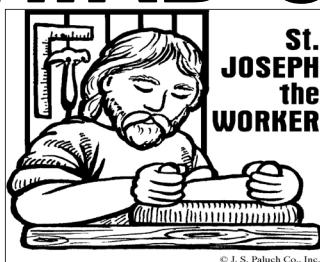


# THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



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Monday, May 1, 2017

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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**  
Reverend Monsignor Robert C. Mazur

**Parish Secretary**  
Carol Z. Smith

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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.

**Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals will be held at**  
**Our Lady of Fatima.**

**Preparation for Baptism, and Weddings will be held at**  
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**Our Lady of Fatima**  
Pledged that we pray the Holy Rosary  
before Sunday Mass and  
privately from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm daily.

April 30, 2017



**Cathedral Church Office: 814-944-4603**

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Music Ministry Office - 944-2044  
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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: 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 from Palm Sunday Bulletin

God's "Plan B" is so glorious because it marvelously draws out of the evils of the 20th century—evils that "Plan A" was designed to avoid—an even greater good. Through the blood of millions of hidden martyrs, through ... 100 years of people living the message of Fatima, a time of mercy has been granted to the Church and to the world, and that time of mercy is now.

So, as we still await and pray for the complete conversion of Russia and the world, with Mary, in this time of mercy, we can call down an ocean of mercy on ourselves and on the whole world as we place our trust in Jesus, our Savior. This, in act, is the final message. ... This is the way that we can prepare the world for the Lord's final coming. This is the way laid out for us by Jesus through the great, prophetic saints of our day, Faustina and John Paul II.



*To make a personal consecration to Jesus through Mary Immaculate, we recommend (Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception) "33 days to Morning Glory": a Do-It-Yourself Retreat in Preparation for Marian Consecration (Marian Press, 2011) by Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC.*

Have you ever heard of the Immaculate Conception? Outside of the Catholic Church, few people have. Even within the Church, many people don't know what (or who!) the Immaculate Conception is or why it matters. Few know it's a dogma of the faith that all Catholics are required to hold and defend.

So let us explain.

WHAT IS THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION?

### The dogma of the Immaculate Conception

No, it is not the conception of Jesus in the womb of Mary. The dogma (or officially defined Catholic teaching) of the Immaculate Conception is that the Blessed Virgin Mary "in the first instance of her conception, by a singular privilege and grace granted by God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the Savior of the human race, was preserved exempt from stain of original sin."

This dogma was formally defined by Pope Pius IX in the 1854 papal document *Ineffabilis Deus* (God Ineffable), but had already been believed and taught by Christians back to the time of the Church Fathers. In the writings of such Church Fathers as St. Justin Martyr, St. Irenaeus, and St. Ephrem the Syrian, the Immaculate Conception was implicitly bound up in their understanding of Mary as the new Eve.

Even Martin Luther, often credited with launching the Protestant Reformation, seems to have taught the Immaculate Conception:

*It is a sweet and pious belief that the infusion of Mary's soul was effected without original sin; so that in the very infusion of her soul she was also purified from original sin and adorned with God's gifts, receiving a pure soul infused by God; thus from the first moment she began to live she was free from all sin—Martin Luther, Sermon, "On the Day of the Conception of the Mother of God," 1527.*

Prominent among Catholic witnesses to the Immaculate Conception was St. Stanislaus Papczynski (1631-1701), who once wrote, "I believe everything that the holy Roman Church believes ... but first of all I profess that the Most Holy Mother of God, Mary, was spotless from original sin, from the moment of her conception." He founded the Congregation of Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary in 1673, charging his spiritual sons to promote and defend the truth of the Immaculate Conception 181 years before the solemn definition of the dogma.

The dogma received a dramatic ratification from Heaven after the definition. In 1858, Our Lady appeared at Lourdes, France, to St. Bernadette Soubirous. The Blessed Virgin identified herself with the words, "I am the Immaculate Conception" (March 25, 1858).

