

May is dedicated to devotions to Mary Our Mother



Supposedly the old adage affirming the fact that change is very, very difficult empowers us to complain, and legitimizes our doing nothing but complain when change comes our way. Our Lady of Fatima Parish is fortunate to have at least one parishioner who puts a face on Dylan Thomas' poem:

Do not go gentle into that good night,
Old age should burn and rave at close of day;
Rage, rage against the dying of the light.

Though wise men at their end know dark is right,
Because their words had forked no lightning they
Do not go gentle into that good night.

When the ravage of age and the havoc of medicine removed him from the playing field of those more manly pursuits to which he had become accustomed, our parishioner creatively channeled his rage against the darkness into what some Neanderthals would consider the less manly activity of artistic inspiration. Now he spends his days doing needlepoint scenes to stir friends and relatives to higher levels of consciousness. Witness his treatment of our patroness above. Doesn't it lift you up? When asked if we could use his name he answered, "No, it's not about me. It's all about the work." Such an attitude begs the question: "How do you handle change in your life? Do you change your lemons into lemonade for friends?"

Mon. 04/30 **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Cancer**
Feast St. Pius V, Pope
8:00 AM Mass George Glashauser, B/Day, wife Helen

Tues. 05/01 **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Heart Diseases**
Feast St. Joseph the Worker
8:00 AM Mass Fr. James D. Zatalava, B/Day, Parish Family

Wed. 05/02 **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Arthritis**
Feast St. Athanasius, Pope
8:00 AM Mass Michael F. Zaczek, B/Day, Family

Thur. 05/03 **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Nervous Disorders**
Feast SS Philip & James, Apostles
8:00 AM Mass Sally Colledge, Ann., Husband Pete

Fri. 05/04 **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Emotional Disorders**
Feast Easter Weekday
8:00 AM Mass Helen Pufka, Carol Smith

Sat. 05/05 **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Diabetes**
Feast Fifth Sunday of Easter
4:30 PM Mass Zerbee Ivory, B/Day, Paul & Adaline Cassarly

Sun. 05/06 **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Addictions**
Feast Fifth Sunday of Easter
9:00 AM Mass Henry E. Zaczek, Sister & Brothers
11:00 AM Mass Living and Deceased Members of Our Lady of Fatima

*Lord
Jesus
Christ
Son
Of
God
Have
Mercy
On
Me
A
Sinner*

Happy Birthday:

05/03 Bob Simanski
David Stein

05/04 Sherry Byrne
Amanda Clark
Eileen Starr

05/05 Duane Ehredt, Sr.

05/06 Lori Tupone

05/07 Nick Starr

Wedding Anniversaries

05/04 Stanley and Rita Sral

PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF FATIMA

O Most Holy Virgin Mary, Queen of the most holy Rosary, you were pleased to appear to the children of Fatima and reveal a glorious message. We implore you, inspire in our hearts a fervent love for the recitation of the Rosary. By meditating on the mysteries of the redemption that are recalled therein may we obtain the graces and virtues that we ask, through the merits of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Redeemer.

**Nocturnal Adoration : Friday, May 4th,
St. Therese of the Child Jesus
2301 5th Street, Altoona
8- 11 PM**

MONEY MATTERS

Third Sunday of Easter(April 22, 2012)

169 people Celebrated Liturgy at O.L.F. contributing \$ 1,937.00 of which \$ 34.00 accounted for visitor contributions.

# Envelopes In Circulation	203	# Used	82	# Unused	121
Profit from the Stuffed Shells	\$437.59				



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March 30, 2012

Dear Friends in Christ,

During the past year I have had the opportunity to experience marriage as any pastor would do as part of our ministry. I officiated at the wedding of a member of my family; I was asked to pray for a newly married couple who are expecting their first child; I spent time talking to spouses who are experiencing some of the stresses and difficulties that occur in married life; I have spoken with some who are recently divorced or widowed; I celebrated special Masses for couples who marked their 1st, 25th, 40th, 50th, 60 + year of marriage; and I have talked with young people at various places around the diocese about the importance of marriage as a vocation.

Yes, marriage is a vocation in which a man and woman call each other to a faithful, life-giving, and life-long commitment. It is also a calling from Christ the Lord who has revealed to us that marriage between two baptized persons is a sacrament through which God's grace is given in a unique way to spouses and their children who are a gift from God.

We are all aware that there are many forces within our culture that work against the fundamental goodness of marriage. One of the negatives for a number of people is that marriage involves sacrifice and they are not ready, willing, or able to make the sacrifices that can sustain a marriage. It is fundamental to our Catholic faith that sacrifice is redemptive and life-giving. We are able to connect with the redemptive grace of Christ's sacrifice through the sacraments, including marriage.

