

# The Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 27, 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**

**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](mailto: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:**

<b>Sunday: 5:00 PM (Vigil)</b>	<b>Holy Days: 5:30 PM (Vigil)</b>	<b>Weekdays: 12:00 PM</b>
<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Saturday: 12:00 PM</b>
<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>12:00 Noon</b>	
<b>5:00 PM</b>		

THE FATIMA TOWERS

**OUR LADY OF FATIMA MASS INTENTIONS**

**11:30 A.M.**

**Today, October 27, 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Ray Kelly (Connie McKnight)

**Next Sunday, November 3, 2024**

**31st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Joe Ianniello (Jonathan & Christine)

**Cathedral Mass Intentions**

**October 27, 30h 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 Church.

**October 28, Monday, Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles**

12:00 PM +Souls in Purgatory (Anonymous)

**October 29, Tuesday, Weekday**

12:00 PM +David C. Hooper, Birth. (Wife & Family)

**October 30, Wednesday, Weekday**

12:00 PM +Denis Burns (M/M Dave Hanekamp)

**October 31, Thursday, Weekday**

12:00 PM +Don Godish, Anniv. (Friend)

**Vigil: Solemnity of All Saints**

5:30 PM +Minnie Yahner (Al Schlecht)

**November 1, Friday, Solemnity of All Saints Day**

8:00 AM +Pro Popolo/For The People

12:00 PM +John Moloney/Joan Nedimyer, Birth.  
(Family)

**November 2, Saturday, All Souls Day**

8:00 AM +Souls in Purgatory

12:00 PM +Souls in Purgatory

**Vigil: 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5:00 PM +Mildred Conti, Birth. (Family)

**November 3, Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

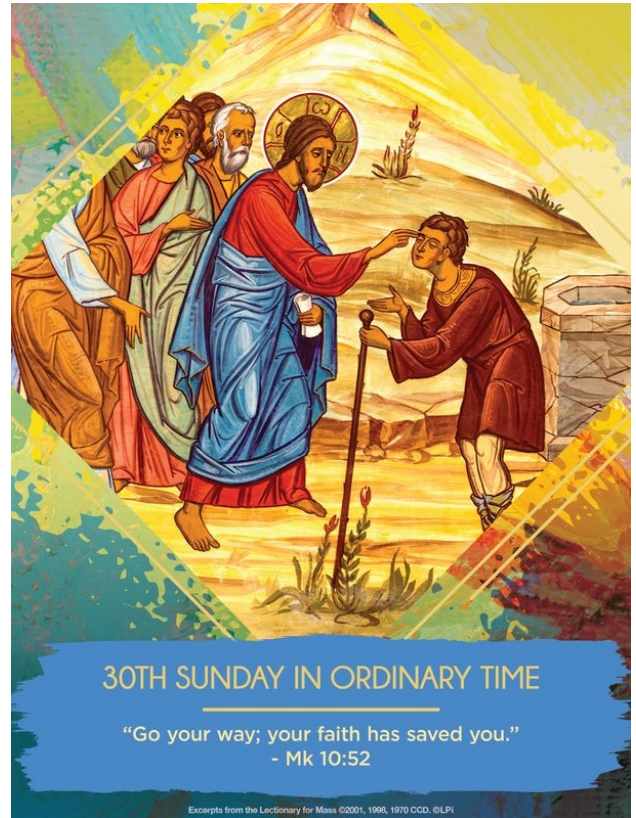
10:00 AM +Shirley Keim (Cathy & Joe Koehle)

5:00 PM Pro Popolo/For the People

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

The **Sanctuary Candle** for the month of October has been donated by Karen Querry for the Intentions of the Souls in Purgatory. For November, the candle is lit in honor of the Eckenrode Family.

Thank you.



