

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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April 7, 2019

I consider everything as a loss because of the supreme good of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.

—Philippians 3:8

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.

St. Stanislaus, the Martyr



April 11th

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

Very Reverend Alan E. Thomas, VG

Parish Secretary
Carol Z. Smith

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

Our Lady of Fatima Church is open
Monday through Friday: 9AM - 5PM Winter
9AM - 6PM Summer

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

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Reconciliation @ Cathedral: 7:00 PM Wednesday
12:30 PM Saturday

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Confirmation

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Christian Initiation

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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

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

APRIL 7, 2019

GOD'S ACTIONS NOW

When Jews celebrate the Passover, they always tell the story of the Exodus in present terms, as if they themselves experienced those events: when we were prisoners in Egypt; when God brought us out of slavery and through the waters of the sea. We would do well to follow their example and see the works of Jesus and his sacrifice as being in the present, as happening to us now. We believe that Christ's work, his teachings, and his sacrifice on the cross were not just for his followers in the past, but for all people at all times. When we think of this in our prayers, we become one in faith with that great cloud of witnesses, the saints.

We have been striving through Lent to repent of our sins and failings, and to follow Jesus more closely. Today in the story of the woman caught in adultery, we see Jesus forgiving the woman, saving her from a horrible death, and urging her not to sin any more. This is new, and brings out something for which the law had not allowed—forgiveness. Of course one can sin no more if one is dead, caught in one's sins forever. But Jesus introduces the concepts of forgiveness and reconciliation.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Next weekend, many churches provide palms to be carried in the opening moments of the liturgy, as we gratefully recall Jesus' entry into the holy city of Jerusalem. The children who greeted him on that day used what was both handy and traditional, since palms were carried to inaugurate the joyful harvest feast of Succoth. To this day, faithful Jews are directed to take a beautiful palm branch, green and straight as possible, called a lulav, and bind it with three myrtle branches fifteen inches long, and two longer willow branches. At the end of the temple service, everyone carries the lulav, circling the sanctuary in a dance called the Hoshanot, singing hymns of joy.

In other climates, Jews and Christians alike have had to make accommodations over the years. In Italy, everyone carries olive branches today, often brought from their own garden. In England, forsythia branches are preferred, a relative of the olive, sign of peace. Germans prefer pussywillows, and others look for flowering spring branches. In our part of the world, what do you think would be the best choice to express joy and welcome, and to remind us of the joy of Christ's victory even as we prepare to commemorate his passion?

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SURE CURE

The only cure for sorrow is to kill it with patience.

—Irish Proverb

GOOD INFORMATION

Our judgments are only as good as our information.

—Anonymous

BEST INVENTIONS

I am proud of the fact that I never invented weapons to kill.

—Thomas Edison

St. Stanislaus the Martyr; Feast day: April 11

On April 11, the Catholic Church honors the memory of the 11th-century bishop and martyr St. Stanislaus of Krakow, who died for the faith at the hands of King Boleslaus II.

Canonized in 1253, St. Stanislaus is a beloved patron of Poland and one of the earliest native Polish bishops. In his own country he is commemorated on May 8. (The exact date of his death is uncertain. According to different sources, it was either April 11 or May 8, 1079.)

St. John Paul II – who was Kraków's archbishop in the "See of St. Stanislaus" before becoming pope – paid tribute to him often during his pontificate. In a 2003 letter to the Polish Church, he recalled how St. Stanislaus "proclaimed faith in God to our ancestors and started in them...the saving power of the Passion and Resurrection of Jesus Christ."

"He taught the moral order in the family based on sacramental marriage. He taught the moral order within the State, reminding even the king that in his actions he should keep in mind the unchanging Law of God." Through St. Stanislaus, God taught the Polish pope's homeland to respect "the Law of God and the just rights of every person."

Born near Kraków in July of 1030, Stanislaus Szczepanowski was the son of Belislaus and Bogna. His parents, members of the nobility, showed great zeal and charity in their practice of the Catholic faith. Their son studied for a time in his own country, and went on to learn theology and canon law in Paris. The death of his parents left him with a large inheritance, which he gave away to the poor.

