

# The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 28, 2024

**Our Lady of Fatima Parish**  
2010 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
[www.ourladyoffatimaaltoona.org](http://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](http://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](mailto: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) 8:00 AM 10:00 AM 5:00 PM  
Holy Days: 5:30 PM (Vigil) 8:00 AM  
Weekdays: 12:00 PM  
Saturday: 12:00 PM 12:00 Noon

THE FATIMA TOWERS

## **OUR LADY OF FATIMA MASS INTENTIONS**

**11:30 A.M.**

**Today, July 28, 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Cathy Starr (Carol Riggleman & Family)

**Next Sunday, August 4, 18th Sunday in Ordinary**

**Time**

Mary Catherine McCall (Karen Query)

### **Cathedral Mass Intentions**

***July 28, Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time***

8:00 AM +Paul Rose, Anniv. (Family)

10:00 AM +Barry Krug (Connie Semulka)

5:00 PM Pro Popolo/For the People

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

***July 29, Monday, Saints Martha, Mary, and Lazarus***

12:00 PM +Dave Lysinger, Anniv. (Wife, Mary)

***July 30, Tuesday, St. Peter Chrysologus, Bp. & Dr.***

12:00 PM +Mary and Tom Irwin (Children)

***July 31, Wednesday, St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest***

12:00 PM +Judith Mierley (Lois Duncan)

***August 1, Thursday, St. Alphonsus Ligouri, Bp. & Dr.***

12:00 PM +Francis & Eileen Lytle (Children)

***August 2, Friday, Weekday***

12:00 PM +John Kirsch (Vogel Family)

***August 3, Saturday, Weekday***

12:00 PM +Lavelle Family (Phyllis Lavelle Sheetz)

***Vigil: The 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time***

5:00 PM +John Conti (Ann Gates & Patty Gaeto)

***August 4, Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time***

8:00 AM +Paul Luke (Beth & Tom Moore)

10:00 AM +Etta Pastore (Family)

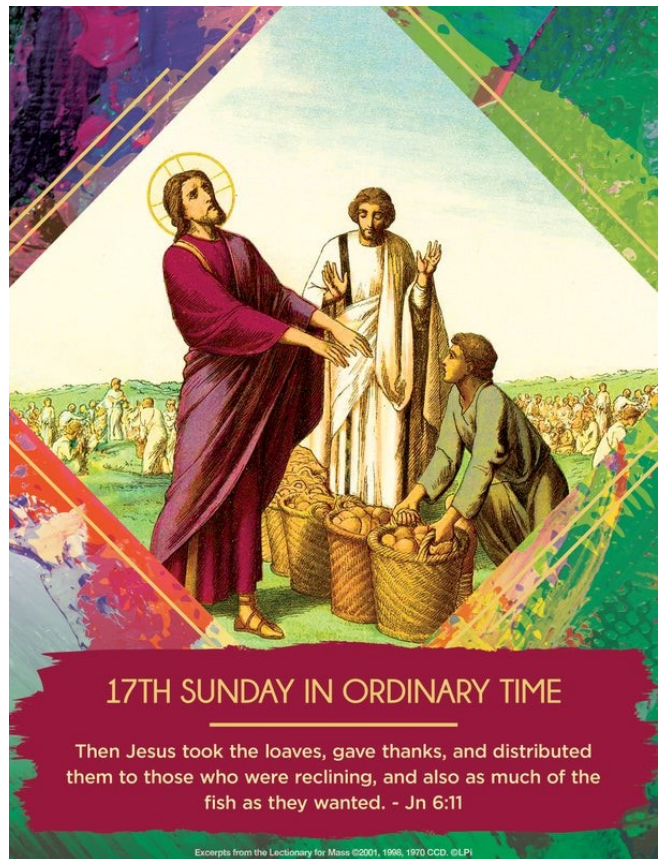
5:00 PM Pro Popolo/For the People

There is Mass at 11:30 A.M.

at Our Lady of Fatima Parish.

