

The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 18, 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 18, 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Fr. Charles Bodziak (Tim & Colleen Sheehan)

Next Sunday, August 25, 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mary Lou Smithmyer (Ken & Barbara Smithmyer)

Cathedral Mass Intentions

August 18, 20th 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 Church.

August 19, Monday, St. John Eudes, Priest

12:00 PM +Paul Caracciolo (Joe & Bonnie Russo)

August 20, Tuesday, St. Bernard, Abbot & Dr.

12:00 PM +Bill Turchetta (McNelis All Stars & Friends)

August 21, Wednesday, St. Pius X, Pope

12:00 PM +Rudy Seidel, Anniv.(Weaver Family)

August 22, Thursday, The Queenship of Mary

12:00 PM +William R. Schmerbeck, Birth. (Daughter)

August 23, Friday, Weekday

12:00 PM +Noberta Wagner (Dave & Maureen Hanekamp)

August 24, Saturday, St. Bartholomew, Apostle

12:00 PM+ John Ruggery Rugeria, Birth. (Mae & Family)

Vigil: The 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 PM +Kirk Kling, Anniv. (Kling & Weaver Family)

August 25, Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM +Jane Byrne (Butch Winkler)

10:00 AM +John Kirsch (Don Sgro)

5:00 PM Pro Popolo/For the People

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



20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him. Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me.”
- Jn 6:56-57

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Readings for the week of August 18, 2024

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

Monday: Ez 24:15-23/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21/Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10/Dt 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-36ab/Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Ez 36:23-28/Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mt 22:1-14

Friday: Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Jn 1:45-51

Next Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23 (9a)/ Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69

TABERNACLE CANDLE

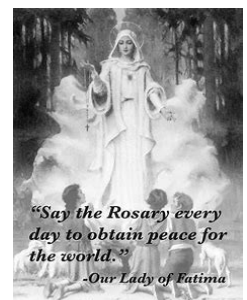
For the month of August, the candle is being lit in memory of Tucker Keagy. Thank you.

Thank You Very Much

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

The contributions for Sunday, August 11, were \$1,698.

Thank you.



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

-Our Lady of Fatima



Join us at the **Church Picnic!**

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.



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 discontinued the practice of saying the Prayer to St. Peregrine before Mass begins. Prayer cards are available for those who want to say the prayer privately either while in church or at home.

The Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel will be recited by the cantor at the end of the closing song.

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 more information.

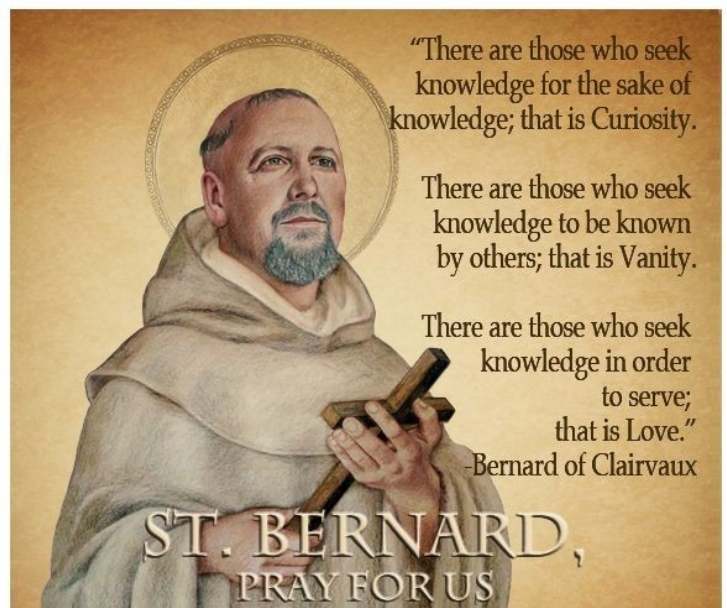


Catholic Ministries Drive

DIocese of ALTOONA-JOHNSTOWN

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.

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.**



"There are those who seek knowledge for the sake of knowledge; that is Curiosity.

There are those who seek knowledge to be known by others; that is Vanity.

There are those who seek knowledge in order to serve; that is Love."

