

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 9, 2020

Truth shall spring out of the earth,
and justice shall look down from
heaven.
— Psalm 85:12

Our Lady of Fatima
Pleaded that we pray the Holy
Rosary
privately from 7:30 am to 5:00 pm
Sunday thru Saturday



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Our Lady of Fatima Parish
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Monday, Wednesday, Friday - 11 AM - 2PM

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Our Lady of Fatima Church

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Our Lady of Fatima Church is open
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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	12:00 Noon
10:00 AM	12:00 Noon	
12:00 Noon	5:30 PM	Saturday: 8:00 AM
5:00 PM		12:00 Noon

<p style="text-align: center;">AUGUST 9, 2020 NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 10:30 AM</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS <i>August 9, 2020</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">OUR LADY OF FATIMA MASS INTENTIONS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Today's Intention - Paul G. Rose, Ann., Readings: 1 Kgs 19:9, 11-13 Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33</p> <p style="text-align: center;">August 16, 2020 - Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Readings: Is 56: 1, 6-7 Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28 Poor Souls in Purgatory, (Anonymous)</p>	<p>How do we find God in the storms and struggles of our lives, in the trials we encounter in trying to do His will?</p> <p>God commands Elijah in today's First Reading to stand on the mountain and await His passing by. And in the Gospel, Jesus makes the disciples set out across the waters to meet Him.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Cathedral Mass Intention</p> <p>August 10, Monday: St. Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr Readings: 2 Cor 9:6-10; Jn 12: 24-26 6:45 AM + Verna Bell (Mr. & Mrs. Dave Hanekamp) 12:00 PM + Beverly Woodring (Rick & Cammy Pulcino)</p> <p>August 11, Tuesday: Saint Clare, Virgin Readings: Ez 2: 8-3:4; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14 6:45 AM + Joe Tomlinson (Joe Resig) 12:00 PM + Robert Smithmyer, Anniversary (Wife)</p> <p>August 12, Wednesday: St. Jane Frances de Chantall Readings: Ez 9:1-7; 10: 18-22; Mt 18:15-20 6:45 AM + Msgr. Paul Panza (Dana Tomlinson) 12:00 PM + Jim Davidson (Barbara Karl)</p> <p>August 13, Thursday: Saints Pontian, Hippolytus Readings: Ez 12:1-12; Mt 18: 21-19:1 6:45 AM + Leroy & Irmina Helfrich (Estate) 12:00PM + Jack Bauer (Rosemarie Fedeli)</p> <p>August 14, Friday: St. Maximillian Kolbe, Priest & Martyr Readings: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63; Mt 19:3-12 6:45 AM + Salvator Michael Moffa (Estate) 12:00 PM + Barbara Byers (M/M Robert DeFazio)</p> <p>August 15, Saturday: The Assumption of the BVM Readings: Rv 11:19; 12:1-6, 10; 1 Cor 15:54-57 Lk 1:39-56 8:00 AM + Carrie Detwiler (Mom & Dad) 12:00 PM + M/M Michael Gibbons Fam. (M/M Tom Irwin Children)</p> <p>Vigil: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Readings: Is 56: 1, 6-7 Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28 5:00 PM + Edgar L. Johnston Birthday (Wife)</p> <p>August 16, Sunday 8:00 AM + Frances Pagliaro (M/M Robert DeFazio) 10:00 AM + Janet Tomlinson (Kathy Grove) 12:00 PM + Rose Ciavarella (McNelis Teachers) 5:00 PM Pro Popolo/ For the People</p>	<p>In each case, the Lord makes himself present amid frightening tumult—heavy winds and high waves, fire and earthquakes.</p> <p>Elijah hides his face. Perhaps he remembers Moses, who met God on the same mountain, also amid fire, thunder, and smoke (see Deuteronomy 4:10–15; Exodus 19:17–19). God told Moses no one could see His face and live, and He sheltered Moses in the hollow of a rock, as He shelters Elijah in a cave (see Exodus 33:18–23).</p> <p>The disciples, likewise, are too terrified to look on the face of God. Today's Gospel is a revelation of Jesus' divine identity. Only God treads across the crest of the sea (see Job 9:8) and rules the raging waters (see Psalm 89:9–10). And the words of assurance that Jesus speaks—"It is I"—are those God used to identify himself to Moses (see Exodus 3:14; Isaiah 43:10).</p> <p>Even Peter is too overcome by fear to imitate his Lord. His fears, Jesus tells him, are a sign of his lack of faith. And so it often is with us. Our fears make us doubt, make it hard to see His glory dwelling in our midst.</p> <p>Yet, we should know, as we sing in today's Psalm, that His salvation is near to those who hope in Him. By faith we should know, as Paul asserts in today's Epistle, that we are heirs to the promises made to His children, Israel.</p> <p>We must trust that He whispers to us in the trials of our lives—that He who has called us to walk along the way of His steps. He will save us whenever we begin to sink.</p> <p>Yours in Christ, Dr. Scott Hahn, PHD</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Jesus, Son of the Living Father, Have Mercy on Me a Sinner.</i></p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>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.</i></p>



