

The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 8, 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) 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, September 8, 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sara Quinlin (Mike & Sherry Byrne)

Next Sunday, September 15,

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

For God's People (Altoona Catholic Daughters)

Cathedral Mass Intentions

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8:00 AM +Bill Anthony, Birth. (M/M Dennis Oswald)

10:00 AM +Rita McCloskey (Bob & Mary Suders)

5:00 PM Pro Popolo/For the People

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

September 9, Monday, St. Peter Claver, Priest

12:00 PM +Audrey Krause (Phyllis Lavelle Sheetz)

September 10, Tuesday, Weekday

12:00 PM +John & Catherine Bauer (Grandson, Daniel B. Bauer)

September 11, Wednesday, Weekday

12:00 PM +Albert Evangelisto, Jr., Birth. (Sisters)

September 12, Thursday, The Most Holy Name of Mary

12:00 PM +John F. Kilcoyne (Jim & Steph Kilcoyne)

September 13, Friday, St. John Chrysostom, Bp. & Dr.

12:00 PM +Rita Kibler (Greg & Kathy Clemens)

September 14, Saturday, The Exaltation of the Cross

12:00 PM Special Intentions of Elaine Fleegal (Sylvia Goals Family)

Vigil: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

September 15, Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM +Donna Pagliara Ruggery, Anniv. (Mom & Siblings)

10:00 AM +Helen Laraia, Anniv./Birth (Donna Long & Bob Laraia)

5:00 PM Pro Popolo/For the People
There is Mass at 11:30 A.M.
at Our Lady of Fatima Parish.



23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

And people brought to him a deaf man who had a speech impediment and begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him off by himself away from the crowd. He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "Ephphatha!"—that is, "Be opened!" - Mk 7:32-34

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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Readings for the week of September 8, 2024

Sunday: Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 (1B)/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37

Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12/Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday: 1 Cor 6:1-11/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31/Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17/Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24/Lk 6:27-38

Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12/Lk 6:39-42

Saturday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

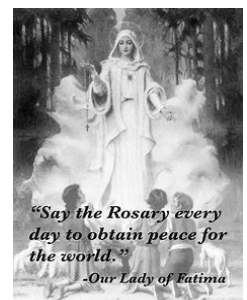
Next Sunday: Is 50:4c-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 (9)/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35

Thank You Very Much

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

The contributions for Sunday, September 1, were \$1,186.

Thank you.





Join us at the **Church Picnic!**

Gratitude is extended to those who attended our parish's indoor picnic at the St. Stan's Club on Sunday, August 25. We are grateful for the Club's hospitality. We are particularly grateful to the Planning Committee: Helen Carper, Kathy Kasun, Connie McKnight, Eileen Starr, and Emma Kowalski.



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.



The Sanctuary Candle for the month of September is in memory of John Kasun Jr. as requested by his wife, Kathy Kasun. 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.



Catholic Ministries Drive

DIocese OF ALTOONA-JOHNSTOWN

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.

Our diocese's ministries need our support. **Our parish's target is \$9,813. So far, \$9,674 has been received in pledges/gifts from 33 donors. \$139 is needed to reach our Target. Thank you.**



Msgr. Stan Carson, along with 30 other people, will leave for a pilgrimage to Fatima (Portugal), Burgos (Spain), Lourdes (France), and Barcelona (Spain) on Sunday afternoon, September 15, and return on Tuesday, September 24. Coverage has been arranged for all regularly scheduled Masses and Confessions.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIP- TURE

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One of the most touching YouTube videos I've ever seen is one in which a deaf woman receives new technology to heal her hearing. She hears her husband's voice for the first time — and her own, too — and bursts into tears of overwhelming joy. It must have been like an immovable wall between her and her loved ones came tumbling down.

We are all like this woman, to some degree. We believe in the presence of God's love, but we can't hear Him. We can't speak well about Him. The deaf man who can't speak properly in the Gospel today is an image of what God wants us to experience again and again. Jesus takes the man aside to a private place away from the crowd, touches his ears and tongue, and says, "Ephphata!" The man's ears are opened, and he speaks clearly. Contact with Christ has this effect on us.

This experience happens to us in our baptism, almost exactly. It happens to us in the liturgy. It happens in our private prayer. It happens when we hear the voice of God in our conscience. The more we engage these privileged channels of Jesus' healing, the more we are empowered to hear and speak of the presence of God's perfect love.

— Father John Muir

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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Choosing Deafness

If you're a parent, you know that hearing evaluations are usually done at a child's annual physical exam starting around age four. The little person gets hoisted up onto the exam table, fitted with a pair of special headphones, and then they need raise their hand when they hear a sound.

I bet all of us parents who have sat through one of these tests with a preschooler — especially a particularly strong-willed one — have experienced a moment where we ask ourselves: I wonder if there's something wrong with her hearing. Is that why she doesn't listen to me? 'Come here, put on your shoes, pick up your toys, finish your carrots, don't touch that' — she isn't being naughty, she just can't hear it!

And then that moment, for those of us whose kids passed the hearing test with flying colors, comes crashing down into a realization that, yep, they can hear just fine. They're just choosing deafness.

But how can we really get mad when we remember that we do the same thing to God day in and day out? I often wonder if God, sitting in His Heaven, tires of calling to us in the same way young parents tire of calling out unheeded directions to their small children. Help that person. Hear My voice. Open your heart. Give of yourself here. Talk to Me.

What is the call He wishes you to hear today? Can you hear it? Are you listening? — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

Celebration of Mary's Birthday

Since September 8, The Feast of Mary's Birth, falls on a Sunday this year, St. Catherine's Parish in Duncansville is having their annual celebration on Monday, September 9.

There will be Mass in the church at 7:45 a.m. and 12:05 p.m. At 5:30 p.m. there will be a Mass and rosary procession at the shrine.

The rosary will be prayed continuously between Masses. There will be food (from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.) and exhibits in the hall.