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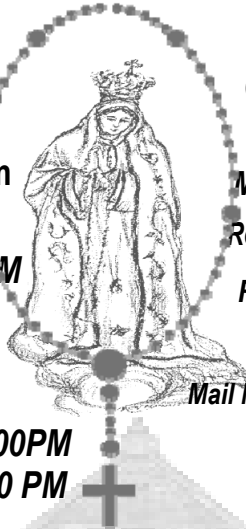
May 6, 2018  
It was not you who chose me,  
but I who  
chose you and appointed you  
to go and  
bear fruit.  
— John 15:16

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.



**Our Lady of Fatima Parish**  
2010 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
www.ourladyoffatimaaltoona.com  
Rectory Office Hours:  
Monday – Friday 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM  
Parish Office: 814-942-0371

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



Our Lady of Fatima Mass Schedule  
Sunday: 10:30 AM - Holy Days: 6:00 PM  
Rosary: 10:05 AM - Rosary: 5:40 PM

Mail Ministry to Elderly, Homebound, Seriously Sick  
and Grieving - 944-4603

Our Lady of Fatima Parish Administrator  
Reverend Monsignor Robert C. Mazur  
Parish Secretary  
Carol Z. Smith

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

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

Directors of Religious Education:  
Chris Laraia – Pre-K thru 8 - 312-7317  
Jean Koury – 9 thru 12 – 949-2777

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

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

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

Reconciliation @ Cathedral: 7:00 PM Wednesday  
12:30 PM Saturday

Preparation for Baptism, and Weddings will be held at  
the Cathedral. 944-4603

Religious Education @ Cathedral: Pre-K through 11  
Sacramental Formation @ Cathedral: First Reconciliation  
First Communion  
Confirmation

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

Sacramental Formation @ the Cathedral: Baptismal Prep  
Marriage Prep  
Christian Initiation

Hospital Visitation: Call the Cathedral: 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 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

MAY 6, 2018

## LOVE ONE ANOTHER

***In the Gospel for the Sixth Sunday of Easter we are met with an extraordinary challenge: Jesus commands us to “love one another as I love you” (John 15:12). The letter from John echoes this command. Of course, we are to love those in our family, those we work with, those we like. But the scriptures make clear that we are also to love those we never notice, those we purposely avoid, and even those we are tempted to despise.***

***In this Sunday’s selection from the Acts of the Apostles Peter shows us how far God’s love extends, and how far our love should extend in response. Peter realizes that God no longer “shows partiality” to the Jews, sharing divine love exclusively with them. Christ has revealed that God’s love extends to all people, and so should ours.***

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## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

***In ancient Rome, the beautiful month of May was dedicated to the goddess Flora, the patroness of flowers and new life. May 1 was considered the beginning of abundant growth, and a day for public festivals aimed at expelling winter. Even after Christianity took hold, the customs of the pagan feast lingered behind. Long ago, there was a thirty-day devotion to Mary, sometimes called “Lady Month,” which began on August 15. By the eighteenth century, the custom of assigning devotions to months of the year was developing. June, for example, was the month of the Sacred Heart, and October was for the Holy Rosary. Beginning with the Jesuit Order in Rome and spreading throughout the world, May has been celebrated as the month of Mary, the Blessed Mother, for more than two hundred years. That was a welcome remedy to some enduring pagan practices, such as maypole dancing and the crowning of the May Queen. Some historians say that in ancient times the May Queen was actually a human sacrifice. Devoting May to Mary is undoubtedly a better thing to do.***

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## PRIDE

***What better proof of your pride could you have given than to claim you were not proud?***

—St. John Climacus

## WONDER

***People go abroad to wonder at the height of mountains . . . and they pass by themselves without wondering.***

—St. Augustine

***The Franciscan Friars, T.O.R., from Loretto invite you to participate with them in celebrating the Fatima Devotions on Sunday May 13th, at 6:30 P.M. at the Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel. The singing will be led by choir from the Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel and the sermon will be delivered by Fr. Jim Morman, T.O.R. We would like to extend a cordial welcome to all.***

**ORDER  
OF  
CHRISTIAN  
FUNERALS**

**Liturgical Reflection...**

*The Lord gives us the great commandment: love one another as I love you. We are Commanded to love one another. When we die, the judgement will take into account the degree to which we loved our brothers and sisters. At the Final Commendation, we give thanks for the many blessings God bestowed on the deceased. The blessings of living in community and loving one another as Christ commanded. At the Committal, we acknowledge that faith in God's love united the deceased to the community of believers, calling on God's mercy and love to welcome our brother or sister into the kingdom.*

**Order of Christian Funerals, 1998/1989, Numbers 175 and 222.**

2018, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 S. Logan Blvd., Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania 16648

**May 6**

**John 15:9-17**

*Today's gospel challenges us to "love one another as I have loved you." Jesus is our model and he asks us to "lay down our life" (our time, attention, opinions and needs) for each other. This is the sacrament of the family, when God is made visible in our sacrificial love for one another.*

**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter (May 6, 2018)**

*As the Father loves Jesus and Jesus loves us, we are called to love other in His name. St. John Paul II proclaims that, "In loving the poor the Christian imitates the attitude of the Lord, who during His earthly life devoted himself with special compassion to all those in spiritual and material need." (Ecclesia in America; 1999)*

**Family Ritual**

*May is so full of celebrations: Mother's Day, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, Graduations, Memorial Day. In addition, there are several Holy Day's and Feast Days like Ascension Thursday, Pentecost, The Most Holy Trinity, St. Joseph the Worker on May 1st as well as the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary on May 31st. Make it a point to reflect and pray each day for all the special occasions that have formed you into who you are today.*

**OUTDOOR SUMMER MASSES**

*Father John D. Byrnes, Rector, and the Parish Family of Saint Michael the Archangel Basilica, Loretto, invite the faithful to join us each Sunday evening at 7:00 p.m. for the outdoor Sunday Mass at the beautiful Shrine of Our Lady of the Alleghenies in Loretto. The first Mass of the season will be celebrated on Sunday, May 27, 2018, and will continue through Labor Day Weekend, September 2, 2018. Please bring a lawn chair. In the event of inclement weather, the Mass will be celebrated in the Basilica of Saint Michael the Archangel.*



**OUR LADY URGES US TO PRAY THE HOLY ROSARY FOR  
PEACE AND OFFER  
SACRIFICES BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE!**