

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Feast Day July 22, 2017



Our Lady of Fatima Parish
2010 12th Avenue
www.ourladyoffatimaaltoona.com
Rector 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: 6:00PM
Rosary: 10:05 AM - Rosary: 5:40 PM

Our Lady of Fatima Parish Administrator
Reverend Monsignor Robert C. Mazur

Parish Secretary
Carol Z. Smith
Secretary's Assistant
Ellen Kelly

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.

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.



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
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 - 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: ltaylor@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

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JULY 16, 2017

FRUIT OF THE WORD

The seed is the word of God. The agricultural metaphors in all of today's readings give richness to the message that the word of God, cultivated in our hearts, bears much fruit in our lives. Creation itself awaits the redemption of all, even as our bodies await the resurrection. Just as we will rejoice in the fulfillment of God's word, so will all of creation sing for joy in the Reign of God. The word of God is effective and holy; it brings about exactly what it says. It is not futile or empty, but rich in meaning for those who hear and are healed. Those who hear the word of God and keep it will, with all creation, bear much fruit and sing for joy.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Two centuries ago, Archbishop John Carroll worried that Americans would not appreciate the linguistic veil over our worship, and asked that the liturgy in the new United States be in English, not Latin. How did our liturgy come to be in Latin in the first place? In the first century, the dominant language in the regions where the church first flourished was Greek. Today in much of the world, almost everyone speaks at least a bit of English. Recently, the European Union even considered making English its official language, a curious proposal since only two English-speaking countries are members.

Just as English is a unifying language today, it was hard to function in the ancient world without a smattering of Greek. Even the word "Eucharist" comes from the Greek for "thanksgiving." For a long time, Greek was the language of worship, even in Rome. Slowly, society in the west shifted to a bias for Latin and against Greek. Latin first appeared in public prayer at the end of the second century, in the colonial outposts of North Africa. Soon, Latin became the language of culture, and so as fixed prayer forms were written, they were transmitted in Latin. From Rome and Africa, over the next four centuries, the new liturgical language of Latin spread north to Gaul and Britain.

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LISTEN

Listen and attend with the ear of your heart.

—St. Benedict

TOWARD HEAVEN

Think well. Speak well. Do well. These three things, through the mercy of God, will make a person go to heaven.

—St. Camillus de Lellis

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 16, 2017

10:30 AM

OUR LADY OF FATIMA MASS INTENTIONS

Readings: Is 55:10-11; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23

*Today's Intention = Charles Hennigan

Readings: Wis 12:13,16-19; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43

July 23, Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Anna Mae Bopp, (Connie Angeski)

CATHEDRAL MASS INTENTIONS

July 17, Monday: Weekday

Readings: Ex 1:8-14,22; Mt 10:34-11:1

6:45 AM No Mass

8:00 AM Stan Halerz (McNelis All-Stars)

12:00 PM Jemma Andrews, Birth., (Grandma & Grandpap)

July 18, Tuesday: Saint Camillus de Lellis, Priest

Readings: Ex 2:1-15; Mt 11:20-24

6:45 AM Bill Crouse (Kevin & Jane Byrne)

8:00 AM No Mass

12:00 PM Fred Petrunak, Sr., Birth. (Family)

July 19, Wednesday: Weekday

Readings: Ex 3:1-6,9-12; Mt 11:25-27

6:45 AM No Mass

8:00 AM Fred Fedeli (Wife, Rose Marie)

12:00 PM Patty Geis (Marge Moschella)

July 20, Thursday: Saint Apollinaris, Bishop & Martyr

Readings: Ex 3:13-20; Mt 11:28-30

*6:45 AM David Riley (Carol Riley)

8:00 AM No Mass

12:00 PM Betty McCabe (Bob & Chris Laraia)

July 21, Friday: Saint Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest & Doctor

Readings: Ex 11:10-12:14; Mt 12:1-8

6:45 AM No Mass

*8:00 AM Bernadette Weakland (M/M Robert Laughlan)

12:00 PM Julia Febbo (Elizabeth Torso)

July 22, Saturday: Saint Mary Magdalene

Readings: Ex 12:37-42; Jn 20:1-2,11-18

8:00 AM Herb Kutruff (Ed & Lois Simanski)

12:00 PM Joe Tomlinson (Margaret Misitano Family)

Vigil: Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Wis 12:13,16-19; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43

5:00 PM Fred Martynuska, Birthday (Family)

Remember Our Sick and Dying in your prayers.

*Jesus, Son of the Living Father,
Have Mercy on Me, A Sinner*

*Our Lady of Fatima asks us to:
"Pray the Rosary daily for Peace."*

JULY 16, 2017
Scripture Reflection

People often encounter the same experience in different ways. Discussions on social media illustrated this starkly in the spring of 2015, when millions argued over "The Dress." Many saw a two-tone dress of indigo and black material. Almost as many saw instead a dress that was white and gold. Because the photo was poor, the viewer's brain had to supply important information about light and shadow. So deeply do we rely on our brain's ability to supply information in this way that those who saw the dress one way found it very difficult to perceive it in the other.

Such disparities of perception are a human reality. Matthew plays on this reality in today's Gospel.

Although he calls this the parable of the sower, in Matthew's hands it is not a story about a sower at all. It is not even primarily a story about soil and seed, as it is in Mark and Luke. Instead, Matthew uses this parable to introduce a reflection on faith. Matthew's community struggles to understand why so few believed in Jesus. How was it possible, they wondered, that friends and loved ones heard the same message but did not grasp its implications? In today's Gospel, Matthew suggests that some people were simply ready to believe and therefore found in Jesus' words the mysteries of the kingdom.