Readings for the week of October 27, 2024

Sunday: Jer 31:7-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-52

Monday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 6:12-16

Tuesday: Eph 5:21-33/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday: Eph 6:1-9/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14/Lk 13:22-30

Thursday: Eph 6:10-20/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Lk 13:31-35

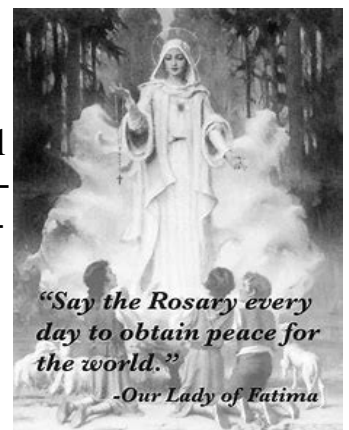
Friday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a

Saturday: Wis 4:7-14/Ps 25:6, and 7b, 17-18, 20-21/Rom 5:17-21/Mt 11:25-30

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

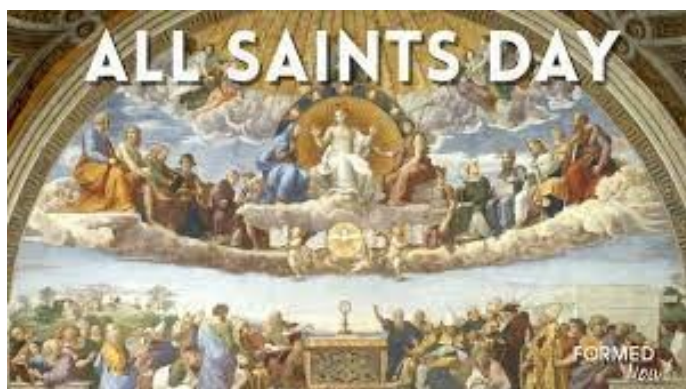
**Thank You Very  
Much**

Your prayers, volunteerism, and financial support are deeply appreciated. The contributions for Sunday, October 20, will be listed in next week's bulletin.



**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 Rigglesman. 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



**Friday, November 1, is All Saints Day and a holy day of obligation. There will be Masses at the Cathedral on Thursday, October 31, at 5:30 P.M. and on Friday, at 8:00 A.M. and Noon.**

**Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church will be on Friday, November 1, at 5:30 P.M.**



**Catholic  
Ministries  
Drive**

**DIOCESE OF ALTOONA-JOHNSTOWN**

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.

## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

### The Safety of Darkness

Leprosy and blindness and deafness — oh, my. The disabilities cured by Jesus in his public ministry really are quite something, aren't they? Vividly symbolic and rich food for reflection. It just wouldn't be the same if Jesus had cured eczema or athlete's foot or compulsive nail-biting.

Blind Bartimaeus, sitting by the side of the road, in particular captures my imagination. Because I have a confession to make, sometimes, I like to sit in the darkness, even though I know it isn't very good for me.

Well, listen: it's just easier, isn't it? You don't have to care about or fix the problems you can't see. No one expects you to rush to someone's aid if you don't see their injuries. The darkness is a good place to be, if you don't feel very brave or very smart or very able.

And when Jesus passes you by, if your whole world is darkness, it's easy enough to pretend you just didn't notice him at all.

But Bartimaeus chose not to stay in his darkness. More than that, he cried out to be released from it, even when everyone around him told him to shut up. He was so persistent that he caught the notice of Jesus, and when he heard those words — "Take courage; get up, Jesus is calling you!" — what did he do? He didn't stammer and run away. He had courage. He got up.

It takes courage to ask for what you need to follow Christ. Because if you ask for it, you'll get it. And then begins the terrifying, wonderful journey of discipleship — testifying to what you have seen. Life in the light, no longer sitting by the side of the road but on the road, journeying toward the greatest destination of all.

"What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus asks us.

Do we have the courage to answer him?

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## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

### Giving as God does

Ask yourself this question — what would you pray for if you really believed God could and would do anything for you? In my experience, we all have something. We all have that miracle we're afraid to request, afraid we will be disappointed.

Do we doubt God's readiness to give because we ourselves have such an imperfect understanding of charity and love? Maybe if we had better faith in God we would be more ready to give of ourselves — and maybe if we were more ready to give of ourselves, we would understand more clearly the ways of God.

Because we're not really afraid that God can't do something. We know He can do anything. What we're afraid of is that He will do what He always does: give us what we need, not what we want.

Have you ever had a friend in need and you just wanted to give them something — a meal, a phone call, a text? Not because you knew it would help, but simply because you wanted to reach out. And have they ever said to you: It wasn't so much what you gave, but the fact that you did. You gave them what they needed even if it wasn't what they specifically asked for.

When we give in this manner, we are giving as God does. Sometimes we are afraid to ask because we don't want to be disappointed. But remember, the blind man on the road got what he asked for, but he would have gotten what he needed even if his answer had been the opposite. God's generosity is always reckless, and it's always perfect.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi