

The Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 3, 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

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: ltthayer@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, November 3, 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Joe Ianniello (Jonathan & Christine)

Next Sunday, November 10, 2024

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deceased Catholic War Veterans (O.L.O.F. Parish)

Cathedral Mass Intentions

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8:00 AM +Patricia Vargo (Tom & Karen Smith)

10:00 AM +Shirley Kiern (Cathy & Joe Koehle)

5:00 PM Pro Popolo/For the People

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

November 4, Monday, St. Charles Borromeo, Bp.

12:00 PM +Deceased Nagy & Capp Families
(Jennie Wolf)

November 5, Tuesday, Weekday

12:00 PM +John Kirsch (Patty & Tom Forr)

November 6, Wednesday, Weekday

12:00 PM +Bob Eger (Jane F. Doyle)

November 7, Thursday, Weekday

12:00 PM +Rita Kibler (Christian Mothers)

November 8, Friday, Weekday

12:00 PM +Sandy Cox (Carole & John, and Carol Gensimore)

November 9, Saturday, Dedication of the St. John Lateran Basilica

12:00 PM +Jay Strawmire (Bill & Judy Ward)

Vigil: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 PM +Alice Winkler (Steve Stefanon)

November 10, Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Special Intentions of Philip Petrunak,
Birth. (Family)

10:00 AM +Thomas Byrne, Sr., Birth. (Family)

5:00 PM Pro Popolo/For the People

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

The **Sanctuary Candle** for the month of November is lit in honor of the Eckenrode Family.
Thank you.



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The scribe said to him, "Well said, teacher. You are right in saying, 'He is One and there is no other than he.'" And when Jesus saw that he answered with understanding, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." - Mk 12:32, 34ab

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Readings for the week of November 3, 2024

Sunday: Dt 6:2-6/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 (2)/Heb 7:23-28/Mk 12:28b-34

Monday: Phil 2:1-4/Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3/Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday: Phil 2:5-11/Ps 22:26b-27, 28-30ab, 30c, 31-32/Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday: Phil 2:12-18/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Lk 14:25-33

Thursday: Phil 3:3-8a/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 15:1-10

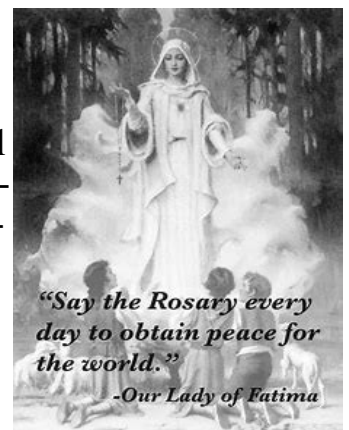
Friday: Phil 3:17—4:1/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 16:1-8

Saturday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22

Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 17:10-16/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 (1b)/Heb 9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44

Thank You Very Much

Your prayers, volunteerism, and financial support are deeply appreciated. The contributions for Sunday, October 27, were \$1,211.
Thank you.



7TH GRADE RELIGIOUS

EDUCATION CHRISTIAN

SERVICE PROJECT

The 7th Grade Religious Education Class and their parents are assisting two families from Our Lady of Fatma Parish with two children with extraordinary medical needs: Gwendolyn Gabriel and Sophia Riggleman. Gwen, born with half a heart and 8 years old, is waiting for her second heart transplant and has been in Children's Hospital in Pittsburgh since February 2024. Sophia was born with the most severe form of Spina Bifida. She has had numerous surgeries, and her family also makes many trips to Children's Hospital. Both girls and families have continuously kept the faith and live lives with joyful hope. The students are asking for our help to raise some funds especially for gas gift cards and grocery gift cards to help defray their costs of family living at home and at the Ronald McDonald house and transportation. The students will be selling Dum –Dum Lollipops for a small donation during the first few weeks of November after Masses. They will have donation boxes for household items that are also needed (Purina ONE sensitive skin & stomach cat food, Fresh Step cat litter, Clorox or Lysol wipes, Myers clean day multipurpose cleaner, Everspring (Target Brand) toilet paper, Swifter Power Mop refills, Swifter duster refills, Tide hygienic clean laundry pods, Cascade complete dishwasher pods, size 4 diapers, Beechnut baby foods, Huggies baby wipes and paper towel rolls). The 7th grade students will appreciate our help and generosity. Gift cards and any voluntary monetary donations should be placed in envelopes in the collection basket or dropped off at the parish office marked: 7th Grade Religious Education Service Project c/o Mrs. Jeanne Thompson

COURTESY ADS

Bishop Guilfoyle Academy

January is a good time to join the BG Academy family for PreK or students in any grade level. Visit their new website: bishopguilfoyle.org. You can schedule a personal tour.

