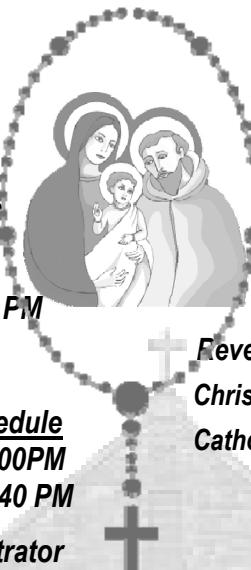


# HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS MARY AND JOSEPH

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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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**Our Lady of Fatima Mass Schedule**  
**Sunday: 10:30 AM      Holy Days: 6:00PM**  
**Rosary: 10:05 AM      Rosary: 5:40 PM**

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**Parish Secretary**

**Carol Z. Smith**

**Secretaries Assistant**  
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**Eucharist for the home bound - weekly:**  
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**Our Lady of Fatima Church is open**  
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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

## **December 27 Lk 2:41-52**

Because Jesus did not tell his parents His plans to stay in Jerusalem, Mary and Joseph were distraught and probably felt negligent and guilty. Like the Holy Family, parents today operate with the same deficit because children don't disclose all their plans. Despite the centuries, the problems of parenting are the same.

A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

Dear Lord,

As your mother said yes to You being born in her Life, may we always respond the same way to your invitation by choosing Life, one of the most precious gifts you have given us. Amen.

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

*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 for Priest's at each Mass at OLF.**



#### **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.**

**THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH**  
**DECEMBER 27, 2015**

Readings: Sir 3:2-6,12-14; Col 3:12-21; Lk 2:41-52

Cathedral Mass Intentions

**December 28, Monday: The Holy Innocents, Martyrs**

Readings: 1 Jn 1:5-2:2; Mt 2:13-18

6:45 AM No Mass

\***8:00 AM Myron Yeager (Kilcoyne Family)**

12:00 PM Pat Rabine (Patti Koch)

**December 29, Tuesday: Fifth Day-Octave of Nativity**

Readings: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35

6:45 AM Fred Martynuska (Family)

8:00 AM Sam Coen (Greg and Kathy Clemens)

\***12:00 PM Paul Rose (Mary Kowalski)**

**December 30, Wednesday: Sixth Day- Octave of Nativity**

Readings: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Lk 2:36-40

\***6:45 AM Bernadette Weakland (M/M Paul Cassarly)**

8:00 AM Mildred Burchfield, Birthday (Family)

12:00 PM Danyll Rougeux (John & Alice Joyce)

**December 31, Thursday: Seventh Day-Octave of Nativity**

Readings: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18

\***6:45 AM Merle & Joan Hirt (Children and Families)**

8:00 AM Joseph S. Thompson (David & Jeanne)

12:00 PM Francis & Eileen Lytle (Children and Families)

**Vigil of Mary, the Holy Mother of God**

5:30 PM Rita Kantoski (Cathedral Parish)

**January 1, Friday: Mary, the Holy Mother of God**

Readings: Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

8:00 AM People of God

10:00 AM George Weamer (Kathy, Judy, & Families)

12:00 PM Birthday Int. of Geraldine Petrunak (Family)

**No evening Mass**

**January 2, Saturday: Saints Basil & Gregory, Doctors**

Readings: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28

8:00 AM Nathan Boslet (Dombrowski Family)

12:00 PM Herb Kutruff (Randy & Jean Koury)

**Vigil: The Epiphany of the Lord**

Readings: Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3,5-6; Mt 2:1-12

5:00 PM Deacon John Rys (Cindy Geiner)

**Our Lady of Fatima Mass Intentions**

**January 1, Friday: Mary, the Holy Mother of God**

Readings: Is 52: 7-10; Heb 1: 1-6; Jn 1: 1-18

\***10:30 AM People of Fifth Ward/ All People of Altoona**

**January 3, Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord**

Readings: Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3,5-6; Mt 2:1-12

\***10:30 AM David Riley (Carol Riley)**

**DECEMBER 27, 2015**

***Scripture Reflection***

The only story of Jesus' boyhood in the canonical Gospels places the boy Jesus in the midst of an extended kinship network: "Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends." His parents do not seem overly worried initially about the fact Jesus is missing, because they would expect him to be among their extended family of relatives and neighbors, including perhaps elderly grandmothers and wobbling toddlers.

When they find him, the parents of Jesus ask, "Why have you done this to us?" Jesus says, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" Jesus calls the attention of his earthly family to the precedence of God the Father in his life. Jesus' response points to the priority of God the Father over human family in general. A tension persists, even though Jesus has been found. The lost child was truly at home with God. As much as he is a child of Mary and Joseph, he is even more a child of God--in his case, the Son of God.

Christianity, following Judaism, did refocus the understanding of family to recognize the true family, which ultimately encompasses all of humanity and sees the true Father as God. Still, Jesus, like all of us, had responsibilities to the family and a place in the earthly family, as do 1-year-olds, 90-year-olds and everyone in between. Luke's account ends with Jesus acknowledging his earthly parents' authority, and Luke states that Jesus was obedient to them following his adventure. The way we come to know our heavenly family and heavenly call is through our parents, our extended families, those who raised us, who in encompassing us with love draw us nearer and nearer to God and our home with God.

- **Are you thankful for your family?**
- **Have you ever felt a pull between family and God?**

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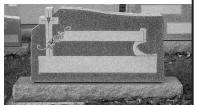


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