

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION



Our Lady of Fatima
Pleaded that we pray the Holy Rosary
before Sunday Mass and
privately from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm daily.

April 9, 2017

Our Lady of Fatima Parish
2010 12th Avenue
www.ourladyoffatimaaltoona.com

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
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.

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. 944-4603

OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH IS A RESULT OF THE MERGER BETWEEN THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCHES OF SS. PETER & PAUL AND ST. LEO THE GREAT IN 1995.



Cathedral Church Office: 814-944-4603

One Cathedral Square
Most Reverend Mark L. Bartchak, Bishop
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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: 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)...

On March 25, 1984 in St. Peter's Square, with a crowd of about 200,000 of the faithful, with numerous bishops and cardinals present, in union with all the bishops throughout the world, and before the Fatima Shrine statue of Our Lady, Pope John Paul II solemnly consecrated the world and Russia go Mary's Immaculate Heart as had been requested by our Lady of Fatima. However, unfortunately, because the Pope did not explicitly say "Russia" in his public prayer, choosing instead to use veiled references as Pius XII had done, some have argued that it did not count.

But it did count because the Pope clearly implied Russia when he said, "in a special way we entrust and consecrate to you those individuals *and nations* that particularly need to be thus entrusted and consecrated." He clearly intended to consecrate Russia, as did the bishops, who undoubtedly understood the implication.

After the ceremony, when he was thanked for consecrating "the world, John Paul himself added, "and Russia." This point of including Russia was deeply meaningful to him, because his own home country, Poland, was still suffering behind the Iron Curtain. In fact, man have speculated that during the several pauses John Paul made while reciting the World Consecration and the Triumph consecration prayer, he was probably bringing this intention of his heart even more directly to Our Lady, namely, his prayer for the collapse of Soviet Communism.

Still, the rumors persisted: "Did the consecration really count? Had the Pope actually done what was required?" To quell these rumors and set the record straight, Sr. Lucia gave her own opinion, in writing, on August 29, 1989:

Afterward [Pope John Paul II] wrote to all the bishops of the world asking them to unite themselves to him. He had the statue of Our Lady of Fatima [from the Cova da Iria chapel] brought to Rome on March 25, 1984. Then publicly, in union with those bishops who wished to associate themselves with His Holiness he made the consecration in the way in which the Blessed Virgin had wished that it should be made. Afterward people asked me if it was made in the way our Lady wanted, and I replied: "Yes" From that time, it is made!

Before reading this clear statement of Sr. Lucia, I still had questions of my own about the consecration, and so I asked one of the experts from the World Apostolate of Fatima why the 1984 consecration emphasized "the world" more than Russia. This was the insightful response I received:

If Russia had been consecrated as Our Lady had asked back in 1917, then Communism would have been nipped it in the bud and World War II never would have happened. Instead, because of the consecration's delay, World War II did happen and Russia did spread her errors of atheism and Communism throughout the world. Therefore, by 1984, not just Russia *but the whole world* needed to be consecrated. So, John Paul explicitly consecrated "the world" as well as "nations that particularly need to be thus entrusted and consecrated," which would include nations such as China and North Korea that certainly needed to be consecrated as well.

This response raises an important point: The consecration was made, *but it was made late*, as Mary herself had said. Therefore, we shouldn't expect things to turn out as they would have had the consecration been done back in the early 20th century. After all, our Lord wants the response of faith, and when faith isn't put into action, miracles don't happen, or they're lessened. Think, for example, of Our Lady of Fatima's words regarding the October 13th Miracle of the Sun, which was *lessened* because of the actions of the faithless civil authorities, who imprisoned Lucia, Francisco, and Jacinta. Mary told Lucia, "Had they not taken you to [prison], the miracle would have been greater."

Alright then, does this mean that the conversion of Russia won't take place? No. Our Lady promised it would happen. However, just as it took a long time for Russia to be consecrated, it may now take a long time for it to be converted. But this isn't necessarily a bad thing. What? I say that because, as Pope Francis has often pointed out, our God the God of mercy, is a God of surprises. And one of the ways he surprises us is that, through the power of his mercy, through the "secret of Divine Mercy," *he can make a "plan B" turn out even better than the original plan, "plan A."* So, for instance, in the case of the message of Fatima, even though "plan A" was that Russia be consecrated back in 1917 or so, the late consecration in 1984, the plan B, if you will, could potentially bring about even greater grace. What? How can that happen? It can happen if we follow the Pope's lead. Read the closing words of John Paul's 1984 consecration prayer and see what I mean:

Let there be revealed, once more, in the history of the world the infinite saving power of the redemption": the power of merciful Love! May it put a stop to evil! May it transform consciences! May the Immaculate Heart reveal for all the light of hope!

