

The Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 20, 2024

Our Lady of Fatima Parish
2010 12th Avenue
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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) 8:00 AM 10:00 AM 5:00 PM
Holy Days: 5:30 PM (Vigil) 8:00 AM 12:00 Noon
Weekdays: 12:00 PM
Saturday: 12:00 PM

THE FATIMA TOWERS

OUR LADY OF FATIMA MASS INTENTIONS

11:30 A.M.

Today, October 20, 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Helen Hamberger (Estate)

Next Sunday, October 27, 2024

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ray Kelly (Connie McKnight)

Cathedral Mass Intentions

October 20, 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM +Dave Behe (Mary Ellen Burke)

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 Church.

October 21, Monday, Weekday

12:00 PM +Hannah Wilkins, Anniv. (Rich & Nancy Hall)

October 22, Tuesday, St. John Paul II, Pope

12:00 PM +Michael Wagner (Cathy Pacifico)

October 23, Wednesday, St. John of Capistrano, Priest

12:00 PM +Delphino Rutolo, Birth. (Family)

October 24, Thursday, St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bp.

12:00 PM +Fr. Silvan Rouse, Anniv. (Ed & Lois Simanski)

October 25, Friday, Weekday

12:00 PM +Carol Foytick (Maureen Kedzuff)

October 26, Saturday, Weekday

12:00 PM +Anna Rhodes (Bob & Chris Laraia)

Vigil: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 PM +John & Mildred Conti, Wed. Anniv. (Family)

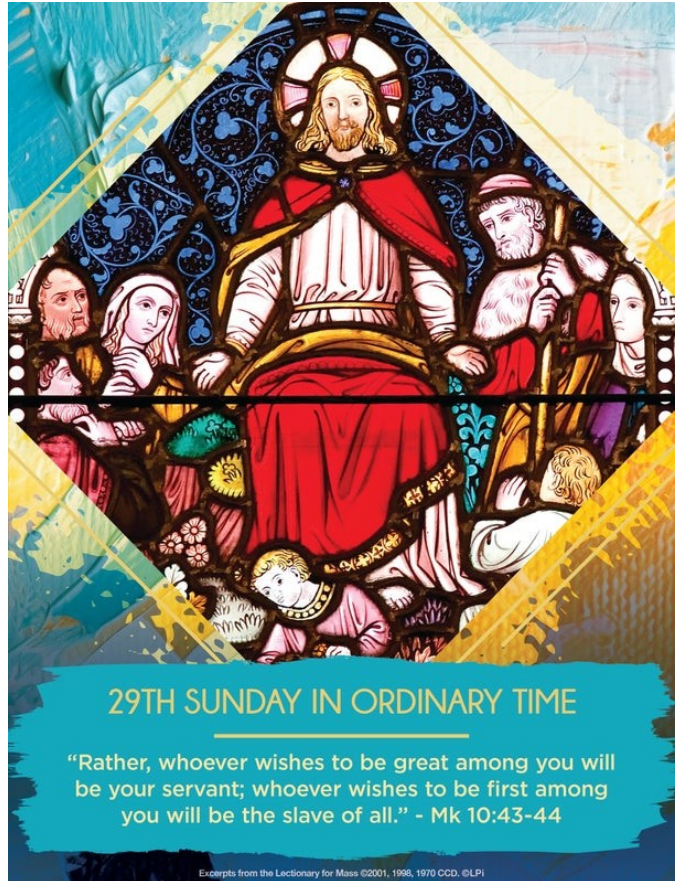
October 27, Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM +Debbie Sadler, Birth. (Linda Kutz)

10:00 AM +Lori Crilley (Sisters, Pam & Vicki)

5:00 PM Pro Popolo/For the People

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



Readings for the week of October 20, 2024

Sunday: Is 53:10-11/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22, (22)/Heb 4:14-16/
Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45

Monday: Eph 2:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4ab, 4c-5/Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday: Eph 2:12-22/Ps 85:9ab-10, 11-12, 13-14/Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday: Eph 3:2-12/Ps 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Lk 12:39-48

Thursday: Eph 3:14-21/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19/Lk 12:49-53

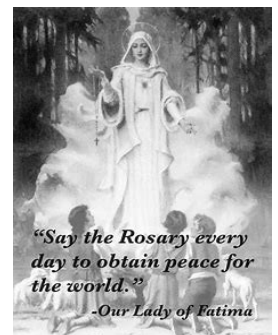
Friday: Eph 4:1-6/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 12:54-59

Saturday: Eph 4:7-16/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 13:1-9

Next Sunday: Jer 31:7-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-5

Thank You Very Much

Your prayers, volunteerism, and financial support are deeply appreciated. The contributions for Sunday, Octo-



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 Riggelman. 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 (a list will appear in next week's bulletin). 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



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.



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

This year's Boscov's Friends Helping Friends Event in this 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.

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Made to Serve

I thought it often in my first year as a mother, when I was every day discovering what this new life of parenthood looked and felt like: doing anything with kids is a hundred times harder than doing it without kids. But it's a thousand times better.

From eating dinner to going to Mass to taking a walk around the block — every single outing, even the simplest ones, had an extra level of logistical complexity. I had to bring diapers and food and extra clothes, I had to be ready to distract, to comfort, to settle, to de-escalate. Before, I just showed up, did the thing and went home. Now, I had to be ready to coordinate.

I had to be ready to serve.

But even while everything had become so much more complicated, so much harder, there was suddenly a joyfulness to these experiences that had not been there before. Yes, I was a mom now, a servant if there ever was one, constantly tending to someone else's needs, and it was difficult. Sometimes terribly so. But it was beautiful (not in a physical way — I was usually covered in baby spit-up — but my soul had that glow, you know?).

It was the first time in my life that I really understood what it was to serve, and the power of that vocation to which we are all called.

This isn't just true of parenthood. It's true of every relationship. When we find someone we can meaningfully, wholeheartedly serve — our spouse, our best friend, our employees, our students, our patients, whoever it is — the effort becomes nothing compared to the joy and the fulfillment we find in the work.

We were made for greatness, and Christ tells us that to be great is to serve. So don't be afraid of greatness. Don't be afraid to serve.

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GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEP- ER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

October 20, 2024

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

From a young age, I loved winning at sports. I confess that winning was a bit of an addiction. It was probably coming from a deep desire for attention and affirmation from others. Nevertheless, it was a driving motivation for me. Baseball, soccer, track, table tennis, and whatever else I could find was a chance to win. Competition was my obsession.

Another John, and his brother James, demonstrate a kind of wildly competitive obsession when they dare to say to Jesus: “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory” (Mark 10:37). Their audacity arouses an indignant reaction from the other apostles, who are clearly raw that these two are out to win the highest spots.

How does Jesus respond to us in our desires for greatness? The same way he does to James and John. He does not criticize them for their desire for glory. But he does highlight their ignorance (“you do not know what you are asking.”). Then he invites them to be champions of true greatness: by drinking not the cup of worldly victory, but his cup of self-giving suffering love, to be the “slave of all.” The true winners are slaves of love. This week, dare to tell Jesus what your ambitions truly are. Hear him call you to an even greater victory.

— Father John Muir

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