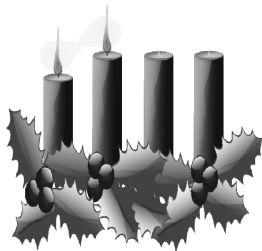


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Our Lady of Fatima  
Pleaded that we pray the Holy Rosary  
before Sunday Mass and  
privately from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm daily.



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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  
Reverend Monsignor Robert C. Mazur

Parish Secretary  
Carol Z. Smith  
Secretaries Assistant  
Ellen Kelly

Eucharist for the home bound - weekly:  
Natty Flanagan 942-0371 to make arrangements.

Our Lady of Fatima Church is open  
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12:30 PM Saturday

Religious Education @ Cathedral: Pre-K through 11

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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

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
DECEMBER 6, 2015**

Readings: Bar 5:1-9; Phil 1:4-6,8-11; Lk 3:1-6

**Cathedral Mass Intentions**

**December 7, Monday: Saint Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor**

Readings: Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-16

**\*6:45 AM Merle & Joan Hirt (Children, Great & Grand)**

8:00 AM Freddy Fedeli (Wife, Rosemarie)

12:00 PM Margaret L. Dodson (Joe Dzurenko)

**Vigil - Immaculate Conception of B.V. Mary**

5:30 PM Moose Plutko (Cathedral Parish)

**December 8, Tuesday: Immaculate Conception**

**Holy Day of Obligation**

Readings: Gn 3:9-15,20; Eph 1:3-6,11-12; Lk 1:26-38

8:00 AM Sam Coen (Mike and Sherry Byrne)

12:00 PM Pat Rabine (Gerri Rose)

5:30 PM Margaret McConnell (Charlene Frank)

**\*6:00 PM Beverly Fabian (Lorraine Shuma)-OLF**

**December 9, Wednesday: Saint Juan Diego**

Readings: Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30

6:45 AM Nozzie, Jennie, Sandy Calabrese (Family)

8:00 AM Ruby Doyle (Dave Donnelly)

12:00 PM John and Mildred Flick (Daughters)

**December 10, Thursday: Advent Weekday**

Readings: Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15

6:45 AM Eleanor Toth (Marge Moschella)

**\*8:00 AM Bernadette Weakland (Jeanie Farabaugh)**

**\*12:00 PM Paul Rose (Lorraine Shuma)**

**December 11, Friday: Saint Damasus I, Pope**

Readings: Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19

6:45 AM Doris Green (Karen and Greg Query)

8:00 AM Carl Fischer (Wife, Eleanor and Family)

12:00 PM Deacon John Rys, Birthday (Family)

**December 12, Saturday: Our Lady of Guadalupe**

Readings: Zec 2:14-17; Lk 1:26-38

8:00 AM Marian and Thomas Swires (Children)

**\*12:00 PM Spec. Int. of Eric and Gloria Hockenberry**

**Vigil: Third Sunday of Advent**

Readings: Zep 3:14-18; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

5:00 PM M. Virginia Jones (Jim and Mary Ellen Kelly)

**Our Lady of Fatima Mass Intention**

**December 13, Sunday: Third Sunday Of Advent**

Readings: Zep 3:14-18; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

**\*10:30 AM Fr. Zatalava (Gerri Rose)**

**DECEMBER 6, 2015**

***Scripture Reflection***

In Baruch's intensely joyful proclamation, Jerusalem is portrayed as a mother who rejoices at seeing her children gathered by the Word of God. The tone is jubilant because God who has commanded that the earth be prepared for all of Israel to "advance secure in the glory of God." We are to wrap ourselves in God's justice and rejoice in the light of God's glory.

Paul's letter to the Philippians speaks of his "joy" for their "partnership" with him in announcing the Gospel. He prays for the Christians of Philippi, that their "love may increase ever more and more." They need increased love to be ready for "the day of Christ." The return of the Lord did not happen in Paul's time, but his words are encouraging and timely for us. We need to be constantly striving to live "pure and blameless lives" in the presence of the Lord who dwells among us. We are always preparing for his return in glory.

The Gospel touches on different time scenarios. Luke's references to current political leaders place the in-breaking of God in human history and announce that the coming of the Messiah will alter human affairs. John the Baptist's message introduces the long view of salvation history: the Messiah will fulfill the prophecies of Isaiah. John stands in the line of the prophets, announcing God's plan for those who have been waiting in hope. The repentance he urges is the proper posture for all those preparing to welcome the Messiah, and the liturgical time of Advent is our time to heed John's message in our own hearts.

John the Baptist presents for us the task of the people of God in response to the coming of the Messiah. John tells the people to prepare with "a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins." As with Baruch, John presents an image of the mountains and valleys being made flat and smooth as a sign of Israel's repentance and moral transformation. This moral leveling allows Israel to "walk safely in the glory of God" and also allows "all flesh" to see God's salvation.

**• This Tuesday, December 8, begins the Jubilee of Mercy for the new liturgical year.**

**How do you experience God's mercy in your life? How do you show mercy to others?**

**REMINDER .. ALL 11TH GRADE STUDENTS CONFIRMATION SESSION I**

**Sunday, 11/29/2015** – ALL 11th Grade Confirmation students will meet in the Cathedral for Evening Prayer at 6:30 PM followed by a one hour class in the Cathedral hall.