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August 6, 2020

Update on Diocesan Directives for Health and Safety During the Coronavirus Pandemic

A Message from Bishop Mark

By now you have heard about a person who tested positive for the Coronavirus and attended Mass last weekend at Saint Francis of Assisi Parish, Johnstown. Public notice was made with due regard for the teaching and discipline of the Church concerning the necessary balance between the fundamental right of a person's privacy and the common good of others (Catechism of the Catholic Church, n. 2491-2492). That person did the right thing in notifying the Church so that others could be made aware and take any precautions.

This occurrence prompted me once again to think about what Christ and the Church teach us concerning life and our spiritual, physical, mental, and emotional health. They are precious gifts entrusted to us by God. Each one of us must take care of our personal health and well-being. In doing that, we should take into account the needs and the common good of others (Catechism, n. 2288).

Awareness and care for ourselves and others has been in the forefront of messages like *#we are in this together*, that have been repeated over the last few months.

Our spiritual well-being is nurtured through prayer, the Word of God, and the sacraments. The Holy Eucharist which we celebrate at Mass, is central to our spiritual health. The Sunday celebration of the Holy Eucharist is the source and summit of the life of the Church. **It** is not an individual thing, even as each person receives the Body and Blood of Christ. The Holy Eucharist is all about the Church, the holy people of God being made into and renewed together as one.

When it comes to the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist, we are in this together. And in order to be in it together with and for each other, we need to be mindful of more than our individual, personal needs or desires. We need to be in it together for the common good; the well-being of everyone.

I want to remind everyone in the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown that all of the Directives for coming together for the celebration of Mass and the reception of the sacraments during this time of the Coronavirus pandemic remain in effect.

That means masks are not optional when you come to church. I know that in some parishes people are not wearing masks. No one likes wearing them. But we need to do it for our individual good and the good of others. Wearing masks applies to everyone, including the bishop; all priests and deacons; readers; altar servers; ushers, and all the people. I have heard health experts say that wearing a mask is the single most effective means of stopping the spread of the Coronavirus.

Using hand sanitizer is also a must. No one complained when I had to repeatedly sanitize my hands when I celebrated the Ordination of our new deacons or new priests for the Franciscans.

There are not to be any missalettes or hymnals in any churches. But I have heard that in some places the books are still there. They need to be put away immediately until further notice.

I love music and singing in church. The directives now in place are to have a cantor/song leader and no choirs. But there are places where choirs are still being used. That needs to stop.

There is to be proper physical distancing. For the most part people are seated according to the plan adopted in each church. However, there are churches where people are not keeping a distance when they come forward to receive Holy Communion.

And in some places the people are stopping in the back of church or in the vestibule to speak with one another and their pastor; and everyone has already removed their masks before they are outside and away from others. There should be no gathering in groups inside a church during this time.

I think you get the picture. But once again, I am urging you to complete the picture. There are gaps and people are telling me about them. They have every reason to be concerned. In making me aware of their concerns, they are always thinking about the common good.

Without our best, conscious effort, we could be facing closed churches again. Let's not go there, please! So if you need to refresh your memory, all of the Diocesan Directives for churches, sacraments, etc. are still available on the diocesan website.