In the past few years, the Bishops in our country have expressed a renewed commitment to efforts that assist in building up marriage in the minds, hearts, and experience of Catholics. As part of that commitment within the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, on April 29, 2012 we will begin a Marriage Building Initiative.

At various times throughout the year there will be a number of diocesan events that will highlight marriage and ways in which all of us can build up this very important vocation, sacrament, and social institution. You will also experience homilies, prayer intentions, and bulletin reflections throughout the year that focus on various aspects of marriage. Young people will experience additional catechesis on marriage in our Catholic schools and religious education programs.

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I invite you to give your special attention to the ways in which this Marriage Building Initiative will be presented. I encourage everyone to take to heart the renewed understanding that we can gain by our reflection on the meaning of marriage as taught by Christ and the Church. More details concerning this Marriage Building Initiative can be found in your parish bulletin, *The Catholic Register* newspaper, *Proclaim TV Ministry*, and at our diocesan website.

Please join me in prayer that this Marriage Building Initiative will be an experience of grace for all married couples, those preparing for marriage, and everyone in our Church and in our society who are the beneficiaries of the sacrifice, love, and life that is shown to us through the covenant of marriage. I wish to thank all of you in advance for your attention and participation in this Marriage Building Initiative. With prayerful best wishes, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Rev. Mark L. Bartchak
Bishop of Altoona-Johnstown

“Marriage Building Initiative” Weekly Reflections

Fourth Sunday of Easter April 29, 2012

Reflection for Bulletin

The Good Shepherd calls each of us by name. Some are called to follow our Lord “two by two” in the Sacrament of Marriage. Together married couples follow the way of love through the dark valleys and the green pastures of life, listening for God’s voice, trusting in his nurturing care.



2012 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown

Our Lady of Fatima Goal

\$15,470.00

The early pledges of these faithful folks have given us this to date Sum **\$8,903.00**

- Anything over the \$15,470 will go to OLF for church improvements.
- To be a practicing Catholic means to be an active member of the diocesan family.
- No parish can exist without the diocese, but the diocese can exist without any particular parish.
- Although it's not the only consideration, an important element that goes into the determination of parish closures is how well each parish pulls its own weight.

M/M John Adams
 Constance Angeski
 M/M George D. Barry
 M/M Ronald Biem
 Mrs. Marian Boslet
 M/M Gregory Brannan
 M/M Vincent Burr
 M/M Michael A. Byrne
 M/M Thomas Byrne
 M/M Wilson Carper
 M/M Paul G. Cassarly
 M/M David Conrad
 Mrs. Freida Conrad
 M/M Jack Corle
 M/M John Douglass

Mrs. Eileen Edwards
 M/M Frank Frucella
 M/M Charles Hennigan
 M/M Thomas Hofer
 Mrs. Cecelia Hollern
 M/M James Hosgood
 Mrs. Erma Iannaello
 M/M Joseph Ianniello
 Mr. John G. Kasun
 M/M John G. Kasun, Jr.
 M/M Stephen Kasun
 M/M Christopher Keagy
 M/M C. Ray Kelly
 Mr. Shawn Kelly
 M/M Joseph Knott

M/M Michael Long
 M/M Michael Malligan
 Mrs. Mildred Maucieri
 Ms. Charlotte McCall
 M/M James McKnight
 Mrs. Catherine Mincin
 Mrs. Genevieve Musto
 M/M John G. Noonan
 Mr. Tim O'Connor
 Mr. Richard Peo
 M/M Joseph Pufka
 Mrs. Sara Quinlan
 M/M David Riley
 M/M James R. Riley
 M/M Paul G. Rose
 Mrs. Carol Smith

M/M David Smith
 M/M Jerry Smith
 M/M Thomas A. Smith
 Mr. Kenneth P. Smithmyer
 M/M Bryan Starr
 Mr. Herbert E. Summers, Jr.
 Mrs. Jeanne C. Summers
 M/M Joseph Summers
 Mr. Ricky Summers
 M/M Michael Wall
 Mrs. Helen M. Watters
 Ms. Jill Watters
 Ms. Bernadette Weakland
 Fr. J. D. Zatalava
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NOTA BENE: Due to staffing problems at the Diocesan office we now get monthly (instead of weekly) reports concerning those people who send their pledges directly to the Diocese. Don't panic if your name doesn't appear in the weekly bulletin immediately following your having mailed in a pledge. Also be aware that the Rectory hand delivers (unopened) all those pledges found in the weekend collection baskets. Without knowing any amounts pledged, we use return addresses on the envelopes to generate our "weekly" lists. Our weekly totals are pretty accurate because we have *friends in high places* who are able to get us those gross figures pretty quickly.