After his ordination to the priesthood, Stanislaus served the Church in Kraków in different pastoral and administrative posts. Following the death of the diocese's leader, Bishop Lambert Zula, Stanislaus was chosen as his successor in 1071. He did not want the position, but obeyed Pope Alexander II's direct order to accept it. Having done so, he proved to be a bold preacher of the Gospel.

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April 7, 2019
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
10:30 AM

OUR LADY OF FATIMA MASS INTENTIONS

Readings: Is 43:16-21; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11

Today's Intention-George & Marie (Rice) Raichle,

Readings: Lk 19:28-40; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14-23:56

**Sun., April 14, Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
Intention-Charles McCall, Karen Querry**

Cathedral Mass Intention

April 8, Monday: Lenten Weekday

Readings: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; Jn 8:21-30

6:45 AM Dottie Maucieri (Cathedral Parish)

8:00 AM Deacon John Rys, Anniversary (Family)

12:00 PM Rose Ciavarella (Steve and Kim Krawick)

April 9, Tuesday: Lenten Weekday

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

6:45 AM Marion Roberts (John, Mike, Toots & Pat Duffy)

8:00 AM Dwight Dittsworth (Bob and Jean Jones)

12:00 PM Sally Colledge (Pete Colledge and Family)

April 10, Wednesday: Lenten Weekday

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

6:45 AM Myra Mangicarne (Helen Tomassetti)

8:00 AM Bernadine Garcia (Jane and Jim McCarty)

12:00 PM Jim Dowd (Debbie Ball)

April 11, Thursday: St. Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr

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

6:45 AM Mike Chisko (Family)

8:00 AM Julianne Seidel (Patrick Gaeto & Maria Tarsi)

12:00 PM Alma Reismeier (Jim and Steph Kilcoyne)

April 12, Friday: Lenten Weekday

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

6:45 AM Rosemary Shay (Mildred Mazur)

8:00 AM Benadine Ball Yarnell (Debbie Ball Family)

12:00 PM Louise Talko (Mike and Mary Jo Lang)

April 13, Saturday: Saint Martin I, Pope and Martyr

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

8:00 AM Richard & Richard J Drass (Bart & Eileen Hmel)

12:00 PM Joe Wiedemer (Regis and Cathy Rougeux)

Vigil: PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Readings: Lk 19:28-40; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14-23:56

5:00 PM Rose Stefanon (Mary Grace & Jerry Neugebauer)

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

*Please pray for all of our parishioners, especially for
those who have illnesses great and small and our
seniors who are lonely and need comfort and care.*

April 7, 2019

Scripture Reflections

Today the readings from Cycle A are proclaimed at Mass. Our elect (seeking Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist) and our Candidates (seeking Confirmation) celebrate the Third Scrutiny. The readings proclaim that God can raise the dead and bring life to the lifeless. What keeps us from living life to the fullest?

"I will open your graves and have you rise from them". "I will put my spirit in you that you may live" (Ezekiel 37). These words both comfort and challenge. To experience new life we have to do what Jesus did, go to the tomb and face the stench of whatever is deadly for us. By facing our darkness, sin, and death we can find light, forgiveness, and life. When we are willing to name and claim these realities, we invite Jesus to come and say, "Come out!" and "go free." It takes willingness to reorient our lives to the Spirit of God who dwells in us. The first step is honesty about our fears, frustrations, as well as faith like Mary and Martha, and a willingness to be misunderstood as Jesus was when he wept. When we can be vulnerable and honest about the darkness and the sin in our lives, Jesus shows us a way to freedom and fullness of life. His spirit works within us and in the community, who must be willing to see us differently, to untie us and let us become new.

In the Gospel, Jesus responds to the message that Lazarus is ill, saying, "This illness . . . is for the glory of God." Here, "glory" refers to something that Jesus and the Father share as Jesus does the work that the Father has given him to do. Paradoxically, by doing the Father's work in raising Lazarus, the stage is set for Jesus' glorification on the cross.