What lead is the Pope taking here? The same lead that the Immaculate Heart of Mary always wants us to follow: the lead to Divine Mercy, the lead to merciful love. Our Lady and the Pope want to bring us from Mary's Immaculate Heart to the Sacred and Merciful Heart of Jesus. The Heart of Jesus. That is always the goal, yet we get there best by going through the Immaculate Heart. That is what Jesus wants us to see, the lesson he wants to teach is through Fatima. This is why[...] Jesus told Lucia [in 1936] that he would not convert Russia without the consecration:

[I will not do it without the consecration because] I want my whole Church to acknowledge that consecration as a triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, in order to later extend its [following] and to place devotion to this Immaculate Heart alongside devotion to my Sacred Heart. Continued on last page—

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APRIL 9, 2017

10:30 AM

**OUR LADY OF FATIMA MASS INTENTIONS
AND HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

Readings: Mt 21:1-11 (Blessing of Palm/procession)
Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14-27:66

Today's Intention - Chase Keagy

**GOOD FRIDAY - APRIL 14 - APRIL 22ND - NINE DAY NOVENA TO
THE DIVINE MERCY - DAILY @ 3:00 PM.**

**HOLY SATURDAY - APRIL 15, 1:30 PM
BLESSING OF THE EASTER BASKETS**

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 16

Readings: Acts 10:34,37-43; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:13-35
*Joe Milliron, Ann. (Dr. and Mrs. Peter Starr)

Cathedral Mass Intentions

April 10, Monday of Holy Week

Readings: Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11

6:45 AM Msgr. Thomas Madden (Estate)

8:00 AM LeRoy Helfrich, Birthday (Family)

11:00 AM Chrism Mass

12:00 PM No Mass

April 11, Tuesday of Holy Week

Readings: Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

6:45 AM Msgr. Paul Panza (M/M Frank McCloskey)

8:00 AM Angela Cronin Chadwick (K. & P. Byrne)

***12:00 PM Lois J. Riley (Marie Prorok)**

April 12, Wednesday of Holy Week

Readings: Is 50:4-9; Mt 26: 14-25

***6:45 AM David Riley (Carol Riley & Children)**

8:00 AM Mary Martha Kilcoyne (Jim & Steph)

12:00 PM Birthday Int. of Gloria Hockenberry

April 13, Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper

Readings: Ex 12:1-8,11-14; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

7:30 PM For the Poor

April 14, Good Friday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer

12:00 PM Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Readings: Is 52:13-53:12;Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1-19:42

7:30 PM Tenebrae

April 15, Holy Saturday

9:00 AM Office of Readings

8:30 PM Easter Vigil For the People of God

Readings: Gn 22:1-18; Ex 14:15-15:1; Is 54:5-14;

/Ez 36:16-17,18-28; Is 12:2-3,4,5-6; Mt 28:1-10

April 16, Easter Sunday

Readings: Acts 10:34,37-43; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:13-35

8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM (No 5:00 PM Mass)

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

APRIL 9, 2017
Scripture Reflection

Jesus' entry into Jerusalem has all the marks of a royal procession. In this case Jesus is the messianic king. But soon all this will turn upside down. Matthew's Passion story stretches from the plot of Judas to the stone placed before Jesus' tomb, offering a wealth of details in its portrait of Jesus during this crucial sacrificial act. In spite of his human fears, Jesus, the Suffering Servant, is unyielding in his obedience to the Father. We stand in awe and gratitude for the gift of salvation.

Palm Sunday begins with the reading of the jubilant march into Jerusalem with palms held high and hosannas ringing out. But very quickly the Gospel reminds us that this is more properly called Passion Sunday and begins Holy Week. The long form of the Gospel includes several scenes: Judas' deal to hand Jesus over, the Passover supper, the prayer at Gethsemane, the arrest in the garden, the Jewish trial and Peter's denial, Judas' death, the trial before Pilate, the Crucifixion, the burial, and the guarding of the tomb.

Matthew's Passion has several unique aspects, not found in the other Gospels. Only Matthew suggests that greed was Judas' motive for betraying Jesus. Judas' payment of thirty pieces of silver is the same amount as the cost of a slave. Only Matthew recounts that the chief priests and Pharisees requested of Pilate that Jesus' tomb be guarded. The empty tomb will be even more miraculously given the presence of guards and the sealed tomb.

