

The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 22, 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 22, 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Next Sunday, September 29,

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Doris Smith (Altoona Catholic H.S. Class of 1952)

Cathedral Mass Intentions

September 22, 25th 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.

September 23, Monday, St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

12:00 PM +Souls in Purgatory

September 24, Tuesday, Weekday

12:00 PM +Betty Capouellez, Birth. (Family)

September 25, Wednesday, Weekday

12:00 PM +John Kirsch (Helen Hoover)

September 26, Thursday, Sts. Cosmas and Damian, M.

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

September 27, Friday, St. Vincent de Paul, Priest

12:00 PM +Cheryl Barry (Maureen Kedzuz)

September 28, Saturday, St. Wenclaus, M.

12:00 PM +Peter Rossi (Sue Caldwell)

Vigil: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 PM +Ernie Tomassetti, Birth. (Wife & Family)

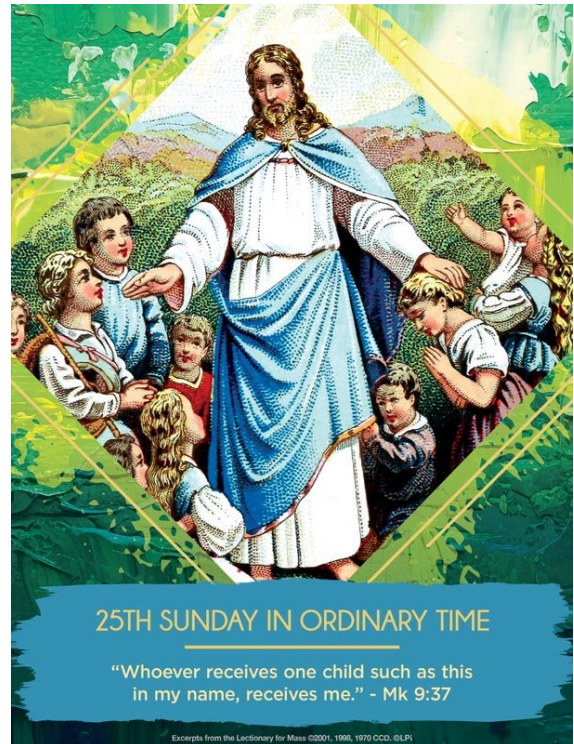
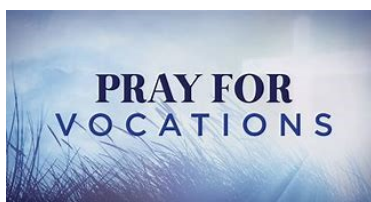
September 29, Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

10:00 AM +Ronald Solnosky (Richard & Mary Solnosky)

5:00 PM Pro Popolo/For the People

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



Readings for the week of September 22, 2024

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

Monday: Prv 3:27-34/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5/Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44/Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9/Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163/Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Eccl 3:1-11/Ps 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4/Lk 9:18-22

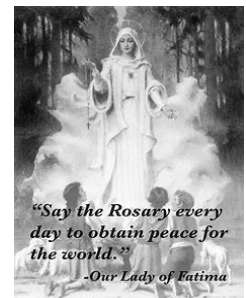
Saturday: Eccl 11:9—12:8/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17/Lk 9:43b-45

Next Sunday: Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 (9a)/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Thank You Very Much

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

The contributions for Sunday, September 15, will be listed in next week's bulletin.





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 Bosco'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, left for a pilgrimage to Fatima (Portugal), Burgos (Spain), Lourdes (France), and Barcelona (Spain) on Sunday afternoon, September 15, and will return on Tuesday, September 24. Coverage has been arranged for all regularly scheduled Masses and Confessions.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

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When I was a wet-behind-the-ears seminarian, I was sent for an immersion with the poor. For one month, I lived in a home for adults with developmental disabilities. It was a challenge for me because the residents had significant communication issues. A 30-year-old man there named Robin was totally deaf and mute. He had Down's Syndrome. He looked like a Viking, with a shock of red hair and a fine beard. But I felt awkward and disconnected from him. All my normal ways of interacting failed. I resigned myself to the fact that we'd never connect.

Then one morning something amazing happened. He was on the living room floor quietly playing with toys. Watching him from a chair, I sensed Jesus' words float into my mind, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me" (Mark 9:37). I thought, "Jesus, you must somehow be in Robin." I sheepishly made sure no one else was in the room, and then I spoke in a clear voice: "Jesus, are you there?" Robin did not turn to me and say, "Hi, John. Yes, it's me, Jesus." He kept playing with his toys in silence.

But something changed in me. From that moment on, it was easier to just be with Robin, to joke around with him, to try sign-language with him, to let him be himself, and for me to be myself. His "disabilities" were no longer obstacles to overcome. He became just Robin, my friend.

Who in your life seems awkwardly distant or uncomfortable to be with? Next time you see him or her, quietly invoke the name of Jesus, and see how the barriers disappear in you.

— Father John Muir ©LPi

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

The View from the Back of the Line

Have you known that person? The one who leaves every person they encounter feeling a little more blessed for having met them? They're the friend you can count on when nothing is going well. They're the one who's always "doing" for others. They're never gossiping or sniping or complaining.

We wonder how they do it, how they have it in them. We're a little envious, even if we don't let ourselves acknowledge it.

That, folks, is what the view is like from the front of the line, gazing at those suckers in the way back and wondering why they're smiling so much.

We've all been at the front of a line and felt no shame about it. We show up early, we put in the time and the legwork, and we "earn" whatever it is we came for — sports tickets, the latest Apple product, whatever. That's how it works here on Earth, where the fastest win the race, the fittest survive and the first shall be first, always.

It's exactly why stewardship is such a tall order. Stewardship calls us to play by the rules of another kingdom — one where the richest have the least amount in their bank accounts and the happiest don't seem to have anything to show for it, at least materially.

If you have a person in your life who always seems happy "doing" for others, it's because by a boatload of God's grace, they play by the rules of the other place.

Watch and take notes — and don't be afraid to join them at the back of the line.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



Cathedral's Basket Bingo is next Sunday, September 29, at Father Kelley Hall. \$25.00 per person, a value pack may be bought for an additional \$30.00. Tickets are on sale at the parish office at 814-944-4603. Doors open at noon. Lunch will be served. Bingo starts at 1:00 P.M.