

The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 11, 2024

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: Sunday: 11:30 AM

Holy Days: 5:30 PM

Holy Communion 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.

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. 814-944-4603

Cathedral Church Office: 814-944-4603

One Cathedral Square

Most Reverend Mark L. Bartchak, Bishop

Rev. Msgr. Stanley B. Carson, Administrator

Paula Clemens, Secretary

PH: 814-944-4603

Christian Initiation Team: 944-4603

Catholics returning Home: 944-4603

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

Bishop Guilfoyle Academy

Web: www.bishopguilfoyle.org

Eldorado (Pre-K thru Grade 5) 814-942-7835

Fairview (Pre-K thru Grade 5) 814-381-7011

Director of Religious Education:

Chris Laraia – Pre-K thru 8 - 312-7317

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

**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: 12:00 PM

8:00 AM

8:00 AM

Saturday: 12:00 PM

10:00 AM

12:00 Noon

5:00 PM

THE FATIMA TOWERS

OUR LADY OF FATIMA MASS INTENTIONS

11:30 A.M.

Today, August 11, 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

John Koeck, Jr. (Mary Ann Hofer & Sons)

Next Sunday, August 18, 20th Sunday in Ordinary

Time

Fr. Charles Bodziak (Tim & Colleen Sheehan)

Cathedral Mass Intentions

August 11, 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM +Deacon John M. Sanker, Anniv. (Siblings)

10:00 AM +Donnie Rabine (Kerry Byrne)

5:00 PM Pro Popolo/For the People

There is Mass at 11:30 A.M. at Our Lady of Fatima Church.

August 12, Monday, St. Jane Frances de Chantal.

Religious

12:00 PM +Thomas Patrick Kilcoyne (Jim & Steph
Kilcoyne)

August 13, Tuesday, Weekday

12:00 PM +Souls in Purgatory (Anonymous)

**August 14, Wednesday, St. Maximillian Kolbe, Priest
& Martyr**

12:00 PM +Tomlinson Families (Kathleen Davies)

Vigil Mass for the Assumption of Mary

5:30 PM +Joseph Pagliaro, Birth. (Family)

**August 15, Thursday, The Assumption of the Blessed
Virgin Mary**

8:00 AM Pro Popolo/For The People

12:00 PM +Mary Ann Eger (M/M Anthony Carosielli)

August 16, Friday, St. Stephen of Hungary

12:00 PM +Walter Beckel, Jr. Anniv. (Family)

August 17, Saturday, Weekday

12:00 PM Special Intention

Vigil: The 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 PM +Virginia Jones, Anniv. (Bob & Jean
Jones)

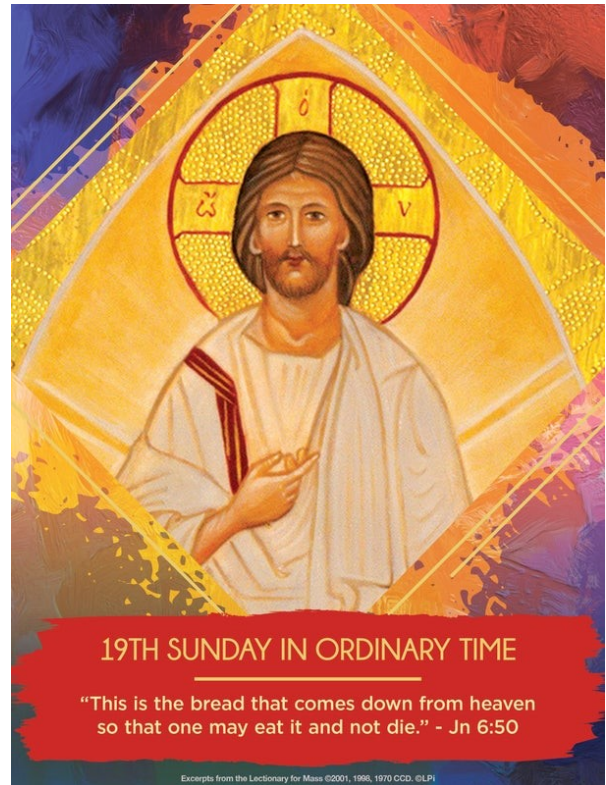
August 18, Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM +Paul Luke (Family)

10:00 AM +Sandy Cuzzolina, Birth. (Family)

5:00 PM Pro Popolo/For the People

There is Mass at 11:30 A.M.
at Our Lady of Fatima Parish.



Readings for the week of August 11, 2024

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (9a)/Eph 4:30—5:2/Jn 6:41-51

Monday: Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday: Ez 2:8—3:4/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday: Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 18:15-20

Thursday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14/1 Cor 15:54b-57/
Lk 11:27-28 Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk
1:39-56

Friday: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Mt 19:3-12

Saturday: Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mt 19:13-15

Next Sunday: Prv 9:1-6/Ps 34:2-3, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 (9a)/Eph 5:15-20/Jn 6:51-58

TABERNACLE CANDLE

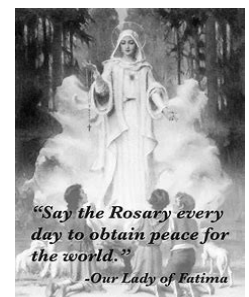
For the month of August, the candle is being lit in memory of Tucker Keagy. Thank you.

