

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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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: 6:00PM
Rosary: 10:05 AM Rosary: 5:40 PM

Our Lady of Fatima Parish Administrator
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Ellen Kelly

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before Sunday Mass and
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April 2, 2017



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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

FATIMA AFTER 100 YEARS ... Continued

HAS OUR LADY'S CALL FOR THE CONSECRATION OF RUSSIA TO THE IMMACULATE HEART BEEN ANSWERED? (cont'd)...

*And what about this **merciful love**? What does it have to do with Marian consecration? Everything. It has everything to do with it, because Mary is the one who brings us to the source of merciful love.*

*Mary is the one who brings us to the love that is more powerful than evil. Indeed, as John Paul says in his homily, consecration to the Immaculate Heart means “drawing near, through the Mother’s intercession, to the very Fountain of Life that sprang from Golgotha.” And what is this fountain of Life? The Pope identifies it as “**the Fountain of Mercy**,” the pierced side of Christ from which blood and water flowed as a source of grace and mercy (see Jn 19:34).*

The Pope goes on to explain that consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary means “returning to the Cross of the Son.” It means bringing the world and all its problems and sufferings to “the pierced Heart of the Savior” and thus “back to the very source of its Redemption.” It means bringing the world, through Mary, to Divine Mercy! According to the Pope, the power of the Redemption, the power of merciful love “is always greater than man’s sin and the ‘sin of the world’” and is “infinitely superior to the whole range of evil in man and the world.”

Now, Mary knows the power of the Redemption, the power of merciful love, better than anyone. In fact, John Paul says she knows it “more than any other heart in the whole universe, visible and invisible.” And she knows it so intimately because, in her Immaculate Conception, she is the greatest recipient of God’s mercy. Moreover, she did nothing to deserve the grace of being conceived without any stain of sin. Rather, it was a totally free gift from God, merited by the sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross. Therefore, intimately knowing the powerful gift of Christ’s sacrifice, Mary calls us not only to conversion but “to accept her motherly help to return to the source of Redemption.” For, again, her task is to draw us to the Fountain of Mercy, to the pierced side of Christ, to his Merciful Heart.

Essentially, then, consecrating ourselves to Mary “means accepting her help to offer ourselves and the whole of mankind” to the infinitely Holy God. It means entrusting ourselves to her, the one who was most united to Christ’s own consecration: “Hail to you who are wholly united to the redeeming consecration of your Son!” It means entrusting ourselves to Mary’s prayers, that she may “help us live with the whole truth of the consecration of Christ for the entire human family of the modern world.” In other words, consecrating ourselves to Mary means relying on her motherly intercession to help us consecrate and offer ourselves more fully to Christ in His Divine Mercy.

As if this weren’t enough to make explicit the connection between Fatima, the consecration, and Divine Mercy, John Paul made sure that we didn’t miss his point when, the following week, during his May 19, 1982, general audience in Rome, he said:

*Last week I myself went on pilgrimage to Portugal, especially to Fatima, in order to give thanks that the **mercy of God** and the protection of the **Mother of Christ** had saved my life last year. The message of Fatima...is more urgent than ever, when evil is threatening us through errors based on denial of God. The message of Fatima...invites us to approach anew the **Fountain of Mercy** by an act of consecration. Mary wishes us to draw near to [this fountain]: each one of us, each nation, and the whole world.*

*Notice that he describes his pilgrimage as one of thanksgiving to “the mercy of God” and “the Mother of Christ.” Moreover, he tells us that Mary, through the message of Fatima, wants to draw “each one of us, each nation, and the whole world” to “the Fountain of Mercy.” Thus, the end and goal of the message of Fatima is **to bring us to God’s mercy**. And so, the “triumph” of Mary’s Immaculate Heart is really when we allow her to wash us in the Fountain of Divine Mercy, which she is especially free to do when individuals and nations are consecrated to her. Continued on last page—*

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

APRIL 2, 2017

10:30 AM

OUR LADY OF FATIMA MASS INTENTIONS

Readings: Ez 37:12-14; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45

Today's Intention - Michael J. Zaczek, Ann.

