

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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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.*

DECEMBER 18, 2016

Our Lady of Fatima Parish
2010 12th Avenue
www.ourladyoffatimaaltoona.com

Rectory Office Hours:
Monday – Friday 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM
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
Secretary's Assistant
Ellen Kelly

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

Our Lady of Fatima Church is open
Monday through Friday: 9AM - 6PM
for visits before the Blessed Sacrament.

Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals will be held at
Our Lady of Fatima.

Preparation for Baptism, and Weddings will be held at
the Cathedral. 944-4603

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick
Parishioners wishing to receive the sacrament of
healing may call the Cathedral Parish Office to
make arrangements. 944-4603

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Cathedral Church Office: 814-944-4603
One Cathedral Square

Most Reverend Mark L. Bartchak, Bishop
Reverend Monsignor Robert C. Mazur, Rector

Rev. Father Dennis M. Kurdziel, Parochial Vicar

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Catholics returning Home: 944-4603

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Confessions @ Cathedral: 7:00 PM Wednesday
12:30 PM Saturday

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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



2016 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL DIOCESE OF ALTOONA-JOHNSTOWN

OLF GOAL FOR 2016 = \$13,948.00

PLEDGED THRU DEC 12 = \$10,650

NEEDED TO REACH GOAL = \$3,298

OF PLEDGES = 57

57 participants = 37% of our Parish

Our Lady of Fatima is in the last 2 weeks of the ACA appeal for 2016.

We are asking our parishioners to PLEASE consider giving additional monies to the ACA to reduce our balance owing of \$3,298 by December 31. Your check must be dated by December 31, 2016 in order to fulfill the 2016 appeal.

Mrs. Connie Andros	M/M John Corle	M/M Joseph Knott	Mr. Daniel E Smith
Connie Angeski	Mrs. Colleen Douglass	M/M Michael Long	M/M David F Smith
Mrs. Ruth Barry	**Mrs. Eileen Edwards	Mr. Joseph Merritt	Mrs. Doris Smith
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Mrs. Frieda Conrad	M/M Charles R Kelly	Mr. Robert Simanski	7 Anonymous
Mrs. Karen Conrad	Mr. Shawn Kelly	Mrs. Carol Smith	

Folks that have given additional monies are designated by 2 () preceding their name in the chart above. God blesses all parishioners that have given to the ACA this year, especially those that have made additional donations.**



12/22 Tim O'Connor
12/24 Darlene Panek
12/25 Ed Robuck
12/27 Michael Long
12/29 John Wall
12/30 Mike O'Connor
12/30 Mark Schimminger
12/31 Gabby Bruno
12/31 Gary Keagy. Jr. (GW)

From Sister Janice Bader, CPPS Executive Director

Thank you for supporting senior religious. A sister from Indiana writes, "Because of your kindness, our elderly sisters will have the comfort, security, and joy of living out their remaining years here in their home. You truly honor them and their many years of service by your generosity." Religious across the United States offer sincere thanks for your generosity to last week's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious.

Dear Lord,

You gave us the greatest present of all, the gift of your Son. May we never forget to unwrap the gift of Your Love and may we be willing to wrap others in Your Love. Amen. Merry Christmas!

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 18, 2016

10:30 AM

Our Lady of Fatima Mass Intentions

Readings: Is 7:10-14; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

Today's Intention = F. Joseph Boslet, Birth. Ann.,

December 25, Nativity of the Lord

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

***10:30 AM Living & Deceased Diocesan Priests**

Cathedral Mass Intentions

December 19, Monday: Advent Weekday

Readings: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25; Lk 1:5-15

6:45 AM Florence Moffa Brook (Estate)

8:00 AM Kay A. Seidel-Lint (Carole & Mary Pipetti)

***12:00 PM Tom Byrne (Anthony Bruno)**

December 20, Tuesday: Advent Weekday

Readings: Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38

***6:45 AM Chester Kowalski (Barbara Wozniak)**

8:00 AM Family & Friends (McNelis All-Stars)

12:00 PM Barbara Barrett, Ann. (Shellhammers)

December 21, Wednesday: Saint Peter Canisius

Readings: Sg 2:8-14; Lk 1:39-45

6:45 AM Doris Green (Cathedral Parish)

8:00 AM John Bauer (Mary Lysinger & Son, David)

9:00 AM Holy Trinity Catholic All- School

12:00 PM Betty McCabe (Randy and Jean Koury)

December 22, Thursday: Advent Weekday

Readings: 1 Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56

6:45 AM Ricky Coleman (David Axinn Family)

8:00 AM Rose Ann Himmelein (John, Julie and Laura)

12:00 PM Jim Davidson (Tony & Sue Conrad Family)

December 23, Friday: John of Kanty, Priest

Readings: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66

6:45 AM Bill Crouse (Jeff & Becky Knott Family)

8:00 AM M. Virginia Jones (Mary O'M)

12:00 PM Bill and Patty Geis, Wed. Ann. (Family)

December 24, Saturday: Advent Weekday

Readings: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16; Lk 1:67-79

8:00 AM Thomas Vogel, Birth (Madeline and Family)

No Noon Mass

Vigil: Nativity of the Lord

Readings: Is 62:1-5; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25

5:00 PM Melvin and Margaret McConnell (Family)

DECEMBER 18, 2016

Scripture Reflection

With the Fourth Sunday of Advent, the readings take us to the threshold of the mystery of the Incarnation. Isaiah is frustrated with King Ahaz, who will not ask for the sign of God's faithfulness that God has invited him to request. So Isaiah announces the sign himself; "the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel." Ahaz and the people are thus called to trust in the promise of God, a promise that will be fulfilled in the Gospel account.