St. Therese of the Child Jesus Parish

Join the parish of St. Therese of the Child Jesus at Father Kelly Hall for an all-you-can-eat pancake lunch and raffle on Sunday, November 17, from 11:00 A.M. until 1:30 P.M. \$5.00 for children 10 and younger, \$8.00 for 11 and older. Benefits St. Vincent DePaul Conference. Ticket price includes pancakes, sausage (not all you can eat) and beverage.

Our Lady of Lourdes Holiday Boutique

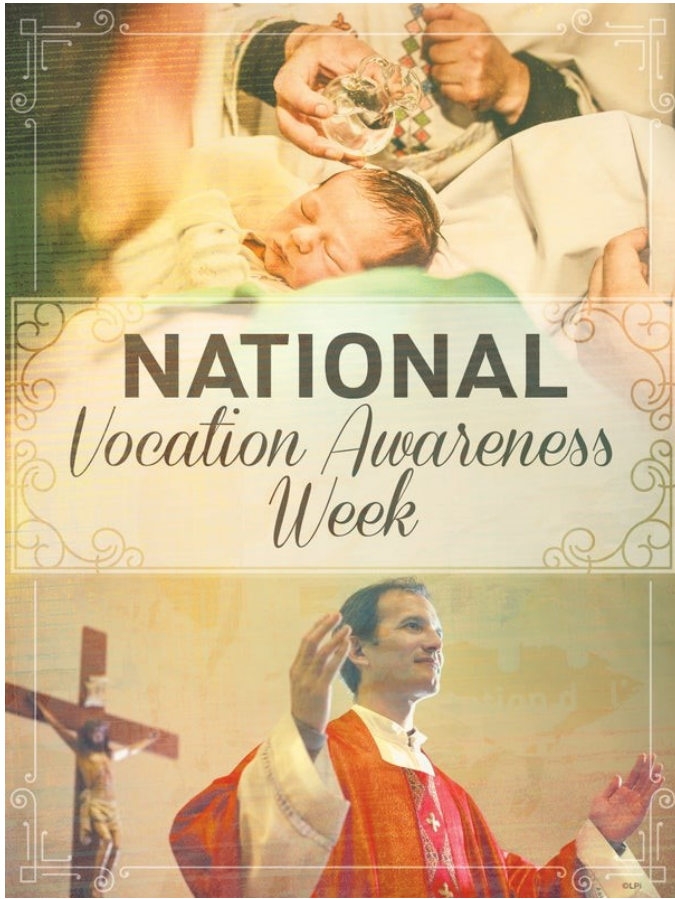
Our Lady of Lourdes Holiday Boutique, at 2700– Broad Avenue. Elevator Access! November 9th, 2024, 8AM-3PM. Breakfast 8-10 AM, Lunch 11AM-2PM, Photos with Santa 11AM-1:00PM. Crafts, Baskets, raffles, Kids Carnival, Jewelry, Homemade Lollipops, Bake Shoppe.



Catholic Ministries Drive

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Our Lady of Fatima Parish has reached this year's target with 35 donations/pledges amounting to \$9,949 which is \$136 over our \$9,813 target. Thank you very much.



GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

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Americans have long been fascinated with public debates. Farmers stood in muddy fields for hours to hear Lincoln and Douglas dispute each other in the 1860 presidential run-up. The televised debate between Kennedy and Nixon in 1960 fascinated the nation. These days, cable news outlets and social media parse every word spoken by candidates. We still love seeing public, rational disputes in the service of our nation.

In his day, Jesus also captured attention as a public debater. Mark tells us, “And one of the scribes came up and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, asked him, ‘Which commandment is the first of all?’” Jesus’ brief but all-encompassing response is the double command to love God and neighbor. Notice that he includes the importance of loving God with “all your mind.” Loving God is not simply a question of affection, loyalty, good deeds, and religious dedication. It demands honest and intense intellectual engagement — just like an accomplished debater.

November 3-9 is Vocation Awareness Week

Please pray that young people in today’s culture will hear and respond to God’s call. It is crucial that when God moves the heart of a young man to explore the priesthood, parents should be supportive. We all need to do our part to encourage young people to consider the priesthood or consecrated life.



How do we do this practically? One simple way is by embracing ourselves as life-long learners. Setting aside time for reading, book studies, online classes, and, perhaps most difficult, engaging in open, honest, and curious conversation with those who think differently from us. These are all great ways to love God with our minds. Our country and our Church depend greatly on souls who love God in this way with their minds. Let’s commit to loving God with all our minds in tireless pursuit of truth.

— Father John Muir

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