I am proud of what has been accomplished thus far in parishes and schools in our diocese during this Coronavirus pandemic. Thank you for your efforts. I urge everyone to remind yourself each day that you have a part in this. We are in this together!

OLOF Weekly Contributions for Sunday, Aug 2 - \$1295.00

THE PRESENCE OF GOD

OLOF Grotto

We are still looking for some folks to clean up the Grotto for the Church. Please call Office 942-0371.

Our Lady of Fatima traveling Statue is back home again! Anyone who would like to take her home for a time may call the rectory 942-0371.

Religious Education

Registration for all students, grades PK4-11 will be held in the Education Center at 14th Street entrance before and after all Masses August 15/16 and August 22/23. Parents only, are asked to register all students at this time and receive your child's textbook. Facial covering is required.

PK/8 will be resuming classes on September 13th through the use of online program. More information will be available at registration times. If you are new to our Religious Ed program please bring a copy of your child's baptismal certificate. Please contact Chris Laraia (814-312-7317) or Jean Koury (814-949-2777) if you have any questions or concerns.

Annual Wedding Anniversary Liturgy

Bishop Mark Bartchak and the Family Life Office cordially invites all couples celebrating 1, 5, 10, 25, 40, 50, 55, and 60 + Wedding Anniversary in 2020 (and their families) to attend the Annual Wedding Anniversary Liturgy. Couples may attend Sunday, September 13 in ALTOONA at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament or Sunday, September 20 in JOHNSTOWN at St. John Gualbert Cathedral. Both locations are handicap accessible. Liturgies in each location begin at 2:00 p.m. Bishop Mark will be the celebrant and the homilist at each celebration. Refreshments/snacks will be available after the mass for anniversary couples and their families. Reservations must be made through your parish for either celebration by August 19.

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time (August 9)

We can stay on course as a keeper of all God's gifts when we stay focused on God. Even the apostles doubted Jesus. He calmed their fears, "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid." Many times we act afraid and let obstacles get in our way of living as true stewards: If we share our time, we won't have enough to do what we want to do; If we give our money away, we won't have enough to buy what we want for our loved ones and ourselves; If we offer our talents, they won't be good enough to meet our expectation; If we love without strings, we won't receive enough love in return.

A Christian steward recognizes God as the source of all. Christian Stewardship does not seem as counter-cultural now as it did six months ago. How will you continue to live with courage to meet the needs of others?

After the miracle of Jesus walking on water, the disciples exclaimed, "Truly, you are the Son of God" (Matthew 14:33). Most Christians will probably never experience such a dramatic miracle. Like Elijah, we await the manifestation of God in other moments. Perhaps the biggest challenge for the believer is to be constantly attuned to the possible presence of God in the everyday events of life. This is a stance that takes some people years to develop. Others seem to find the Lord easily in the simple things. As the week unfolds, let us look for the presence of God in the little things around us. Perhaps, like Elijah, we will be surprised at what we find. And, like the disciples, we can add our voice to the confession, "Truly you are the Son of God."

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SAINT TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS (EDITH STEIN) (1891-1942) August 9

"Come," Edith gently whispered, taking her sister Rosa's hand, "let us go for our people!" These were Edith Stein's last words as the Nazis, enraged at the Dutch bishops' condemnation of their genocide, took into custody all Catholic converts from Judaism. Born Jewish, but non-practicing from her teens, Edith's search for truth led to a doctorate in philosophy, a brilliant career as professor and author and, finally, to the Autobiography of Saint Teresa of Avila, which she read in one sitting, then declared, "That is the Truth!" Baptized on January 1, 1922, observed then as the feast of Jesus' initiation into the covenant of Abraham, confirmed on February 2, the feast of Jesus' Presentation in the Temple, Edith entered the cloistered Carmelites in Cologne, transferring to a convent in Holland when she realized that, because of the Nazi persecution of the Jews, her presence could imperil the safety of the other nuns. She died in the gas chambers of Auschwitz as a daughter of Israel and of the Church.

—Peter Scagnelli, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

GOD'S IMAGE

Nature has perfections in order to show that she is the image of God, and defects to show that she is only God's image.

—Blaise Pascal

SING

Alas for those who never sing, but die with their music within them.

—Oliver Wendell Holmes



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