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Rectory Office Hours:
Monday – Friday 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Parish Office: 814-942-0371

Our Lady of Fatima Mass Schedule
Sunday: 10:30 AM Holy Days: 6:00 PM
Rosary: 10:05 AM Rosary: 5:40 PM

Our Lady of Fatima Parish Administrator
Reverend Monsignor Robert C. Mazur

Parish Secretary
Carol Z. Smith
Secretary's Assistant
Ellen Kelly

Eucharist for the home bound - weekly:
Patty Flanagan 942-0371 to make arrangements.

Our Lady of Fatima Church is open
Monday through Friday: 9AM - 6PM
for visits before the Blessed Sacrament.

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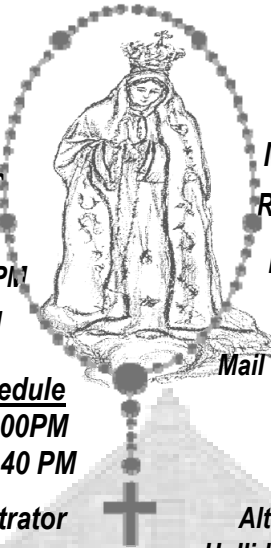
Preparation for Baptism, and Weddings will be held at the Cathedral. 944-4603

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Our Lady of Fatima
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before Sunday Mass and
privately from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm daily.

April 23, 2017



Cathedral Church Office: 814-944-4603
One Cathedral Square

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Reverend Monsignor Robert C. Mazur, Rector

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Confirmation

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Hospital Visitation: Call the Cathedral: 944-4603

Cathedral Eucharist:

Sunday: 5:00 PM (Vigil) Holy Days: 5:30 PM (Vigil) Weekdays: 6:45 AM

8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM
10:00 AM	12:00 Noon	12:00 Noon
12:00 Noon	5:30 PM	Saturday : 8:00 AM
5:00 PM		12:00 Noon

Divine Mercy

During the course of Jesus' revelations to Saint Faustina on the Divine Mercy He asked on numerous occasions that a feast day be dedicated to the Divine Mercy and that this feast be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter. The liturgical texts of that day, the 2nd Sunday of Easter, concern the institution of the Sacrament of Penance, the Tribunal of the Divine Mercy, and are thus already suited to the request of Our Lord. This Feast, which had already been granted to the nation of Poland and been celebrated within Vatican City, was granted to the Universal Church by Pope John Paul II on the occasion of the canonization of Sr. Faustina on 30 April 2000. In a decree dated 23 May 2000, the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments stated that "throughout the world the Second Sunday of Easter will receive the name Divine Mercy Sunday, a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face, with confidence in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that mankind will experience in the years to come." These papal acts represent the highest endorsement that the Church can give to a private revelation, an act of papal infallibility proclaiming the certain sanctity of the mystic, and the granting of a universal feast, as requested by Our Lord to St. Faustina.

Concerning the Feast of Mercy Jesus said:

Whoever approaches the Fountain of Life on this day will be granted complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. (*Diary* 300)

I want the image solemnly blessed on the first Sunday after Easter, and I want it to be venerated publicly so that every soul may know about it. (*Diary* 341)
This Feast emerged from the very depths of My mercy, and it is confirmed in the vast depths of my tender mercies. (*Diary* 420)

On one occasion, I heard these words: My daughter, tell the whole world about My Inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. **The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment.*** [our emphasis] On that day all the divine floodgates through which grace flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come forth from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity. The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy. (*Diary* 699)

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

APRIL 23, 2017

10:30 AM

**BLESSING OF THE DIVINE MERCY IMAGE DURING MASS
&**

**VENERATION OF THE DIVINE MERCY IMAGE
TODAY FROM 11:30 AM - 6:00 PM**

OUR LADY OF FATIMA MASS INTENTIONS

Readings: Acts 2:42-47; 1 Peter 1:3-9; Jn 20: 19-31

Today's Intention - Mary Kay (Mim) Billman

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Readings: Acts 2:14,22-23; 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-33

***10:30 AM Frances Kasun (Steve and Robyn Kasun)**

Cathedral Mass Intentions

April 24, Monday: Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Martyr

Readings: Acts 4:23-31; Jn 3:1-8

6:45 AM Alan Bell (Maureen and Dave Hanekamp)

8:00 AM Health of Shirley Williams (Sister, Sandra)

