

**Bulletin # 102656**

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**Attn: Carol Smith**

**MESSAGES:**

# Fatima Mirror

A weekly publication for the education and edification of parishioners and friends of Our Lady of Fatima Parish of the Catholic Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown in Altoona, Pennsylvania. Most Reverend Joseph V. Adamec, D.D. is the diocesan bishop. Father J.D. Zatalava, M.Div. is the pastor. Parishioners worship in the church building named after Saint Leo the Great, 2000 12th Ave. 16601. 814-942-0371.

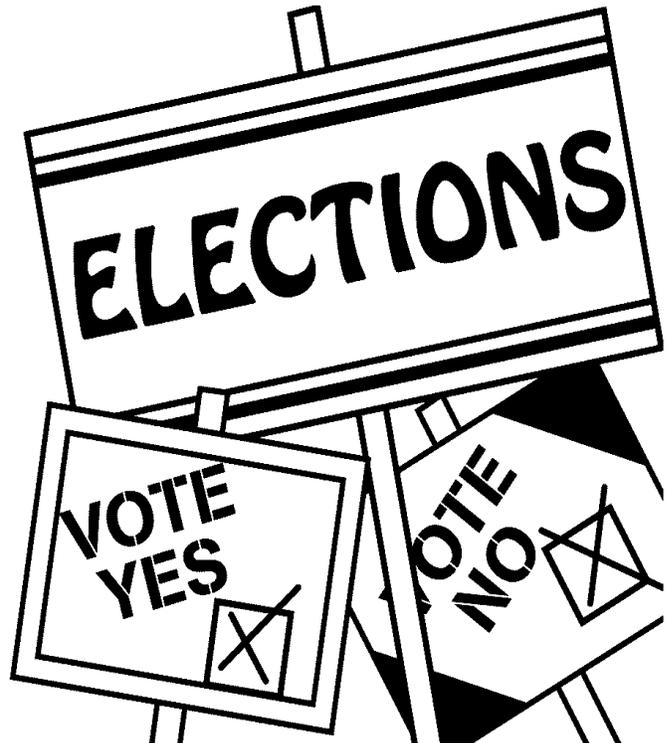
It's official ...

## Gag Order Lifted

The IRS recently ruled that the *Voter's Guide for Serious Catholics* does not violate any of the regulations governing how churches and non-profit 501c(3) organizations can get involved in politics.

They said it's perfectly okay for anyone to distribute the voter's guide on parish property—which means even in the official parish bulletin.

The key is this: the voter's guide does not mention any candidates by name, nor does it talk about political parties or specific elections. It deals only with the moral issues that are being fought over in the political arena.



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## Consider ...

- The next president will most likely get to appoint 1 – 3 new Supreme Court justices.
- The Senate will have to confirm his nominees.
- The Court is currently only one vote shy of overturning the murderous Roe v. Wade decision.

Same goes for the other moral evils of our time: homosexual “marriage” ... euthanasia ... embryonic stem cell research ... human cloning ... you name it.

Furthermore, it's not just the president and Senate that will be dealing with these issues. The House, state legislatures, federal and state courts—all of them will be dealing with these fundamental moral issues, and so ... **It All Hinges on This Election.**

You know them as “the five non-negotiables” that no Catholic can support, endorse, or condone ...

- Abortion
- Euthanasia
- Homosexual “marriage”
- Embryonic stem cell research
- Human cloning

When the Voter’s Guide was first published in 2004, it caused quite a stir—especially when it ran as a full-page ad in USA Today, coast to coast, reaching millions of people prior to the November elections.

That’s why the anti-life forces took their anger out on the sponsors.

Most notably was Frances Kissling of the so-called Catholics for Free Choice—the notorious pro-abortion group that **erroneously** claims you can be a good Catholic and be pro-abortion.

When Kissling realized that the voter’s guide had such a powerful impact on Catholics in America—and helped them vote pro-life instead of pro-death—she went ballistic.

She filed a formal complaint against Catholic Answers with the IRS, which caused that agency to launch a multi-year investigation of Catholic Answers.

Well, that cost CA a small fortune—especially in attorney’s fees. But the voter’s guide was cleared of Kissling’s frivolous charges.

In fact, just a few weeks ago, the IRS issued the ruling mentioned at the beginning of this letter.

So now we have its official blessing, so to speak, to distribute the voter’s guide at every Catholic parish in America.