-Bernard of Clairvaux

**ST. BERNARD,
PRAY FOR US**

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

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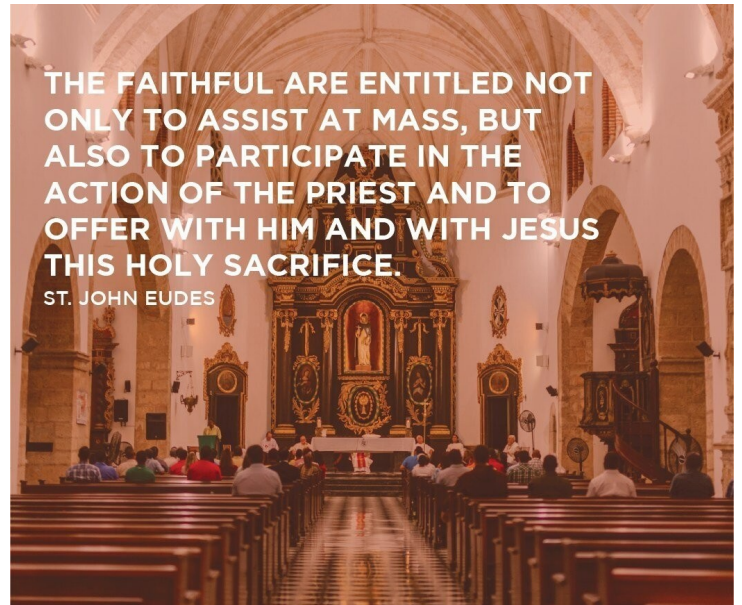
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A priest I know was asked by a door-to-door evangelist, “Do you believe in Jesus?” He answered, “Yes, I do. But if I may ask you,” he continued, “Where do you experience Jesus’ body and blood?” His interlocutor responded somewhat confusedly, “I don’t. I just believe in him. That’s all that is needed.” Later my priest friend would relate to me, “The more I thought about it, that response struck me as totally inadequate. As human beings, we need to encounter Jesus’ body and blood, not just hear about him and mentally believe. Otherwise, Jesus is just a ghost.”

This week we see this central point as we arrive at the climactic moment of Jesus’ teaching on the Eucharist. Jesus has established the importance of believing in him as the “bread of life come down from heaven.” Belief deeply matters because it leads to a real, bodily encounter with Jesus through eating and drinking. That’s why Jesus emphasizes to an almost outrageous degree the non-metaphorical necessity to “eat my flesh and drink my blood” (John 6:54). The real presence of Jesus’ body and blood — he himself, truly, really, substantially — has been the Church’s treasure since Holy Thursday. Internal belief in the heart and the ritual act of eating and drinking the Eucharist, the Church has stubbornly insisted on both, not just one or the other.

This is not meant to criticize non-Catholic Christians who deeply trust and love Jesus, nor is it a triumphal elitist claim about the Catholic Mass. Rather it is a humble, trusting acknowledgement that God in Jesus comes to us in a way most proper to human beings: in our hearts and our bodies, faith and the Eucharist.

— Father John Muir ©LPi



Everyday Stewardship

We can easily feel obligated to attend a party, wedding, or other event that we find ourselves invited to as a guest. If we want to go, then we get dressed up and rush off with anticipation of fun and good times with friends. If we dread going, we get ourselves together slowly and arrive late, hoping that the event will not be so long and we can then get on with the rest of our day. The difference in our feelings may have to do with many aspects: the host, the attendees, the reason for celebration, or even the venue. Either way, the invitation has been given to us because someone feels that our presence would make a positive difference. Our response is entirely our own. We decide how we will answer the invitation.

Every Sunday, every day in fact, you and I have received an invitation to a banquet more celebratory and grander than any wedding or birthday party. The host is actually Jesus Christ himself, and he has prepared a feast that promises to satisfy. He has prepared for this event by giving all he has to give. No host has ever been more gracious. His hope is that you will be happy to attend for your presence does make a tremendous difference. Would he invite you if attending made no difference at all? Will you RSVP with a sense of joy and anticipation? If this is just another invite that obligates you and you approach the event with indifference, the host wonders if you really comprehend what he went through to make this meal possible. He also wonders if you really understand what is truly being celebrated.

--Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS