

# The Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 15, 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**

**Bishop Guilfoyle Academy**

**Web: [www.bishopguilfoyle.org](http://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](mailto: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:**

<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, September 15, 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

For God's People (Altoona Catholic Daughters)

**Next Sunday, September 22,**

**25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Adeline C. Cassarly & Paul G. Cassarly (Jeanne Cassarly)

**Cathedral Mass Intentions**

**September 15, 24th 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 Church.

**September 16, Monday, Sts. Cornelius, P. and Cyprian, Bp., Martyrs**

12:00 PM +Mike Wolf, Anniv. (Wife, Jeannie)

**September 17, Tuesday, St. Robert Bellarmine, Bp.**

12:00 PM +Donni Rabine (The Cleaning Buddies)

**September 18, Wednesday, Weekday**

12:00 PM +Jane Byrne (McNelis All Stars & Friends)

**September 19, Thursday, St. Januarius, Bp. And M.**

12:00 PM +Billy Scholz (Jim & Steph Kilcoyne)

**September 20, Friday, Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest, & Paul Chong Ha-sang, and Companions, M.**

12:00 PM +Kathleen Bollinger, Anniv. (Husband & Family)

**September 21, Saturday, St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist**

12:00 PM+ Rev. Paul Turnbull (Dave & Maureen Hanecamp)

**Vigil: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5:00 PM +Special Intentions of Rosemarie Fideli (Anonymous)

**September 22, Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM +Anna Gioiosa, Birth. (Tim & JoAnn Bettwy)

10:00 AM +Betty Dobbins & Judy Weise (Don Johnston Family)

5:00 PM Pro Popolo/For the People

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



**24<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

He summoned the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it." - Mk 8:34-35

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Readings for the week of September 15, 2024

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

Monday: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31—13:13/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 12 and 22/Lk 7:31-35

Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28/Lk 7:36-50

Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Mt 9:9-13

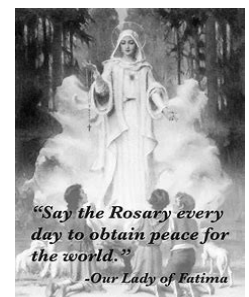
Next Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 (6b)/Jas 3:16—4:3/Mk 9:30-37

**Thank You Very Much**

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

The contributions for Sunday, September 8, were \$2,026.

Thank you.





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.



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.



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, \$9,779 has been received in pledges/gifts from 34 donors. \$14 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 DEEP-  
ER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

September 15, 2024

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

This morning I received a text message that a member of my extended family will likely die of cancer within the next few hours. His name is Luke. He is a 45-year-old husband and father of six. Though I am not as close to him as my sister (she is his sister-in-law and knows him well), I wonder: how can we, including Luke himself, manage such a terribly awful and unfair situation?

The words of this Sunday's Gospel offer a powerful and challenging path. Jesus says, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me" (Mark 8:34). Today I see with new freshness the starkness and strangeness of the words take up. The cross stands for suffering which is unjust, absurd, seemingly hopeless, and humiliating. Jesus doesn't say "accept" or "endure" or "tolerate," but "take up." Embrace it, actively. Choose it and lift it up for others to see what terrifies and sickens us. But somehow, for Jesus, this is the path to "saving one's life." A new world is breaking in, one in which love is everything, when no relationship can be wounded or die. I trust that in the embraced suffering of Luke and his loved ones, Jesus is taking up his cross and saving us all.

By the time you read this, barring a miracle, Luke will have died. He will be carrying his cross no longer. But we all still face suffering. This week let's not just endure, but take up our crosses, big and small. That's our only hope for saving our lives.

— Father John Muir

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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN  
YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Can You Walk the Walk?

I've met and talked with enough people to feel confident that if you polled 100 fallen-away Catholics about why they didn't want anything to do with the Church, the term "accountability" would pop up in almost all of their answers.

And to be fair, a lack of accountability isn't just a Catholic problem. Talking the talk but not walking the walk has been a shortcoming handed down throughout the ages, across all creeds and nationalities.

Loving our neighbor, welcoming the stranger, clothing the naked, feeding the poor — it all sounds fantastic, especially when we're the ones saying it. But the doing — well, that's a different story, isn't it? We would do well to remember that Christ calls one of his best friends "Satan" when Peter tries to convince Jesus to stray from his destiny.

Have you ever been called Satan by one of your good buddies? I'll bet it's not a great feeling. But think about what Peter was doing. He had just said, "You are the Christ." And now, mere moments later, he's saying: "Don't say these things. Don't say you're going to suffer. Don't say you'll be killed."

He was telling Christ to squander what the Lord had given him. He was telling him that having faith was fine, but being faithful? It's just a little too hard. God has a destiny for you, too, and He's asking you to be open to it. Maybe it's not in your comfort zone. Maybe you don't think you can do it.

Lord, give us faith — but help us, also, to do the work.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi