soon as health was recovered, to the bishop for the full menu of sacraments.

The very real fear of death for infants thus created a situation in which the three sacraments drifted apart from each other, and away from their original, adult celebration at Easter. Today, at last, we know a great deal about how our practices evolved. This knowledge is reshaping how we celebrate Easter, how we receive adult faith, and how we structure the faith journey of children.

—Rev. James Field, J.S. Paluch

Prayer to Our Lady of Fatima

O Most Holy Virgin Mary, Queen of the most holy Rosary, you were pleased to appear to the children of Fatima and reveal a glorious message. We implore you, inspire in our hearts a fervent love for the recitation of the rosary. By meditating on the mysteries of the redemption that are recalled therein may we obtain the graces and virtues that we ask, through the merits of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Redeemer.
Amen.



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

-Our Lady of Fatima



During January, the Sanctuary Candle is Being lit in memory of Denise Keagy by Chris, Kelly and the Keagy Family
Thank you

Thank You Very Much

Your prayers, volunteerism, and financial support are deeply appreciated. The contributions for January 11 was \$__ Thank you.

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“Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.” (John 1:29)

John’s recognition of Jesus calls us to keep our focus on Christ and His mission. Christ’s mercy is made present through priests in the sacraments. Is God calling you to this ministry? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at 814-317-2681 or via email: vocations@diocesaj.org

THE GABRIEL PROJECT

The Altoona Gabriel Project is a Catholic Pro-Life ministry dedicated to helping moms and babies with supplies, as well as providing spiritual and emotional support. Cathedral parish is a part of a group effort of several Altoona area parishes.

The Cathedral has a collection crib at the alley entrance of the Cathedral for non-perishable baby items (diapers, wipes, clothing, bibs, towels, blankets, etc.)

The Cathedral will also be a site for the distribution to moms and babies in our section of the city. Items will be distributed on Thursdays from 1:30-2:30 P.M. If you would know of someone in need of support, or would like to volunteers, please call 814-440-1021.

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH—HERE COMES EVERY BODY

This popular way of describing the universality of our Church is a theme of today's readings. The prophet Isaiah tells of God's servant who will be the "light of the nations." It will not be enough for this servant only to bring back the survivors of Israel's dispersion and captivity. God's salvation must reach to the ends of the earth.

Saint Paul writes to a local church of mainly Gentiles and presumably former sinners of all kinds in Corinth. He greets them and tells them that they are to take their place with "saints everywhere" in the name of Jesus Christ.

The Gospel reading from John tells of Jesus' commissioning by the Father in the Holy Spirit to bring salvation to all, to take away the sins of the world. This Chosen One has come to baptize the world in God's Spirit. Everybody.

As you hear these words, consider your own task to bring the good news of salvation to everyone you will meet in the coming days, weeks, years.

—J.S.Paluch Co



Loving and Generous God, it is You who call us by name and ask us to follow You. Help us to grow in the Love and Service of our Church as we experience it today.

Give us the energy and courage of Your Spirit to shape its future. Grant us faith-filled leaders who will embrace Christ's Mission of love and justice.

Bless the Church of Altoona-Johnstown by raising up dedicated and generous leaders from our families and friends who will serve Your people as Sisters, Priests, Brothers, Deacons and Lay Ministers.

Inspire us to know You better and open our hearts to hear Your call. We ask this through our Lord. Amen

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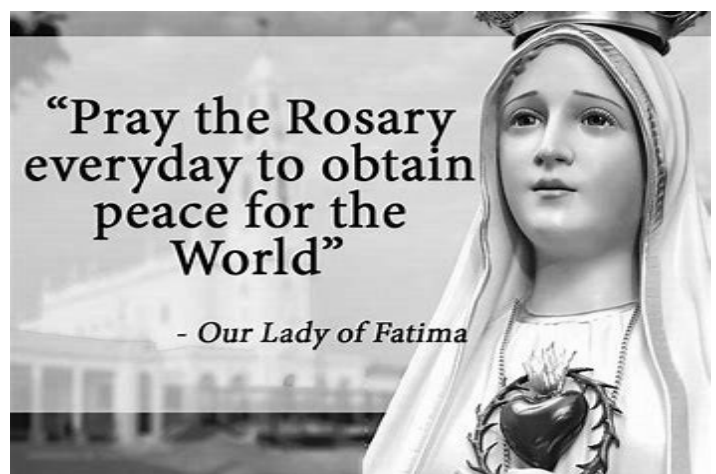
Today's readings provide clear and inspiring reminders of the most fundamental aspect of our identity—that of servants of our most high and holy God, His modern-day disciples and stewards. To be His servant is all that truly matters in this life, for us and for our children. Career paths, athletic accomplishments, the school we attend, or the city in which we live—all are secondary to the thing that matters most—that we have been called from the womb for the privilege of being God's servant.