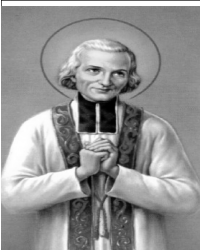
The Parish Family of Our Lady of Fatima will celebrate Christmas Mass on Christmas Day at 10:30 AM.

We are asking all members of the Parish to please do whatever they can to join Our Parish Family on Christmas Day. Remember, "The parish that prays together stays together".

**Decorating for Christmas** will take place on December 20th after the 10:30 AM Mass. Enclosed are Christmas flower envelopes. Donation is \$10.00 for each person being memorialized. They may also be found on the heating units and in the back of the church. OLF Christmas's have always been very special. Please help us to make this Christmas Day one that Our Infant Jesus would be extremely proud of.

**HOLY ROSARY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY .....**

During the Advent Season, the Holy Rosary will be prayed on Sunday Mornings at 10:00 AM for the intention of increasing the number of Diocesan Priests for the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese and especially for Our Lady of Fatima. 1) We will invoke the prayer of St. John Marie Vianney. 2) We will then pray the Holy Rosary.



**Prayer to St John Marie Vianney**

St. John Marie Vianney, your life was a complete offering to God for the service of all; we pray that through the power of the Holy Spirit we may all respond today, with courage to the challenges of our personal vocation.

You were an assiduous adorer of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. Help us to approach the Holy Eucharist with faith and reverence, so that we may enjoy his abiding presence in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

You were a friend of sinners. You always reminded them: "Your sins are just like grains of sand in front of the great mountain of the mercy of God." Loosen the bonds of fear that prevents us to approach the mercy of God: help us to be truly sorrow for our sins. Help us to discover the true face of God who always waits for the return of the prodigal son.

You were always a help to the poor: "My secret is simple; it is to give all and to keep nothing for myself." Teach us to share with those who are in need, help us to be free from our attachments to money and to all false riches.

You were a loving child of the Blessed Mother, "your most lasting affection." Teach us to turn to her with simplicity and the confidence of a child. You are now the example of pastors of the world. Let your pastoral charity lead the pastors of our times to discover the bond that unites all without discrimination of persons; give them the love for the Church, the passion for the apostolate, and the strength in the face of many difficulties.

Inspire our young people to understand the grandeur of the priestly ministry and the joy to embrace the call of the Good Shepherd.

Holy Cure of Ars, intercede for us. Obtain for us what we ask for in faith, especially the fruitfulness for the Priests (**we ask for a holy priest to be assigned to Our Lady of Fatima parish**), you are the humble and faithful pastor, ever faithful in the service of God and all. Amen.

2) Pray the Holy Rosary.



"My life is tied to the liturgy and the Eucharist," says Precious Blood Sister Ann Hipp, 95, who entered religious life in 1937. "It's part of who we are as a community." As a teacher for 50 years, she shared this love of the Eucharist with her students. At age 70, Sister Ann traded in her chalk for a sewing needle and today still helps craft altar cloths and vestments.

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**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**10:30 AM**

*Intention: Lois Riley*



**ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL  
Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown**

Assessed = \$15,100 Amount Pledged to date = \$12,495

**Shortfall (at present) = \$2,605. December 31st is the deadline for this years goal.**

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time to celebrate CHRISTMAS with Christ- According to Catholic Tradition the Christmas Sea- Advent Season is a time to prepare for (not cele- Advent as a mini Lent. Penitential acts are more

December 6

Lk 3:1-6

Parents feel outclassed by Twitter, Facebook

and MTV as they battle for their children’s attention. Our high-tech culture can make a parent feel like an out-dated “voice crying out in the wilderness.” As God came to John the Baptist in the wilderness, God is with you in your “wilderness” moments as a parent.

**Happy Birthday:**

12/08 Connie Andros, Ray Kelly

12/09 John Kasun, Sr.

12/10 Diana Hencherick, Gabby Smith

12/13 Ryan O’Connor

**Wedding Anniversaries:**

12/06 Denise & Dan Stitt (I made an oops!). I apologize Denise. czs

**JUBILEE**

**YEAR OF**

**MERCY**

*Liturgical Reflection...*

This Tuesday the Catholic Church begins the Holy Year of Mercy. The focus or believers will be the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. The corporal works of mercy are: to feed the poor; to give drink to the thirsty; to clothe the naked; to shelter the homeless; to care for the sick; to visit the imprisoned; and to bury the dead. The spiritual works of mercy are: to convert sinners; to instruct the ignorant; to advise the doubtful; to comfort the sorrowful; to bear wrongs patiently; to forgive injuries; and to pray for the living and the dead. This will be a year to celebrate God's mercy by living lives of mercy.

2015, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 South Logan Boulevard, Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania 16648.

Concert Under the Done at the Cathedral: Advent of Christmas Concert Sunday, December 13, 2015 at 7:00 PM

**MONEY MATTERS**

**Money Matters will be in next weeks bulletin.**

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