12:00 PM Health of Jeff Thomas (Marcia Podplesky)

April 25, Tuesday: Saint Mark, Evangelist

Readings: 1 Pt 5:5-14; Mk 16:15-20

6:45 AM Joseph A. Moffa, Birthday (Estate)

8:00 AM Helen Itle, Anniversary (Mildred Mazur)

12:00 PM Pat Rabine (Danette Lee)

7:00 PM Confirmation

April 26, Wednesday: Easter Weekday

Readings: Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21

6:45 AM Prayers and Thanksgiving (Grove Family)

8:00 AM Anna Reagen (Bob and Patricia Smith)

***12:00 PM Janet Pufka (Ron and Jean Sheehan)**

April 27, Thursday: Easter Weekday

Readings: Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36

6:45 AM Donald Dominic Della (Bob & Joan Lozinak)

***8:00 AM Chuck Hennigan (Wife and Daughters)**

12:00 PM Jack Leiden, Wedding Anniv. (Wife, Sally)

7:00 PM Confirmation

April 28, Friday: Saint Peter Chanel, Priest, Martyr

Readings: Acts 5:34-42; Jn 6:1-15

***6:45 AM Bebe Milliron (Tom and Patricia Forr)**

8:00 AM Leroy and Irmira Helfrich (Estate)

12:00 PM John Moloney, Anniversary (Family)

April 29, Saturday: Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin, Doc.

Readings: Acts 6:1-7; Jn 6:16-21; Mt 11:25-30

8:00 AM Herb Kutruff (David and Georgia Corso)

12:00 PM Joseph Tomlinson (Bill and Jen Crawford)

Vigil: Third Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 2:14,22-23; 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-33

5:00 PM Frances Pagliaro (M/M Steve Stefanon)

***Jesus, Son of the Living Father Have
Mercy on Me, A Sinner***

APRIL 23, 2017

Scripture Reflection

The joyful news of the Resurrection of Jesus continues to radiate from the readings for today. The experiences of the first believers, the exhortations of the first disciples, and the post- Resurrection Gospel stories provide rich fare for our celebration of the Paschal Mystery.

The doubt of Thomas and his subsequent profession of faith form the spiritual bookends of today's Gospel. We surely have some empathy for Thomas. How could anyone believe that Jesus was now alive? The presence of the risen Christ in the midst of the disciples is part of the mystery of the Resurrection, and we, like Thomas, have become believers through the word of others. Likewise, others are invited to become believers on our words of faith.

Thomas is the hinge that connects the two Resurrection appearances in the Gospel. Absent for the first event, he is the central character of the second. Thomas represents the second generation of Christians who are called to believe on the testimony of others. The faith required of him is, in a way, more demanding than that required of those who actually encountered the risen Lord. Jesus states that Thomas' ultimate faith does not compare with the faith of those who do not enjoy any sensible experience of the Lord. Thomas should be remembered, not because he was absent or because he doubted, but because like us he was called to believe on the word of others.

Everyone since that select group in the beginning has come to believe on the strength of another's word. Perhaps it was a parent or friend or teacher or some religious figure. Perhaps it was a book, a movie, or even a television show. Sometimes the invitation to believe comes out of the blue---a soul-shattering event, an unexpected experience; sometimes, from within---an inner restlessness, a seeking after answers to life's questions. But when the invitation to believe comes, it calls for a leap. It comes down to an act of trust in the word of another, ultimately in the word of God.

- **Who or what called you to faith in Jesus as your Lord and God?**
- **How have you called others to faith?**

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Living the Word, Diane Bergant and James Wallace, World Library Publications, 2010, page 104.

Out and About...

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Liturgical Reflection...

The Roman Catholic celebration of marriage between two Catholic faithful normally takes place during Holy Mass, because of the connection of all the sacraments with the dying and rising of Christ. In the Eucharist the memorial of the New Covenant is realized, the New Covenant in which Christ has united himself for ever to the Church, his beloved bride for whom he gave himself up to death. It is therefore fitting that the spouses should seal their consent to each other through uniting their love to the love of Christ. The newly married man and woman also receive Eucharist so that, communicating in the same Body and the same Blood of Christ, they may form one body in Christ (Catechism of the Catholic Church Number 1621).