April 9, Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Readings: Mt 21:1-11 (Blessing of Palm/procession)

Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14-27:66

***10:30 AM Chase Keagy, B/day Int. (Carol Smith)**

Cathedral Mass Intentions

April 3, Monday: Lenten Weekday

Readings: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; Jn 8:1-11

6:45 AM Richard Anthony (Cathedral Parish)

8:00 AM Rita Kantisoki (Judy and Ray Wilkinson)

12:00 PM Danyll Rougeux (Mary Kowalski)

April 4, Tuesday: Saint Isidore, Bishop, Doctor

Readings: Nm 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30

6:45 AM John Carter (Francis & Christine Dambeck)

***8:00 AM Catherine Mincin (Dan Neville Family)**

12:00 PM Betty McCabe (Betty Dennis)

April 5, Wednesday: Saint Vincent Ferrer, Priest

Readings: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Jn 8:31-42

***6:45 AM George Dean Barry (The Goulionis)**

8:00 AM Helen Zurilla, Birthday (Family)

12:00 PM Jim Davidson (Julia Plummer Family)

April 6, Thursday: Lenten Weekday

Readings: Gn 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59

6:45 AM Special Intention

8:00 AM Derek Behe (Parents)

12:00 PM Patricia Rabine (Rick & Cindy Lytle)

April 7, Friday: Saint John Baptist de la Salle, Priest

Readings: Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42

6:45 AM Bill Seidel (Cory & Jennifer Geishauser)

8:00 AM Millie Boyle (Regina Farabaugh Family)

12:00 PM Bill Hoff, Jr. Birthday (Justin McCaulley)

Lenten Lunch: 11:00 AM - 1:30 PM

Stations of the Cross: 7:00 PM

April 8, Saturday: Lenten Weekday

Readings: Ez 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56

8:00 AM Deacon John E. Rys, Anniv. (Wife & Family)

12:00 PM Nancy Sutton (Linda Biss)

Vigil: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Readings: Mt 21:1-11 (Blessing of Palm/procession)

Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14-27:66

5:00 PM John Tomlinson, Birthday (Family)

APRIL 2, 2017

Scripture Reflection

John's story of the raising of Lazarus offers us hope and consolation in the face of death. The grief of Jesus, Martha, and Mary shows us that the Lord understands and shares in our human grief at the death of our loved ones. At the same time, Jesus teaches that, through the power his Father has given him, he has power over death.

The Gospel presents a poignant picture of Jesus, who, despite his love for Lazarus, delays his return until Lazarus has died in order that his disciples might come to greater belief. Sandwiched between Lazarus' death and Jesus' raising of him is Jesus' encounter with Martha, Lazarus' sister. In conversation between Jesus and the Samaritan woman, Jesus had identified himself as the Messiah. Here in another theological discussion with Martha he declares: "I am the resurrection and the life." Martha responds affirmatively, "I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God." And yet this Messiah is not beyond human emotion. Jesus begins to weep at the tomb of Lazarus. The final sign in John's Gospel reveals Jesus as a human Messiah, and points to his own death and resurrection.

Death's agents are still at work in the world today, gnawing at every human heart and threatening every human community. Many of us entomb ourselves---often with a significant investment of time and energy---in materialism, vanity, pride and lust. As Jesus raised up Lazarus, so we must raise ourselves and each other.

If we read the story of Lazarus not simply as a story about Jesus's victory over bodily death, but also his victory over sin, then we can see ourselves like Lazarus, lying in the tomb of our own evil actions, bound by them the way that Lazarus is bound by his burial cloths. We also see Jesus weeping, grieving by the tomb in which the deadly power of sin has enclosed us. And we hear his cry, "Come out!" as an invitation to us to rise from our sins and turn back to God.

- *From what tomb do you need to hear Christ's command, "Come Forth"?*

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AMERICA MAGAZINE: March 20, 2017 Issue, Michael Simone, S.J.

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

Out and About...

ORDER OF CELEBRATING MATRIMONY

Liturgical Reflection...