Writing to a community primarily made up of Jewish Christians, Matthew stresses throughout his Passion narrative connections with the Old Testament. "But all this has come to pass that the writings of the prophets may be fulfilled." Psalm 22, for example, is quoted by Jesus from the cross: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" Also, Matthew alone mentions the thirty pieces of silver given to Judas, an insulting price, referring to the prophet Zechariah. Matthew alone adds one other important phrase. Jesus says the purpose of the Eucharist is "for the forgiveness of sins".

- What part of the Passion story leaps out at you this year?**

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Out and About...

ORDER OF CELEBRATING MATRIMONY

Liturgical Reflection...

The nuptial covenant between God and his people Israel had prepared the way for the new and everlasting covenant in which the Son of God is inseparably united to his people. By becoming incarnate, giving his life on the cross, and rising from the dead, Jesus Christ has gifted all mankind with redemption, thus preparing his people for "the wedding feast of the Lamb" (Revelation 19:7). Marriage stands as a true sign of our salvation forever sealed by the death and resurrection of the Lord (Catechism of the Catholic Church Number 1612).

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

Palm Sunday (April 9)

The two disciples in today's Gospel added to Jesus' request for two animals by contributing their own cloaks. Imagine how you can help fulfill His mission with the gifts you possess.



04/14 Charlotte McCall	04/16 Justin Adams
04/15 Joe Cheslock	04/16 Melissa Summers

March co-op Winners			
21	288	Beamer, Thomas	\$50.00
22	845	Smith, Doris	\$50.00
23	521	Mazur, Mildred	\$50.00
24	794	Daversa, Dustin	\$50.00
25	523	Summers, Robert	\$50.00
26	583	Croft, John	\$50.00
27	787	Arnshad, Naveed	\$100.00
28	850	Weyant, Becky	\$50.00
29	459	Flanagan, Joyce	\$50.00
30	999	Starr, Bryan	\$50.00
31	178	Faust, Bernard	\$50.00

April 2017 Contributions		
April 2, 2017	Env Used	63/150
Weekly		1434.30
Cmas Club		113.00
Votives		63.00
Children's		4.00
Music		10.00
Shrine		15.00
Easter Dec.		160.00
Cath. Relief Serv		25.00
All Saints		15.00
Ash Wed		10.00
Parking Lot		40.00
Cath. Home Miss		10.00
Holy Land		20.00
Fuel		100.00
Easter		135.00
Holy Thurs.		30.00
Total Dep		2184.30



PLEASE JOIN OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH IN THE NINE DAY NOVENA TO THE DIVINE MERCY APRIL 14 THROUGH APRIL 22 AT 3:00 PM DAILY. EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT DAILY.

AN ENVELOPE OF MAY CO-OP TICKETS WERE MISTAKENLY TAKEN FROM THE TABLE AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH. WOULD THE PERSON PLEASE RETURN THEM TO THE RECTORY OR CALL 942-0371. (THEY ARE ONLY FOR SALE BY THE PERSON WHOSE NAME IS ON THE ENVELOPE.)

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.

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. Emmanuel, 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.

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So, Jesus had hoped to show the Church and the world the importance of the loving Heart of our Immaculate Mother and its intimate relation with his Sacred Heart through the great victory she would have brought us by converting Russia and preventing World War II and Communism. But that "Plan A" didn't work out because, apparently not enough people turned to God and the consecration wasn't made soon enough.

Since we didn't cooperate with "Plan A," the Lord gave us "Plan B," which is the second greatest story ever told, a story of hope that arises from the ashes of World War II and from the bitter persecution at the hands of Communist oppressors, a story that not only includes the story of Fatima but makes it even better.

*I'm talking about the story of St. John Paul II himself and how he gives testimony, how he gives solemn voice to the powerful connection between Mary and Divine Mercy for the world. It is he who fulfills the Lord's desire of placing devotion to "this Immaculate Heart alongside devotion to my Sacred Heart." He's the one who, in his very person, as the Great Marian Pope and the Great Mercy Pope, unites these two glorious themes. He's the one who, in his brilliant homily on May 13, 1982, explicitly places these two devotions alongside each other. He's the one who, in his consecration prayer of 1984, in the part we just read, shows us how it is *Mary's Immaculate Heart* that reveals for all "the power of merciful Love" and "the light of hope."*

And what is the power of merciful love and the light of hope but the rays of mercy that shine forth from the heart of Jesus?

MAY 13, 2017

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OUR LADY URGES US TO PRAY AND OFFER SACRIFICES BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE!