Let us examine our daily lives and encourage our children to do the same. Does the way I spend my time reflect that God comes first? Do prayer and weekly Mass, regular confession and time with my family 'rank ahead' of everything else on my calendar? Do I use my talents, skills and energy to serve my family, parish and community in thanksgiving and recognition that God's kingdom ranks ahead of any other goals or ambitions? Do I spend my money and use my material possessions to glorify God? Challenging questions, to be sure. But questions worthy of our high calling as Christian stewards offered a glorious mission in service of our Lord and His kingdom.

BEND, DON'T BREAK

When you encounter difficulties and contradictions, do not try to break them, but bend them with gentleness and time.

—St. Francis de Sales



FORGIVENESS

The only true forgiveness is that which is offered and extended even before the offender has apologized and sought it.

—Soren Kierkegaard

2025 Christmas Flower Offering

Mr. & Mrs. John Angeski from children
Joe & Marcella Ianniello from sisters
Joseph & Theresa Angeski from sisters
Genevieve Musto from nieces

Brannan Family, Hrzic Family, & Zajac Family by
Mr. & Mrs. Greg Brannan

The Byrne and Hollern Family by Mark Byrne

Noreen DeCriscio

The Eckenrode Family

Steve & Christina Flanagan by Patty Flanagan

Frucella and DelBiondo Families by Frank and
Janice Frucella

Ronald Geis, Jr, Ron & Zed Geis, Cheryl Hosgood
By the Hosgood Family

Wally Jorkasky by wife Janice

John Kasun, Jr by Kathy Kasun

John Kasun, Sr, Frances Kasun & John Kasun, Jr
By Steve & Robyn Kasun

Denise & Tucker Keagy, Bernie & Jane Shea,
Charles & Viola Keagy by the Keagy Family

Helena (Kowalski) Frederick, William & Maria
Wesley by Paul & Emma Kowalski

Michael Long, William & Edna Long, William &
Patrick Geis by Bonnie Long

The McKnight Families and Snellbaugh Families
By Connie & Jim McKnight

John Noonan by wife Jean and Family

O'Connor & Faust Family by Mike & Deb
O'Connor

Adolph & Genevieve Link Family, Paul & Claire
Riggleman Family, Tom & Bill Riggleman
By Carol Riggleman & Family

Carol Smith Family by Carol Smith

Mr. & Mrs. Harry Smith, Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Martin,
Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Smith, K. C. Smith
By Dan Smith

Victor & Charlotte Wlazlowski, Robert & Madeline
Smith by Dave & Josie Smith

Ken & Barb Smithmyer

In memory of Kathy Starr, Duane Eichenlaub,
Nate Boslet, Mitch Brooks, Randy Richard-
son, Ed Barstow by Bryan & Eileen Starr

Cathy Starr, Michael Starzinsky & Julia (Strauss)
Starzinsky, Stephen & Mary Starr by Peter
Starr & Family

Grandma Katie by Nicholas & Jayden Starr

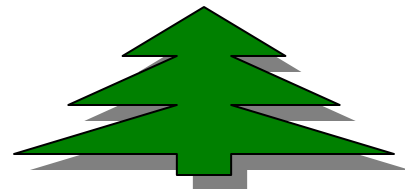
Grandma Katie (Starr) by Abbie, Alexis, Emmie &
Joshua

Cathy Starr by Kristina Starr

Dorothy Kurash by David Stein

Paul K Watters, Helen M. Watters by Jill Watters

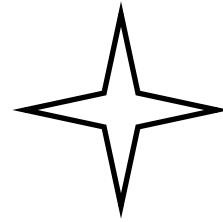
MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND
HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON



SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—

JANUARY 18, 2026

“Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.” (John 1:2)



THIRTY-NINETH ANNUAL RESPECT LIFE MARCH...

Sunday January 18, 2026

12:00 Noon

We begin at 12:00 noon with a Prayer Service in St. Matthew Church in Tyrone. We then walk the 1.25 miles to Oak Grove Cemetery to the grave of Baby Agnes Doe, for another short prayer service. A hot luncheon will be served in the parish hall after the march.

You are cordially invited to spend a couple hours as we publicly show our love for all of God’s most defenseless children, both born and unborn. You will enjoy the fellowship as we draw upon the strengths of each other as we continue to battle the lack of respect of life at all stages, from the unborn child to the terminally ill. Please join us as we walk prayerfully and meditate upon the atrocities. You are encouraged to bring a sign, if you are unable to walk this distance, please feel free to join in by driving at the end of the procession.

Sponsored by the St. Gregory Council #1218
Knights of Columbus

If you need any further information call: Jack Wagner at 814-632-6719 or e-mail: jjwagner2121@gmail.com