Saint Paul states, "Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, that he might sanctify her" (Ephesians 5:25). Giving himself over on the cross out of love for us, Christ is the supreme model of self-giving love. "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one. This is the great mystery, and I mean in reference to Christ and the Church" (Ephesians 5:31-32). Married life is intimately tied to the cross of Christ. Where there is sacrifice and self-giving, there is Christ and there is love (Catechism of the Catholic Church Number 1623).

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

5th Sunday of Lent (April 2)

Jesus answered Martha's prayers on his own terms, not hers. Yet the outcome is much more than she could have imagined. May I have the courage to fulfill my role in the Divine Plan according to God's will, knowing that the results will be awesome.



04/08 Kayla Scalice



04/07 Emma & Paul Kowalski

Apple Dumpling Pickup is Wed, Apr. 5th before Palm Sunday.

Saint Matthew School of Tyrone, PA is sponsoring a Longaberger Basket and Vera Bradley Purse Bingo on Sunday April 9th. Doors open at 1 pm and Bingo is from 2-5 pm. Cost is \$25.00 and includes lunch. Please contact Marcie Lewis 814-3046.

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DIOCESAN COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICES:

Bishop will gather with his priests throughout the Diocese on the following dates in Lent, 2017.

STATE COLLEGE: Good Shepherd Church
Tuesday, April 4, 2017- 7:00PM

ALTOONA: Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament
Wednesday, April 5, 2017- 6:30PM

JOHNSTOWN: Saint John Gualbert Cathedral
Thursday, April 6, 2017- 6:30PM

March 2017 Contributions

March 26, 2017	Env Used	59/150
Weekly		1220.40
Cmas Club		5.00
Votives		55.00
Children's		8.00
Music		0
Shrine		5.00
Easter Dec.		155.00
Cath. Relief Serv		25.00
Holy Thurs.		5.00
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Total Dep		1478.40

Nocturnal Adoration

Friday, April 7

8-11 PM

At

Sacred Heart Church

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CCW 15th Annual "Hands & Hearts Haiti Fèt"

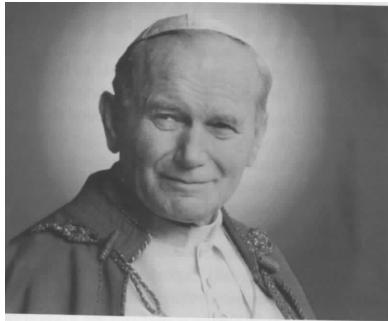
The Carmelite Community of the Word invites you to our 15th Annual Hands & Hearts Haiti Fèt (formerly known as the Paschal Festival), on Sunday, April 30, 2017, at Our Lady of Loretto Hall, 279 St. Elizabeth St., Loretto, PA 15940. The afternoon will include a buffet dinner, silent auction, and a program featuring Francois Victor, a popular presenter for NickyNick Community TV in Brooklyn, NY. Mr. Victor grew up in Haiti and his sister is Sr. Emmanuelle, the foundress and superior of the Little Sisters of the Incarnation in Haiti. He will share stories of growing up in Haiti as well as shedding light on Haitian family values. Doors open at 1:45 p.m.; Dinner will be served at 2:30 p.m. and the program will begin at 3:30 p.m. Tickets are \$30 for adults and \$15 for children under 13. Participants are asked to contribute a new item of children's and/or teen's underwear or socks. Contact the CCW Incarnation Center at 814-886-4098 for tickets or for more information. Ticket deadline is April 21, 2017. All proceeds will help us continue our ministry in Haiti.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA EASTER SCHEDULE...

Blessing of the Easter Baskets Holy Saturday, Apr. 15th at 1:30 PM.

Easter Sunday Mass 10:30 AM.

All other Holy Week services will be held at the Cathedral. Schedule will be listed in next weeks bulletin.