This is the first time it has actually cleared the distribution of a voter’s guide like the *Voter’s Guide for Serious Catholics* on church property by ruling that it does not constitute the “political campaign intervention” that is forbidden for 501c(3) non-profits like churches.

## Here’s the exact text of what the IRS said

[Catholic Answers, Inc.] created, published, and distributed the *Voter’s Guide for Serious Catholics* (VGSC). The VGSC asserts that it is intended to help the reader vote for candidates for public office in a manner consistent with Catholic moral teachings. The VGSC identifies five issues it deems to be “non-negotiable” issues and instructs the reader on how to narrow down the list of candidates to those who are acceptable based on the non-negotiable issues. The VGSC does not directly or indirectly make reference to any specific candidate, political party, or election. Therefore, the content of the VGSC, standing alone, is not political campaign intervention because the VGSC does not support or oppose any specific candidate for public office [Internal Revenue Service, *Addendum to Letter 3609P*, May 2, 2008].

# Fatima Facts

Dear Father Zatalava:

Enclosed are 10 copies of the fall brochure for the adult enrichment and lay ecclesial ministry program and a bulletin announcement. Please place the brochures in the back of the Church and/or give to people who you feel would profit from the program.

## **FALL ADULT FAITH FORMATION CLASSES SET TO BEGIN**

What is the Adult Enrichment & Lay Ecclesial Ministry Formation Process?

An opportunity for courses to enrich your faith;

Two years of intensive spiritual and theological formation with an opportunity for...

A third year of specialized ministry training in Adult Formation...

Advanced Bible Study, Christian Initiation, Hospital Visitation, Liturgical Foundations,  
Master Catechist, Peace & Justice, Tribunal Advocate and Youth Ministry

Where will Year I classes be offered?

Duncansville: St. Catherine of Siena Parish Hall beginning Wednesday, September 3, from 6:30/8:30 PM.

Johnstown: St. John Gualbert Activity Center beginning Wednesday, September 10, from 6:30/8:30 PM.

*For information and registration contact the Parish Life Office at (814) 693-9605, visit us online at*

*www.ajdiocese.org or email [jschneider@dioceseaj.org](mailto:jschneider@dioceseaj.org).*

## **Second Printing**

It has long been, and continues to be, an operational policy of mine to, under normal circumstances, never discuss with others either the medical conditions or financial circumstances of my parishioners. The already widely publicized extra-ordinary situation of my parishioner, cook, housekeeper, and friend — Denise Keagy, allows me the latitude to do what I announce here:

- As one avenue of helping to defray the massive expenses incurred by her Cancer Treatments, I have established a Denise Keagy Family Fund at the ARC Federal Credit Union. Anyone wishing to make contributions to the Keagy Family Fund may do so by bringing them to the ARC Federal Credit Union office building at 1919 7th Ave. All this can be done with no fear of the co-mingling of parish funds or any sort of involvement on the part of the parish office. NOTE: Do not put these contributions in the Offertory Basket or bring/mail them to the Rectory. You must take them directly to the bank.

An Open Invitation to Participate in any or all events of the 2008 Triduum honoring the Patroness of

## **Saint Rose of Lima Parish, Altoona**

Saturday, August 23, 5:30 PM

Mass and Prayers honoring St. Rose

Sunday, August 24, 4:00 PM

Spanish Mass, procession, Dinner w. music and games ending with a candle light devotion

Monday, August 25, 7:00 PM

Anointing of the Sick during Mass

## **C.C.D. Registration**

Saturday, August 30th, 4:30PM-6:30 PM in the Seton Suite.

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Sunday, August 31st, 9:30 AM-1 1:30 AM in the Seton Suite.

If you are new to the program or registering a student in 2nd grade, please bring a copy of your child's Baptismal certificate. Pre-K is offered for 3 and 4 year olds.

**Time for C.C.D. this year has been changed to 11:15-12:30 Sundays.**

Questions? Please call Chris Laraia at 946-3475 (Pre-K-8) or Jean Koury, 949-2777 (9-12). Volunteers are still needed to serve as substitute teachers or classroom aides. Please consider sharing your time, talent, and love of God with our young parishioners. **Classes will begin for both Pre-K thru 8 and high school on Sunday, September 14th.**

## **Bishop Guilfoyle Scholarships Available**

Altoona Roman Catholic (ARC) Federal Credit Union is currently offering 2 \$500.00 scholarships for students attending Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School during the 2008-09 academic year.