Thank You Very Much

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

The contributions for Sunday, August 4, were \$1,645.

Thank you.





Thursday, August 15, is the Solemnity of Mary's Assumption into Heaven. Since it is a holy day of obligation, Mass will be celebrated at the Cathedral on Wednesday, August 14, at 5:30 P.M. and on Thursday at 8:00 A.M. and Noon. **Mass will be celebrated at Our Lady of Fatima Church at 5:30 P.M. on Thursday, August 15.**



This year's Boscov's Friends Helping Friends Event is on Tuesday, October 22, from 8:00 AM to 11 PM. The \$5.00 Discount Pass is good for 25% off prices (exclusions apply). The passes are available after Mass and in the parish office. 100% of your \$5.00 donation goes to our parish.

DEVOTIONAL PRAYERS BEFORE AND AFTER MASS

Beginning in August, we will discontinue the practice of saying the Prayer to St. Peregrine before Mass begins. Prayer cards will be made available for those who want to say the prayer privately either while in church or at home. Also beginning in August, the Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel will be recited by the cantor at the end of the closing song.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

August 11, 2024

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

This week we hear Jesus say, "He that believes in me, has eternal life" (John 6:47). These straightforward words, uttered by human lips, sound — how to put this? — insane. Who could possibly say such a thing? Jesus says things that are so high, so demanding, so beyond our capacity to fathom, we hardly know what to do with them and (if you're like me), they usually go in one ear and out the other. So, let us ask: how can believing in him lead to eternal life?

To believe in something means not just to acknowledge its existence, but also to orient yourself entirely to it. If a football player believes in his team, it means he puts his life totally at the service of that goal. If a student believes in her dream to become a doctor, she gives everything she has to her studies and preparation for her MCAT test. Belief means to move boldly toward something we love, and trust is possible to attain.

What is the highest possible good at which we can aim? It is God himself, the gift of eternal life without end. Jesus has made this "good" possible in and through his human nature. To believe in him means to have him as our ultimate goal. This week let's believe the truth of these words and make practical decisions to orient ourselves toward what we see available in him: eternal life.

— Father John Muir ©LPi

I am the
Bread of Life
John 6:35

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman *urmurings*

When people whisper, what they whisper usually is not flattering. It's also usually not accurate. If it was either of these things, it probably wouldn't have to be whispered.

"Stop murmuring among yourselves," Jesus tells the community in today's Gospel, and I think I detect a hint of impatience in his voice — or is that just my own bias? Maybe, maybe not. But it's true that what they were whispering about wasn't particularly flattering, and it also wasn't very accurate: Did you hear what he said? That he's the bread of life?

Do they disbelieve, or are they simply confused? Resentful? Afraid? Overwhelmed? We don't know, but we do know that they're not bringing their questions into the open. They're whispering them, trading them secretly, like contraband candy.

We know this guy. Who does he think he is? Well, if you ask me...

And then we get to what is usually the true purpose of a whispered opinion: the desire to make oneself out as the correct and unchallenged judge of the matter at hand.

In many ways, we have become a Church of murmurers. Did you see what Bishop So-and-So said to Such-and-Such newspaper? Did you hear what Fr. Whatshisname said in his homily? Who does he think he is? Well, if you ask me...

Perhaps it was always this way, even before modern times. Perhaps this Gospel shows us that this is no new thing.

Today, we see Jesus respond to his sulking critics by drawing their attention back to the truth at the heart of his teaching. Everyone who listens to my Father and learns from him comes to me. And that is the end of their murmuring.

The truth is like a brick wall, and it knocks them over — or rather they, hurling themselves against it, knock themselves over.

"I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever." — John 6:51

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Our parish is having an indoor picnic at the St. Stan's Club on Sunday, August 25, beginning at 1:00 P.M. There's a sign-up sheet in the vestibule. If possible, please bring a covered dish.

UPMC Needs Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

The Pastoral Care Department at UPMC Altoona is looking for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion for current openings on Saturdays. If you have a desire to bring the Blessed Sacrament to sick and suffering Catholic hospital patients, please contact Tony Conrad at 814-889-4323 for



The *2024 Catholic Ministries Drive* is taking place. Our sacrificial gift of prayer and treasure will make an immediate and lasting impact on our ministries that focus on evangelization, serving those in need, and the formation of our priests and deacons.

Please prayerfully consider making a donation this coming week or in the near future. Our diocese's ministries need our support. **Our parish's target is \$9,813. So far, \$9,374 has been received in pledges/gifts from 32 donors. 96% of Target. Thank you.**