### **TABERNACLE CANDLE**

During the month of July, the sanctuary candle is being lit for the intentions of the Link Family. For the month of August, the candle is being lit in memory of Tucker Keagy. Thank you.



Readings for the week of July 28, 2024

Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:42-44/Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18 (see 16)/Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15

Monday: Jer 13:1-11/Ps 32:18-19, 20, 21/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21/Ps 59:2-3, 4, 10-11, 17, 18/Mt 13:44-46

Thursday: Jer 18:1-6/Ps 146:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab/Mt 13:47-53

Friday: Jer 26:1-9/Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14/Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24/Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34/Mt 14:1-12

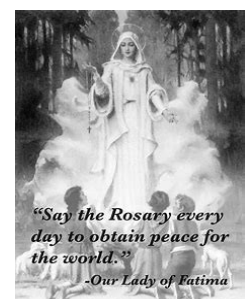
Next Sunday: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54 (24b)/Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35

### **Thank You Very Much**

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

The contributions for Sunday, July 21, were \$1,943.

Thank you.



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

When I Called, You Answered

Some of us have that friend about whom we are constantly discovering new things. Maybe we've known this person for ten or even twenty years, and one day at lunch we'll find out they're a direct descendant of a dead president or they once met a major celebrity.

"You never asked," they'll say with a shrug.

As annoying as this can be, it makes perfect sense, doesn't it? We never asked. There is something strangely sacred about the act of asking for something. It requires humility. It requires grace. It requires us to be awake, to be aware, to be vulnerable.

Too often we fall into a pattern of entitlement, even when it comes to information. We go through life thinking that a great cosmic conveyor belt of what we want is going to roll on past us, and we'll barely even have to extend our arms. We read our Bible and we hear all these amazing promises from the Father who loves us, and we get sort of complacent. He's got this, we think, and we shut our eyes to take a snooze on the road trip of life, confident that someone else is going to look out for stop signs and wrong turns.

It's true: God's got this. He is going to take care of us. But He wants us to be in relationship with Him. He wants us to be an active, receptive participant in our own salvation. See his patience with Abraham's entreaties on behalf of the righteous of Sodom: He wants to answer, not simply to tell.

He wants us to stay awake for the drive.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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**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.



*Sisters of Charity*  
OF NAZARETH

Last weekend, The Sisters of Charity of Nazareth visited the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady of Fatima Parish as part of the annual Mission Cooperative Plan 2024. Sister Teresa Kotturan, SCN spoke at our parish. The Sisters of Charity of Nazareth were founded in Bardstown, Kentucky in 1812. Through their ministries of healthcare, education and social service, SCN's carry the message of Christ's love to those who most need help throughout the world.

**Since they weren't available in last weekend's bulletin, a special envelope has been included this weekend.**



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.



GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE  
DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIP-  
TURE July 28, 2024

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The world is filled with people whose basic needs aren't met, whether for clean water, nutrition, safety, education, meaningful work, stable family life, basic medical resources, religious freedom, and the right to life. So how can we possibly believe what Psalm 145 says to us this week, "The hand of the Lord feeds us, he answers all our needs"? Does he? What about the countless poor? Can't we identify at least a few unmet needs in our own lives right now? Is the Bible promoting wishful thinking and laziness in helping others?

No. The psalm flows from Israel's experience of God's relentless fidelity again and again —especially in the Passover from Egypt. This divine providence is recalled when Jesus feeds the needy multitudes in the Gospel of John. Passover arrives once again, and the people are hungry like the ancient Israelites on the wilderness journey. What is new is that in Jesus God not only provides for their needs, but He learns what it's like to have those human needs. He shares them too. He feeds them bread and fish; and even more, He hungers to provide them, and us, much more than just that kind of perishable food.

Our deepest need is for God. Like the multiplied bread, all earthly provisions ultimately fail, for we all finally die. Of course, our obligation to meet the needs of the poor is basic. But Christ promises to feed us with the one bread that never fails: God Himself. He is humanity's eternal food. If we eat this bread, we taste the faithfulness of God who answers all our needs, even when every earthly thing fails. — Father John Muir ©LPi



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.**