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**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**APRIL 30, 2017**  
**10:30 AM**

**OUR LADY OF FATIMA MASS INTENTIONS**

Readings: Acts 2:14,22-23; 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

Today's Intention = Frances Kasun

**May 7, Fourth Sunday of Easter**

Readings: Acts 2:14, 36-41; 1 Pt 2:20-25; Jn 10:1-10  
**\*10:30 AM Charles Hennigan (Jim Riley)**

**CATHEDRAL MASS INTENTIONS**

**May 1, Monday: Saint Joseph the Worker**

Readings: Acts 6:8-15; Jn 6:22-29

6:45 AM M. Virginia Jones (Tom and Patricia Forr)

8:00 AM Vernon Leasure, Birth. (Daughter, Pam)

12:00 PM Moose Plutko (Theresa Vaughn)

**May 2, Tuesday: Saint Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor**

Readings: Acts 7:51--8:1; Jn 6:30-35

6:45 AM No Mass

8:00 AM Angela Cronin Chadwick (R. & C. Rougeux)

12:00 PM Guy Walter (George and Patricia Koeck)

**May 3, Wednesday: Saints Philip and James, Apostles**

Readings: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Jn 13:6-14

**\*6:45 AM Chester Kowalski (June Rossman)**

8:00 AM NO Mass

12:00 PM Jim Davidson (Vogel Family)

**May 4, Thursday: Easter Weekday**

Readings: Acts 8: 26-40; Jn 6:44-51

**\*6:45 AM BeBe Milliron (Mimi and Mike Traficante)**

8:00 AM Andrea Crum (Cathedral Parish)

12:00 PM John Bauer (Patrick Duffy Family)

**May 5, Friday: Easter Weekday**

Readings: Acts 9:1-20; Jn 6:52-59

6:45 AM Marci Kaplonski (Friends)

**\*8:00 AM Bernadette Weakland (Bauers)**

12:00 PM Patty Geis, Birthday (Family)

**May 6, Saturday: Easter Weekday**

Readings: Acts 9:31-42; Jn 6:60-69

8:00 AM Mary Dombrowski (Frank and Elaine)

12:00 PM Julia Febbo (Jim and Betty Restauri)

**Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Easter**

Readings: Acts 2:14, 36-41; 1 Pt 2:20-25; Jn 10:1-10

5:00 PM Rose Ann Himmelein (Rita Adams Family)

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

APRIL 30, 2017

**Scripture Reflection**

Luke's story about the disciples' life-changing encounter with the Risen Christ on the road to Emmaus is one of the great post-Resurrection stories in the Gospel. We can easily place ourselves in the story, walking with the disciples, sitting at table with them and the stranger, and then joining in the recognition of the Risen Lord. Recognizing Jesus in the "breaking of the bread" has become the foundation of our Eucharistic theology. Participating attentively in Mass--- listening to the word, joining in the Eucharistic Prayer, and receiving the Body and Blood can set "our hearts burning within us."

Luke passed on the Emmaus story to help later disciples. The narrative begins with two disciples trying to figure out the meaning of the events surrounding Jesus' death. Luke has them conversing and debating among themselves, but this was clearly getting them nowhere; Luke calls their frustration "slowness of heart." It was only when they encountered a stranger with different ideas that their hearts began to burn with understanding. Moreover, it was only after an act of hospitality, their invitation to Jesus to lodge and eat with them, that they came to recognize Jesus in the breaking of the bread.

In this Gospel passage, Luke teaches disciples of every era how to recognize Jesus even when they do not expect him. When the disciples looked only within, they met with frustration. There is something about life in Christ that resists solitary investigation. It is through encounters with other persons--through conversation, hospitality, service, even debate-- that Jesus most reliably reveals himself. As the disciples did in today's Gospel, we can prepare our hearts by meditating on the word of God, reflecting on our experiences and showing hospitality to others. Just as they found Christ only when they welcomed a stranger, so must we be ready to encounter another whose words can set our hearts afire.