2017, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 S. Logan Blvd., Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania 16648

April 23 Jn 20:19-31

"Whose sins you forgive, are forgiven." The Kingdom of God begins in your home where children learn the paths to peace promised in today's gospel through merciful and forgiveness demonstrated by their parents. Become who you are called to be, ambassadors of peace and forgiveness.



04/25 Denise Stitt	04/27 Linda and Tim Burr
04/26 Christine Manna	05/01 Kathleen and Gary Koeck
04/27 Terri Summers	
05/01 Shirley Siedlarczyk	

St. Demetrius Parish in Gallitzin will hold its 41st Annual Roast Beef Dinner / Spring Festival today, Sunday, April 23rd. It will feature games, baskets, a bake sale, and of course our delicious roast beef dinner. Location: Church hall (former St. Patrick building) at the top of Church Street. Time: 11:00 a.m. to ...? Tickets: Adults (eat-in or take-out) \$10.00; Children 6-to-12, \$6.00; 5 and under FREE

The Annual Catholic Appeal has been replaced by the "Catholic Ministries Drive". The criteria for the Drive has changed and will be noted in our next bulletin. The campaign will be launched in May.

The Cathedral Parish Longaberger Basket and Vera Bradley Bingo will take place Sunday, May 7, 2017 at Father Kelley Hall, 429 Twenty-fifth Avenue, Altoona, PA. Doors open at 12:00 PM and games begin at 1:00 PM. The \$25.00 entry ticket includes: 15 games of Basket Bingo, Complimentary Food and Beverages. An additional Value Pack for \$30 includes: 108 Door Prize Tickets, 6 Walk Around Tickets, 1 Dobber, and 5 Special Games. Basket Bingo will benefit our Children in Catholic Schools, Religious Education and our Youth Activities. Tickets are being sold after all weekend Masses at the Cathedral and at the Parish Office during the week.

April 2017 Contributions

April 16, 2017	Env Used	77/150
Easter Sunday		2784.05
Cmas Club		15.00
Votives		38.00
Children's		9.50
Music		0
Shrine		0
Easter Dec.		40.00
CRS Rice Bowls		403.75
Cath. Home Miss		0
Holy Land		50.00
Catholic Register		8.00
Holy Thurs.		56.00
Total Dep		3404.30



Today is Divine Mercy Sunday.

Please see the last page of the bulletin for receiving complete Pardon from Our Dear Lord.

Other Income..

Easter Decoration total income is \$625.
Memorials for Carole Riley is \$385.
Parking Lot income \$2,315. Work will begin soon.
Additional Memorials will be noted in future bulletins.

Expenses:

Medical and Retirement total cost for Msgr. Mazur is approximately \$19,000.00 per year. Med and retirement payment is in lieu of Parish Administrator's salary. OLF payments still due are \$7,235.06.

Parish subsidy (OLF share of student education) total is \$24,112. We are billed \$6,028. each quarter. 2nd Qtr payment still due is \$2000.00 by the end of April. We have one more payment due for the 2016 ACA shortfall of \$954.00.

Utilities expense will be noted in next bulletin.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA WILL BE OPEN TODAY FOR VENERATION OF THE DIVINE MERCY IMAGE

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Yes, the first Sunday after Easter is the Feast of Mercy, but there must also be deeds of mercy, which are to arise out of love for Me. You are to show mercy to our neighbors always and everywhere. You must not shrink from this or try to absolve yourself from it. (*Diary 742*)

I want to grant complete pardon to the souls that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of My mercy. (*Diary 1109*)

As you can see the Lord's desire for the Feast includes the solemn, public veneration of the Image of Divine Mercy by the Church, as well as personal acts of veneration and mercy. The great promise for the individual soul is that a devotional act of sacramental penance and Communion will obtain for that soul the plenitude of the divine mercy on the Feast.

*The Cardinal of Krakow, Cardinal Macharski, whose diocese is the center of the spread of the devotion and the sponsor of the Cause of Sr. Faustina, has written that we should use Lent as preparation for the Feast and confess even before Holy Week! So, it is clear that the confessional requirement does not have to be met on the Feast itself. That would be an impossible burden for the clergy if it did. The Communion requirement is easily met that day, however, since it is a day of obligation, being Sunday. We would only need confession again, if received earlier in Lenten or Easter Season, if we were in the state of mortal sin on the Feast.

The Journey to the Immaculate Heart will continue in next Sunday's Bulletin.

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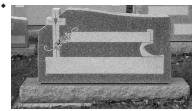
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