Matthew's concern in the Gospel is to establish the divine and human heritage of Jesus. In human terms he is of the royal house of David through Joseph, a "son of David." Jesus' divine origin is found in the two names that he is given. The name "Jesus" means "he Lord saves"; he will save the people from sin. His second name is "Emmanuel," a name which means "God is with us." Jesus will be both Savior of God's people and God's presence among them.

On his own, Joseph could not recognize the right thing to do without the help of the angel. To his everlasting credit, he followed the angel's instructions without hesitation. He had obeyed God's commands all his life. Although he had always found them in the law of Moses, the lack of good options available to him there led his heart to trust God's command through the angel. The suddenness of his transformation shows he took to heart the angel's command. "Do not be afraid." Do we pay attention to the messengers God sends us? We can trust God to send a messenger. These messengers need not be as dramatic as Joseph's nighttime visitor in order to speak authentically. In fact, as the first reading teaches, we can actively resist a clear message that God offers. God will send it anyway. We will know the messengers arrival when we hear the words "Do not be afraid." These can be words from a friend or a stranger, a profoundly moving encounter with beauty or a subtle but deep change of heart. When we hear that message, we hear Christ inviting us to serve his mission in some new way.

• When have we heard God say to us through a messenger, "Be not afraid!" Were we ready to respond with trust?

*Jesus, Son of the Living Father Have
Mercy on Me, A Sinner*

Out and About...

ORDER OF CELEBRATING MATRIMONY

Liturgical Reflection ...

Christmas is very close. Everything must be ready for the great day commemorating the birth of our Savior. As couples approach their wedding day, the Order of Celebrating Matrimony (Number 29) directs that they be directly involved in planning the liturgy for their marriage. Among the choices and options, they may choose from the selection of scripture readings presented by the Church; the form for expressing their mutual consent; the choice of Nuptial Blessing; the intentions of the Universal Prayer; and music that is God centered. Great preparation is made in getting ready to celebrate the Sacrament of Matrimony.

2016, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 South Logan Boulevard, Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania 16648.

HOSS'S SOUP SALE..THIS WEDNESDAY, DEC. 21ST

Pickup time is 11AM-1PM, and 3-5:30PM

DRESSING THE SANCTUARY FOR THE COMING OF BABY JESUS!

Today, December 18th, after Mass, we will be decorating the Sanctuary and the main part of the Church for Christmas. We will need many volunteers to help Chris. Children that need service hours may help also. Bring your papers and Chris or Carol will sign them. Refreshments will be available.

CHRISTMAS WAFERS - "Opłatki" are available in back of the church for \$2.00 per packet. They are also available at the rectory from 9-2 daily.

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Mondays in January (2, 9, 16, 23 & 30th) the prizes are \$100.00. Watch the PA "Pick 3" evening drawing to see if you've won! They make great stocking stuffers or inserts for Christmas Cards. The remainder days of January win \$50.00. Happy 2017!

Last of the Deanery Penance Services:

Mon., December 19 - Saint Rose of Lima - 7 PM

Tin Can Lanterns

Fill a tin can with water and freeze until solid ice has formed. Lay can sideways on towel. With a hammer and nail, pound holes around the can in various patterns; snowflakes, birds, trees, etc. Put the can in the sink until the ice melts. Let it dry out. Add a tea light and watch the light reflect in the darkened room.

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4th Sunday of Advent (Dec 18)

St. Joseph carried out God's will and embraced his fatherhood as a stewardship. May you allow God to arrange your plans in order to fulfill His.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION...

F.I.R.E. SESSIONS-6:15 PM-8:30 PM Students Grades 9-11 with parent or guardian, meet in the Seton Suite on Dec. 18th.



ANTIPHONS

The final seven days before Christmas Eve, the church calls us to cry for the coming of Jesus with special poems for each day. These poems may be said with our meal prayer or as part of our night prayer.

Dec. 17- O Wisdom, who issued from the mouth of the Most High reaching from beginning to end. Ordering all things mightily but tenderly, Come teach us the way of prudence.

Dec. 18- O Lord of Lords and leader of the house of Israel, who appeared to Moses in the bush's flaming fire and gave to him the Law of Sinai, Come to redeem us with stretched-out arms.

Dec. 19- O Root of Jesse, a standard to the peoples before whom all kings are made, to whom all nations shall appeal, Come to deliver us; delay, please, no longer.

Dec. 20- O Key of David and scepter of the house of Israel, you open and no one dares shut, you shut and no one dares open, Come deliver those who are imprisoned in darkness.

Dec. 21- O Rising Dawn, redeemer of eternal light and Sun of Justice, Come, enlighten those sitting in darkness.

Dec 22.- O King of Nations and our deserved one, you the cornerstone, Come and save us whom you created.

Dec. 23- O Emmanuel, our king and lawgiver. You are the one for whom we wait, Come to save us, O Lord, our God.

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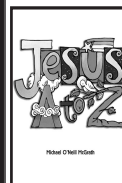
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