- What do you think prevented the disciples from recognizing the Risen Lord?
- What prevents you from recognizing the Risen Lord?

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**ORDER OF  
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MATRIMONY**

*Liturgical Reflection...*

The Sacrament of Marriage celebrates unequivocally the indissoluble bond of marriage. "What God has joined, let no one separate" (Matt. 19:6). Man and woman make a permanent commitment to one another until death do they part. By restoring the original order of creation disturbed by sin, Jesus himself gives the strength and grace to live marriage in the new realm of the Reign of God. It is by following Christ, renouncing themselves, and taking up their crosses that spouses are able to receive the original meaning of marriage and live it with help of Christ. This grace of Christian marriage is a fruit of Christ's cross, the source of all Christian life (Catechism of the Catholic Church Number 1615).

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

**April 30 Lk 24:13-35**

In today's gospel the disciples were returning home so "downcast" they did not recognize Jesus walking with them. In our homes we can be so overwhelmed with responsibilities we don't see God with us. Today's gospel tells us to stop and open our eyes to the blessings we are to one another.



05/03 Bob Simanski  
05/03 David Stein  
05/04 Sherri Byrne  
05/04 Tom Riggelman  
05/04 Eileen Starr  
05/07 Nick Starr

05/04 Rita and Stan Sral  
05/08 Erica Jo and Gary Keagy

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April 23,2017	Env Used	45 /150
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**NOCTURNAL ADORATION**

May 5th  
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**2017 Catholic Ministries Drive...**

Flyer and Envelope are contained in today's Bulletin for Commitment Sunday May 7. Annual Catholic Appeal title will no longer be used or recognized. Please read carefully the new criteria for the Catholic Ministries Drive and return your commitment envelope in next Sundays collection or mail to the Diocesan Office.

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**St. Mary's Golf Tournament...**

The 14th annual golf tournament will be held on Sunday, June 4th at the King Valley Golf Course beginning at 8:00 A.M. Cost is \$70.00 per golfer and includes green fees and cart, prizes and a homemade spaghetti dinner. For additional information or to register, contact: John Carnicella at 946-0672 or Terry Anderson at 941-1991.

**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER...**

As Pope Francis emphasizes the importance of marriage and family, why not take this opportunity to enrich your marriage and family life by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend? The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will be held June 23-25, 2017. Early registration is advisable as space is limited. Registration and information can be found by visiting: [www.yourmarriageisworthit.org](http://www.yourmarriageisworthit.org)

**Praying With Icons Class Offered...**

Icons are not simply art; they are a way into contemplative prayer, and therefore one way to let God speak to us. The class, Praying With Icons, focuses on the Festal Icons (the major events in the life of Christ and the Theotokos) and the Sacred Scripture that speaks to us through the sacred images. Deacon Michael Russo will be presenting this eight week course Tuesday evenings from 6:30 -8:30 PM at St. Rose of Lima Parish, Altoona beginning May 16th. The cost of the course is \$35. For the complete schedule of class dates and registration, please contact Marybeth at the Office of Adult Enrichment and Lay Ecclesial Ministries at (814) 361-2000 or by email at [mheinze@dioceseaj.org](mailto:mheinze@dioceseaj.org). All are welcome!