Today's readings invite reflection on the new life given to us by the power of the Holy Spirit in the sacraments. As we die and rise with Christ in Baptism, we are given a share of the divine life and the Holy Spirit comes to dwell in us. In Confirmation, the grace of Baptism is strengthened as we receive the outpouring of the gifts of the Holy Spirit, enabling us to live as Christ's witnesses today.

- In front of Lazarus' open grave, Jesus says, "Untie him and let him go." Name what keeps you tied to darkness and sin. Come forth from the shadows of the grave, and live.

Communal Penance Service

The annual Lenten Penance Service is this Wednesday, April 10 at 6:30 PM. There will be a dozen priests available to hear confessions. Be present to participate in this Lenten prayer. The forty days of Lent have us come to terms with our sins. This Wednesday is an opportunity to name those sins and receive the Lord's mercy and forgiveness in the sacrament of Penance.

ALL NINTH Grade Candidates

Sunday, March 31st, 2019 Spring Session

We will meet in the Church at 6:30 PM for Evening Prayer; the Spring Session will follow in the Cathedral Hall until 8:15 PM.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

11th Grade Confirmation Candidates/Parent or Sponsor. Final session will be held this evening April 7th in the Cathedral Hall following the 5:00PM mass. Please bring all paper work.

F.I.R.E. Class

Religious Ed Students

Sunday April 14th 6:15- 8:15 PM Sunday April 28th 6:15- 8:15 PM

Healing Mass, Monday, April 8, 2019, at 7:00 PM, at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament. Fr. Jonathan St. Andre TOR, will be the main celebrant. All are welcome, especially those in need of physical emotional, or spiritual healing, and those who support and care for them as well. Music for the Mass will be led by the Cathedral Prayer Group Music Ministry. For more information, call 814-941-3832.

CCW Annual "Hands & Hearts Haiti Fèt"

The Carmelite Community of the Word invites you to our Annual Hands & Hearts Haiti Fèt (Paschal Festival), on Sunday, May 5, 2019, at Our Lady of Loretto Hall, 279 St. Elizabeth St., Loretto, PA 15940. Please join us for an afternoon of good food, and enriching entertainment through Haiti stories and information on the CCW Hands & Hearts Ministry efforts. The afternoon will include a silent auction and opportunity to purchase Haitian Art and Craft items. Doors open at 1:15 p.m.; Dinner and Program at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$35 for adults and \$15 for children under 13. In addition, each participate is asked to contribute an item of children's or teens new underwear or socks. Contact the CCW Incarnation Center at 814-886-4098 for tickets or for more information. Ticket deadline is April 29, 2019. All proceeds will benefit the CCW Hands & Hearts Haiti Ministry.

**EUCCHARISTIC
ADORATION**

Liturgical Reflection...

When the faithful adore Christ present in the Sacrament, they remember that this presence derives from the Sacrifice of the Mass and has as its purpose both sacramental and spiritual communion. Prayer before Christ the Lord sacramentally present in the reserved Eucharist extends the union with Christ that the faithful have reached in the reception of Holy Communion at Mass. Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament renews the covenant that in turn moves the faithful to maintain by their way of life what they have received through faith. There is great spiritual strength in placing oneself prayerfully in the presence of the reserved Sacrament. Order for the Solemn Exposition of the Holy Eucharist, Introduction, Nos 5 and 6.

2019, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 S. Logan Blvd., Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania 16648

2018 Contributions for Income Tax Purposes.

We will have them in the mail by Monday afternoon.

Collection for MARCH 31, 2019 \$ 1920.50

BIRTHDAYS: Joseph Cheslock, April 14, Justin Adams, April 16, Melissa Summers, April 16 -- **ANNIVERSARIES:** None



OUR LADY URGES US TO PRAY THE HOLY ROSARY

FOR

PEACE AND OFFER

SACRIFICES BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE!



Out & About for April 2019



Cont'd from pg 2 St. Stanislaus...

