

The Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 6, 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) 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, October 6, 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Colleen Douglass (Joanne Strate)

Next Sunday, October 13, 2024

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MM Thomas Byrne, Wed. Anniv. (Family)

Cathedral Mass Intentions

October 6, Sunday, 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM +Joseph Pagliaro, Anniv. (Family)

10:00 AM +Edgar A. Johnston (Family)

5:00 PM Pro Popolo/For the People

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

October 7, Monday, Our lady of the Rosary

12:00 PM +Barry Krug, Anniv. (Tammy & Bob Datris)

October 8, Tuesday, Weekday

12:00 PM +Patricia Batkiewicz (Gibbons/Kirsch)

**October 9, Wednesday, St. Denis, Bp. & Companion
Martyrs**

12:00 PM +David Hooper (Wife)

October 10, Thursday, Weekday

12:00 PM +Adelaide Kipple (M/M Dave Hanekamp)

October 11, Friday, St. John XXIII, Pope

12:00 PM +Mary Kanoski (Mom & Paul)

October 12, Saturday, Weekday

12:00 PM +Bob Eger (Joe & Eileen Koeck)

Vigil: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 PM +Ann Edith DiGuseppe (John Conti
Family)

October 13, Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM +Doris Smith (Sam & Janet Ianuzzi)

10:00 AM +John Kirsch (Ron Skupien)

5:00 PM Pro Popolo/For the People

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

Pray for
VOCATIONS



Readings for the week of October 6, 2024

Sunday: Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 (see 5)/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

Monday: Gal 1:6-12/Ps 111:1b-2, 7-8, 9 and 10c/Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday: Gal 1:13-24/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15/Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Lk 11:1-4

Thursday: Gal 3:1-5/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/Lk 11:5-13

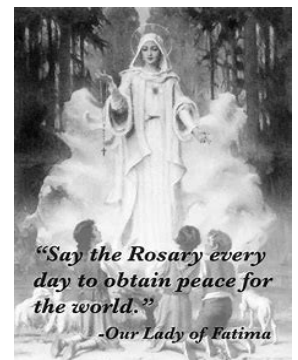
Friday: Gal 3:7-14/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 11:15-26

Saturday: Gal 3:22-29/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 11:27-28

Next Sunday: Wis 7:7-11/Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 (14)/Heb 4:12-13/
Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-2

**Thank You Very
Much**

Your prayers, volunteerism, and financial support are deeply appreciated. The contributions for Sunday, September 29, were \$1,950.





Holy Spirit Ministry will hold a special Healing Mass on Tuesday, October 15, at 7 P.M. at St. Michael Church in Hollidaysburg. This powerful night of hope and healing is for all who are suffering physically, emotionally, and spiritually. Fr. Brad Baldwin, TOR, Fr. David Dodd, TOR, Fr. Jeremy Mohler, and other priests will celebrate Mass. Praise and worship will precede the Mass at 6:30 P.M. and prayer ministry will follow Mass. If you are suffering physically, or from an addiction, or hurting or struggling in any way, come and experience the healing power of Jesus and be set free! All are welcome.



Family Fun, Costumes, and Candy! Cathedral Parish will be holding their Trunk or Treat on Sunday, October 13th, from 2:00-3:00PM, in the Cathedral's Lower Parking Lot. Children need to be accompanied by an adult.



The Sanctuary Candle for the month of October has been donated by Karen Querry for the Intentions of the Souls in Purgatory.
Thank you.

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.

LIFE CHAIN

October 6, 2024, 2:00 to 3:00 PM
Downtown Altoona
17th St at 9th Ave at Station Mall Medical Center

National LIFE CHAIN Sunday is a time for prayer and repentance. Stand with hundreds of thousands of pro-lifers throughout America, in memory of over 60 million babies who have lost their lives to abortion since 1973. Participants will silently stand in peaceful, prayerful witness to their commitment to love and protect the unborn and their mothers.

Bring your whole family! Rain or shine! Water, lawn chairs, umbrellas and strollers are welcome!

This peaceful, prayerful event provides a visual statement of pro-life unity to passersby.



This year's Boscov's Friends Helping Friends Event is on Tuesday, October 22, from 8:00 AM to 11:00 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 SCRIPTURE



October 6, 2024

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

As a young pastor years ago, I met with a middle-aged couple who had been divorced and civilly remarried. They were frustrated that an annulment had to precede a Church marriage. Sympathizing with their plight, I promised to walk with them along their journey. Once as we sat in my office, the man said to me, “Why is the Church so difficult on marriage?” I replied, “Actually, Jesus’ teaching is what’s difficult.” He furrowed his brow and asked what I meant.

We opened the Bible and together read today’s gospel passage from Mark 10:12 in which Jesus says, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another, commits adultery with her...” My two friends sat in silent astonishment. Surely Jesus understands the complexities of human life and sexual love. The words hung thick and heavy in the air. How could the merciful Lord be so seemingly unrealistic in his expectations, especially with so much divorce and remarriage in our world?

I didn’t know what to say. So, we kept reading. Next, Jesus says, “Let the children come to me.” The innocence of children allows them to receive and give love, to trust unconditionally, to believe in love that endures. Most children aren’t yet jaded by statistics, broken hearts, or dysfunctional relationships. Children remind us of the world to come. The couple and I began to talk about child-like trust in Jesus and his teaching, and we continued to move forward. When it comes to the Church’s demanding teaching on marriage, it’s best to approach it as trusting children, whatever situations in which we find ourselves.

— Father John Muir

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**Annual America Needs Fatima Rosary
Rally**

The Rosary Rally will be held on Saturday, October 12th, 2024, at Noon, in downtown Altoona at the Heritage Plaza, 15th Street and 11th Avenue.



Strength In Christ -Trust-Surrender-Joy

Third Annual Women’s Conference

Saturday, 12 October, 2024

Check-in begins at 7/7:30am

9:00 am - 4:00 pm

9:00am Mass w/Bishop Mark Bartchak

4:00p.m. Closing Remarks

Lunch Included

Sacrament of Reconciliation Available

Mount Aloysius College: Bertschi Center
7373 Admiral Peary Hwy, Cresson, PA
16630

Registration forms are in the back of the church.