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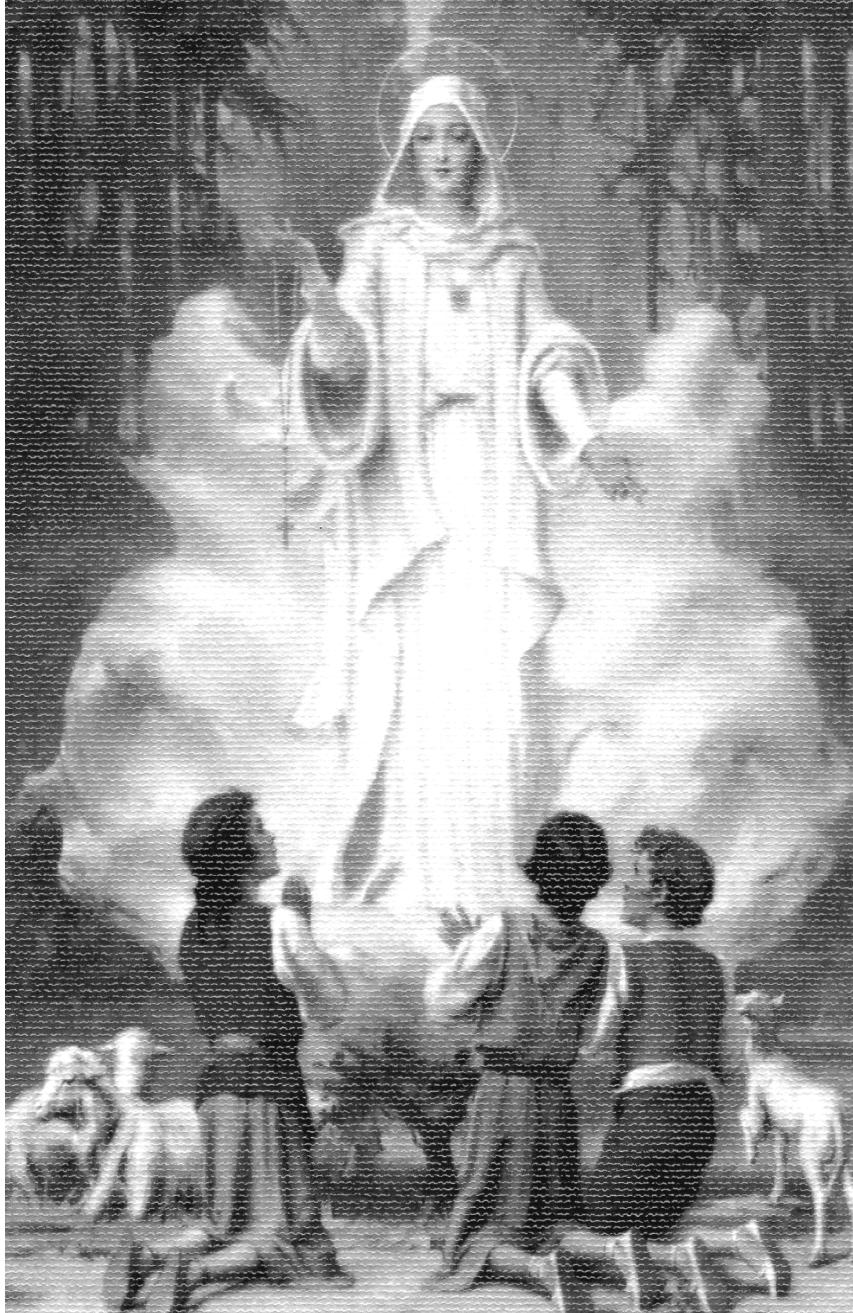


*The Blessed Virgin Mary, the Immaculate Conception, is the first member of redeemed humanity, the first time God's original intention for humanity is fully realized in history. The divine intention is made plain in Scripture:*

*He chose us in him [Christ], before the foundation of the world, to be holy and without blemish before him. In love he destined us for adoption to himself through Jesus Christ, in accord with the favor of his will, for the praise of the glory of his grace that he granted us in the beloved—Eph 1:3-6.*

**St. Stanislaus Papczynski**

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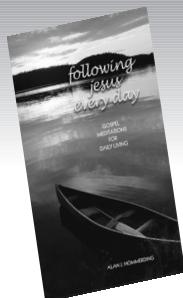
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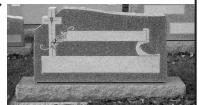
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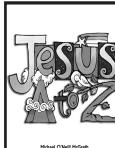
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