This parable, and the expanded interpretation of it, help Matthew explain how people encountering the same Jesus came away with such different perceptions. "Knowledge of the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven has been granted to you, but to them it has not been granted." Matthew suggests that Jesus preached a difficult parable to seek out any who were able to hear him. Whether their readiness came from spiritual desperation or simple open-mindedness, they recognized a deeper truth that others missed.

Without this readiness, one could listen all day to Jesus but make no sense of his message. By contrast, for those who were open to the deeper truth of Jesus' words, the mysteries of the kingdom were revealed. The barest movement of faith produced an effect that was entirely transformative. Just so, we need to be ready to hear God's truth even in the words that challenge us the most.

- Is your faith open and ready to receive a new and unexpected revelation about belief in the Lord?

AMERICA MAGAZINE, JULY 16, 2017, "Whoever has ears ought to hear!" Michael R. Simone, S.J., pg.50.

ORDER OF CELEBRATING MATRIMONY

Liturgical Reflection...

When the Sacrament of Matrimony is celebrated, the Church always proclaims sacred scripture. The couple is encouraged to choose readings from the Church's selections for Marriage when the ritual Mass for Marriage is celebrated. The Church offers nine options from the books of the Old Testament (Lectionary Number 801), seven options of psalms (Lectionary Number 803), fourteen selections of New Testament readings; this second reading is optional (Lectionary Number 802), and ten options of Gospels (Lectionary Number 805). When Marriage is celebrated within Mass, the Church wishes both readers to be Catholic. When Marriage is celebrated without Mass or celebrated between a Catholic and a Catechumen or a Non-Christian, the Church wishes the readers to be baptized. Order of Celebrating Matrimony, Numbers 144-187.

2017, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 South Logan Boulevard, Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania 16648.

July 16 Mt. 13:1-23

The stress and anxieties of family life are like 'thorns which choke off' any opportunity to reflect on God's presence in our lives. Notice in the first line that Jesus "left the house" so He could connect with His Father. Grasp five minutes each day to appreciate God walking with you.

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time (July 16)

By living as good stewards of God's many gifts, we have the capacity to harvest an abundant crop of "faith" that nourishes ourselves and others we encounter.

Outdoor Mass honoring Married Couples with Bishop Mark The Altoona-Johnstown Diocesan Family is invited to participate and to pray for those living the Sacrament of Marriage at an Outdoor Mass honoring Married Couples on Sunday evening, July 23 at 7:00pm at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Alleghenies in Loretto. Bring a lawn chair. Indoors if rain. Bishop Mark is the celebrant and homilist. This is a wonderful way to celebrate, encourage and support married couples!

Do you have a desire to serve the Church and its mission? A zeal to live a Christian life and the willingness to live and teach as the magisterium teaches? As lay men and women we respond to His call as Believer, as the Lay Faithful and through Lay Ecclesial Ministry. The Office of Adult Enrichment and Lay Eccles/a Ministry has announced classes for 2017-2018 which begin this fall. For class information and registrations forms please visit www.dioceseaj.org/lay-ecclesial-ministry or contact us directly at (814) 361-2000 or by email at mheinze@dioceseaj.org. All are welcome.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

Does your method of family planning ...strengthen your emotional intimacy with your spouse? ...work with (not against) the gift of your fertility?...nurture a loving relationship with God and the Church? ...increase your self-respect and growth as a person/couple? If you haven't checked out NFP, you haven't made an informed choice. Certified diocesan instructors are located throughout our diocese. Introductory presentations to groups also available. Contact our diocesan Family Life Office, 814-886-5551; familylife@dioceseaj.org.

Happy
Birthday!

07/19 Marianne Hofer

JULY CO-OP WINNERS

7/03	042	R. Bowser	\$100
7/04	046	C. Clemens	50
7/05	251	M. Mazur	50
7/06	149	T. Marhefka	50
7/07	239	C. McKnight	50
7/08	702	S. Seymour	50
709	591	J. Hornberger	50

JULY 2017 Contributions

July 9, 2017	Env Used	68 /150
Weekly		1631.00
Cmas Club		16.00
Votives		53.00
Children's		7.00
Music		20.00
Shrine		5.00
Fuel		0
Peter's Pence		10.00
Total Dep		1742.00

2017 Catholic Ministries Drive...

Goal	\$10973.
Pledged to date	5070.
Short fall	\$5903.
17% participation	

VACATION - *Making time for daily Mass: "On weekdays we like to try and time our lunch stops around noon in a bigger city and often we find a noon daily Mass. Finding a Mass is like a little treasure on the road. It reminds us of our ultimate end point, not just for the particular trip we are on, but for our life's journey as well." —Jen

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CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE...

All parishioners, whether you can give a lot or just a little, are encouraged to be part of this drive which will support the vital ministries offered throughout our eight county diocese. Our donations will go directly to supporting three areas of ministry: (1) strengthening families and caring for the poor; (2) nurturing our youth; and (3) forming clergy and laity.

MAY 13, 2017

100TH
ANNIVERSARY
OF
OUR
LADY
OF
FATIMA'S
FIRST
APPARITION

COVA DA IRIA, PORTUGAL



JUNE 29, 2017

22ND
ANNIVERSARY
OF
OUR
LADY
OF
FATIMA
PARISH
ALTOONA
PA

OUR LADY URGES US TO PRAY AND OFFER SACRIFICES
BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE!

OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH

is commemorating the

*Centennial of the Apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima
by scheduling*

*Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction
for two (2) hours
on the following dates of the original Apparitions:*

Saturday, August 19th,
Wednesday, September 13th, and
Friday, October 13th.

Holy Hours are from 6 to 8 PM.

*Each holy hour will start with praying of the rosary for Peace in the World as Our Lady
originally requested and the time in between will be spent in quiet meditation.
All are Welcome!*