Any student (9th —12th grade) attending Bishop Guilfoyle is eligible. The scholarships will be awarded based on academics, financial need, essay questions, and community activities.

Scholarship applications are available in the ARC lobby, located at 1919 7th Ave. Altoona PA 16602, or online at [www.arcfcu.org](http://www.arcfcu.org). You may contact ARC at 814-946-0857 for more information.

Applications must be returned to ARC by August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2008 to be considered.

### **OUR LADY OF LOURDES PRESENTS ..... BASKET BINGO**

Featuring the world famous Longaberger Baskets from Dresden, Ohio.

Monday, September 8th, 2008 6:00 p.m. (Doors open at 5:00 p.m.)

Father Kelley Hall 5th Street and 25th Avenue, Altoona, PA

\$20 Entry Ticket Includes 15 games of "Basket Bingo" and a chance for the Grand Prize filled with goodies.

Refreshments will be served throughout the evening.

\$35 Additional Value Pack Includes 108 door prize tickets, 5 special games packs and tickets

\*Hostesses -- Reserve a Table of 8 or More and Receive a Chance for a Basket

All proceeds benefit Our Lady of Lourdes Church

For Tickets Please Call:

Our Lady of Lourdes Office, 943-6185 - Rebecca Dively, 944-1504 or Mary Ann Bell, 942-1016

## **Birth of Mary Celebration**

**Theme: Journeying with Mary**

**Homilist: Fr. Angelus M. Shaughnessy O.F.M. Capuchin**

**Monday, September 8th, 2008**

Saint Catherine of Siena Shrine

Old Rt. 22, Duncansville, PA

12 Noon - Mass

All Day in the Church, Eucharistic Adoration, Continuous Rosary

7:00 PM - Mass

Candlelight Procession, Benediction at Fatima Shrine

Sandwiches, Soup and Salads

12:00 - 5:00 PM in Church Hall

Address petitions to: Birth of Mary Celebration, P.O. Box 88, Duncansville, PA 16635

**20th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**August 16-17, 2008**

**MONEY MATTERS 19th in Ordinary Time (August 10)**

158 people Celebrated Liturgy at O.L.F. contributing \$2,484.87 of which \$223.00 accounted for "loose" cash.

# Envelopes In Circulation 237 # Used 113 # Unused 124

# O.L.F. HOAGIE DAY

Is *this* Wednesday (8/20)

Call-in orders to

**942-0371 Right Now!**

or no later than

**Monday, August 18, by Noon**

OR

**Grab a Clip-board after Mass this weekend  
(Cost still only \$5.00 per Hoagie)**

### Two Weeks to get to know Saint Paul better!

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| 1: Love of God, Romans 5: 8-10           | 8: Peace, Philippians 4: 8-9              |
| 2: Love of Neighbor, Romans 13:8-10      | 9: Mission, Romans 10: 14-15              |
| 3: Reconciliation, 2 Corinthians 5:19-20 | 10: Baptism, Galatians 3:27-28            |
| 4: Sin and grace, Romans 3: 23-24        | 11: New life, 2 Corinthians 5: 16-17      |
| 5: Faith, Romans 3: 25-26                | 12: Patience, 1 Corinthians 13: 4         |
| 6: Hope, Romans 5: 5                     | 13: Kindness, Titus 3: 4-7                |
| 7: Joy, Philippians 4:4                  | 14: Faithfulness, 1 Thessalonians 5:23-25 |

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR August 18-24, 2008

Monday	08-18	08:00 AM	Wally Jorkasky, Lenny Watson	<i>Jane Frances de Chantal, relig.</i>
Tuesday	08-19	08:00 AM	Debra Shuma, B. Ewig, C. Ringler	<i>John Eudes, priest</i>
Wednesday	08-20	08:00 AM	Walter Bieniek, Bill Killian	<i>Bernard, abbot, doctor</i>
Thursday	08-21	08:00 AM	John Bacza, Alec Posiowaych	<i>Pius X, pope</i>
Friday	08-22	08:00 AM	Mary Louise Mincin, M/M Andy Gregor	<i>Queenship of the Bl. Virgin Mary</i>
Saturday	08-23	04:30 PM	Teresa Grace Mincin, Anv., Anna Miller	<i>21st Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
Sunday	08-24	09:00 AM	Pat Dennis, Cathy & John Cribari	<i>21st Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
Sunday	08-24	11:00 AM	Liv/Dec of Our Lady of Fatima Parish	<i>21st Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>