This boldness brought him into conflict with Poland's ruler, King Boleslaus II, who was becoming notorious for his violent and depraved lifestyle. After a series of disputes over his scandalous behavior and other matters, Stanislaus found no success in his efforts to reform the king.

He excommunicated the sovereign – who responded with furious anger, sending henchmen to kill the bishop while he was offering Mass in the Chapel of St. Michael, located in a suburb of Kraków. But the soldiers all came out, saying they had been frightened by a light from heaven. Boleslaus then took matters into his own hands, ambushing Stanislaus and striking him down with a sword at the altar. St. Stanislaus was soon acclaimed as a martyr, while Boleslaus II was deposed and fled to Hungary. In later years the fallen monarch is said to have lived in a monastery, repenting of the murder.

LENTEN FISH DINNERS- BEST IN TOWN!

*Our Lady of Lourdes will be having their famous Lenten Fish Dinners every Friday during Lent beginning March 8 and including Good Friday, April 19. Baked or hand dipped fried haddock, fresh cut FF or homemade mac & cheese, homemade stewed tomatoes, coleslaw or applesauce, homemade dessert and drink/coffee. Adults \$10.50 and children twelve and under \$7.50. Take out begin at 3:30 and eat in 4:30-7:00PM. We are known for having the **BEST FISH DINNER IN TOWN!***

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

Holy Trinity Summer Preschool

The Holy Trinity Catholic School is very excited to be offering Summer Preschool this year at both of our elementary locations. As we need to begin to purchase materials and supplies for the program, we are asking anyone that may be interested to call the Altoona location at 381-7011, or the Hollidaysburg location at 695-6112. The details are as follows:

Time: 8:00 Am to 3:00 PM each day. Classes begin June 17.

(Themed weeks)

\$125.00 a week per child.

Ages 3-5 (Must be potty trained).

Highly qualified teachers and an aide. Must pack a lunch and Bring a change of clothes.

Lenten Fish Luncheons at Cathedral starting on Ash Wednesday and Fridays of Lent except Good Friday. Menu includes a Fish Sandwich, your choice of macaroni and cheese, pierogie, French fries or Haluski for \$8.00 (includes drink). Serving from 11:00 AM to 1:30 PM or till sold out. Call in take-out orders of ten or more.

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Carmelite Community of the Word Opportunities for Enrichment

Overnight Retreat April 12 - 13, 2019: What the "People of the Passion" teach us about Jesus Today.

As we journey through Lent to Holy Week, this retreat offers the opportunity to reflect on 7 people who witnessed the death of Jesus. Retreat begins on Friday evening at 7 PM; ends on Saturday at 3 PM. And will include presentations on the theme, guided prayer opportunities and time for quiet personal reflection.

Donation: \$40/person or \$60/married couple.

Includes overnight accommodations, meals and all materials. Pre-registration with donation is required by April 8.

Sessions will be held at Carmelite Community of the Word Incarnation Center, 394 Bem Rd., Gallitzin, PA.

To register, get directions, or for more information, call 814-886-4098.

Garvey Manor Volunteers: At Garvey Manor and Our Lady of the Alleghenies Residence, we consider every volunteer a blessing. We are currently recruiting volunteers for a variety of positions. Even an hour or two a week or month of an individual's time can make a difference! For more information, please call Kathy La Velle, Assistant Activities Director and Volunteer Coordinator at 695-5571.

STAY INFORMED AND ENGAGED IN DIOCESAN NEWS

The Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown has launched an on-line newspaper Proclaim!: The Good News of Altoona-Johnstown featuring diocesan news, information, and commentary - including happenings at parishes and schools. Visit the site at proclaim.dioceseaj.org and sign up for regular e-mail updates delivered to your inbox. Beginning soon, monthly editions of The Catholic Register will be available here at the parish.

April 7

John 8:1-11

Stoning is not just an ancient act of violence.

Each day in our homes we throw stones of ridicule, criticism, name-calling and put-downs.

All of it is deadly. Hear Jesus in today's gospel:

"Whoever is without sin can throw the first stone."

Rid your home of violence. Stop verbal stoning!

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