

Bulletin # 102656

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Vestibule or Gathering Space or Both

Back in the pre Vatican II days most people called that part of the church building which separated the outside from the church proper the vestibule. Other words used to describe this building area are lobby, foyer, porch, entrance hall, portico, and anteroom. Webster defines vestibule as "A small entrance hall or passage between the outer door and the interior of a house or building."

Since Vatican II liturgists have been referring to this area as the Gathering Space. It is in the vestibule or the gathering space (*and not in the church proper - where the Eucharist is held in reserve in the Tabernacle*) that any high fiving, talking above a whisper, social intercourse, politicking, sports discussion, family announcements, church ticket sales, and what our Separated Brethren call Fellowship, takes place. None of these activities should be occurring in the church proper where, again, the Blessed Sacrament is held in reserve in the Tabernacle.

Appointments and decorations in the Vestibule/Gathering Space should be conversation starters concerning who we were, who we are, and who we want to be. In that regard we wish to thank Gary Keagy who, with a little bit of help from his son Chris, built and mounted the frame which enshrines the front piece of the altar of the former St. Peter and Paul church. In one fell swoop with this spectacular rendition of the Last Supper he reminds us all at once of our past, our present, and our future. Thanks Gary.

The memorabilia noting parishioners' past supportive activity will soon be complimented by an attractive, updated monthly Honor Roll listing current supporters of Our Lady of Fatima Parish Life.



The Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary August 15

*A Feast without Obligation
2009, 2010, 2011*

Since this year August 15 falls on a Saturday
The Solemn Obligation to Attend Mass is abrogated

The Obligation returns in 2012



For the past three weeks we have been studying official Vatican documents, all issued with the approval of Pope Benedict XVI, concerning priests and the Priesthood. As a quick review, study these pull-quotes from each of the three documents:

Concerning Ordaining Women

In the Church's latest statement on this matter, Pope John Paul II, using his full authority as the successor of Peter, states categorically that the Church cannot — not will not, but cannot — ordain women, now or in the future. The Catechism of the Catholic Church sets it out clearly, quoting the decree *Inter insigniores*: Only a baptized man (*vir*) receives sacred ordination. The Lord Jesus chose men (*viri*) to form the college of the twelve apostles, and the apostles did the same when they chose collaborators to succeed them in their ministry. The college of bishops, with whom the priests are united in the priesthood, makes the college of the twelve an ever-present and ever-active reality until Christ's return. **The Church recognizes herself to be bound by this choice made by the Lord Himself. For this reason the ordination of women is not possible.**

Concerning Priests Marrying

Priests ordained in the Latin rite freely choose celibacy and thus are bound to their vow or promise, though they may be dispensed from their vow or promise in exceptional circumstances. **While both the Latin and Eastern rites have made provisions for married men to become priests, they have never made provisions for priests to become married.**

Concerning Homosexuality

In the light of such teaching, this dicastery, in accord with the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, believes it necessary to state clearly that the Church, while profoundly respecting the persons in question, **cannot admit to the seminary or to holy orders those who practice homosexuality, present deep-seated homosexual tendencies or support the so-called "gay culture."**

2009 Annual Catholic Appeal Diocese of Altoona - Johnstown

Goal:	\$ 15,144.00
Pledged to Date:	\$ 11,351.00
Short Fall:	\$ 3,793.00

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 15-16, 2009

MONEY MATTERS

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time (August 9)

258 People Celebrated Liturgy at O.L.F. contributing \$2,289.40 of which \$ 249.80 accounted for "loose."

Envelopes In Circulation 234 # Used 108 # Unused 126

There has been no movement in the Annual Catholic Appeal since last week. Somehow the same 146 registered parishioners not yet pledging have to be motivated to carry their weight in coming up with the \$3,793 shortfall.

Our Lady of Fatima Parish



12" HOAGIE @ \$5.00 Wednesday, August 19th

Pick up at the Rectory, 2010 12th Avenue - Altoona
from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM and 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM

All orders must be received by Monday, August 17th by 12:00 Noon

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR August 17-23, 2009

Monday	8/17	08:00 AM	Carl T. Mincin, B-day, Anna Miller, daughter	<i>Weekday</i>
Tuesday	8/18	08:00 AM	Blessed marriage for Chris & Kelly, S. Smithmyer	<i>Weekday</i>
Wednesday	8/19	08:00 AM	Health of Jack Douglass, Wife Colleen & Family	<i>John Eudes, priest</i>
Thursday	8/20	08:00 AM	Don Shuma, Hormanski Family	<i>Bernard, abbot & doctor</i>
Friday	8/21	08:00 AM	Rita Raichle, Tom & Patricia Foor	<i>Pius X, pope</i>
Saturday	8/22	04:30 PM	Sally Colledge, Husband Pete	<i>21st Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
Sunday	8/23	09:00 AM	Teresa Mincin, Anv Death, Anna Miller, daughter	<i>21st Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
Sunday	8/23	11:00 AM	Liv/Dec of Our Lady of Fatima Parish	<i>21st Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>