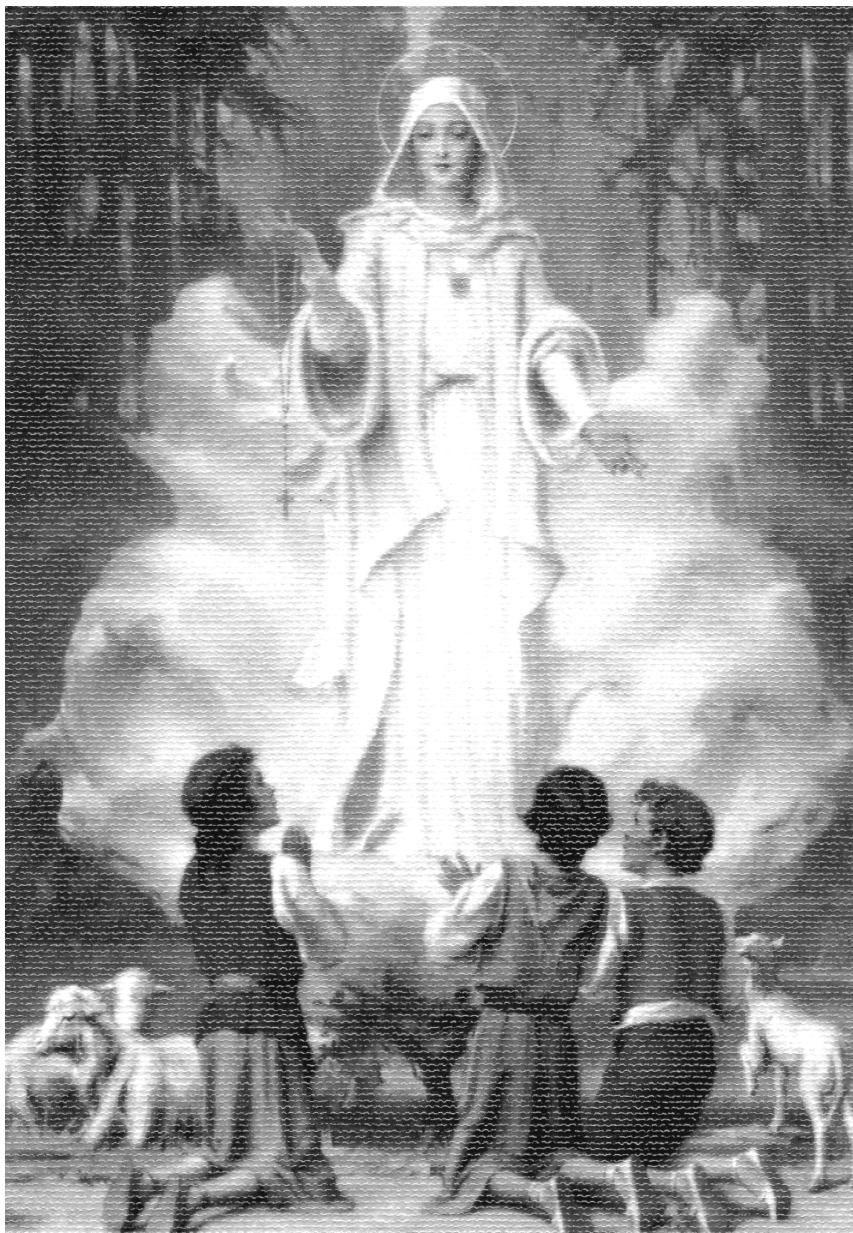


Third Time's the Charm.

Recall that John Paul's second attempt to consecrate the world and Russia failed because the invitations to the world's bishops arrived too late. The Pope didn't make the same mistake twice. For his third attempt at the consecration on March 25, 1984, he was meticulous in his preparations. First, more than three months beforehand, he sent out his invitations to all the Catholic bishops of the world, asking them to join him in making the consecration — the letter was dated December 8, 1983, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, Second, he invited the patriarchs of the Orthodox Church to participate, and five of them actually came. Third, he carefully studied all the pertinent texts from the Fatima apparitions as well as previous consecration texts. Fourth, he personally consulted with Sr. Lucia. Fifth, he had the statue of Our Lady of Fatima from the Fatima Chapel of the Apparitions in the

Cova da Iria flown to Rome for the occasion, the same statue that, in its crown, contains one of the bullets that had struck the Pope. With these unprecedented preparations made, all that was left was to wait for the day that Heaven had already been awaiting for so long.

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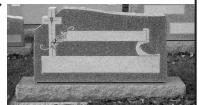
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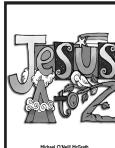
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