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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 25, 2016

**Our Lady of Fatima Parish**  
2010 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
[www.ourladyoffatimaaltoona.com](http://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.

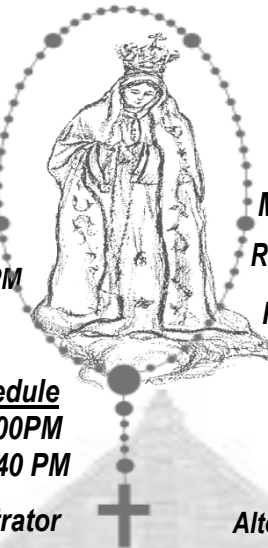
**Our Lady of Fatima Church is open**  
Monday through Friday: 9AM - 6PM  
for visits before the Blessed Sacrament.

**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

**OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH IS A RESULT OF THE**  
**MERGER BETWEEN THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCHES**  
**OF SS. PETER & PAUL AND ST. LEO THE GREAT IN 1995.**



**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**

**Christian Initiation Team: 944-4603**

**Catholics returning Home: 944-4603**

**HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

**Web: [www.holytrinitycatholic.school](http://www.holytrinitycatholic.school)**

**Altoona Campus (Pre-K thru Grade 4) - 381-7011**

**Hollidaysburg Campus (Pre-K thru Grade 4) - 695-6112**

**Middle School Campus (Grades 5 thru 8) - 942-7835**

**Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School:**

**Web: [www.bishopguilfoyle.org](http://www.bishopguilfoyle.org) – 944-4014**

**Directors of Religious Education:**

**Chris Laraia – Pre-K thru 8 - 312-7317**

**Jean Koury – 9 thru 12 – 949-2777**

**Religious Education Office: Sundays – 943-7424**

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

**Religious Education @ Cathedral: Pre-K through 11**

**Sacramental Formation @ Cathedral: First Reconciliation**

**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**



**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 = \$2,715**

**# 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	<b>**Mrs.</b> Eileen Edwards	Mr. Joseph Merritt	Mrs. Doris Smith
M/M Ronald Biem	Mr. Daniel J Hallinan	Mrs. Genevieve Musto	Mr. Thomas A. Smith
M/M Greg Brannan	Ms Tina Helsel	M/M John G. Noonan, Jr.	M/M Bryan M Starr
Mr. Anthony Bruno	M/M Charles Hennigan	M/M Michael O'Connor	M/M Thomas Stoltz
M/M Vincent Burr, Jr.	M/M Thomas Hofer, Sr.	M/M Joseph M. Pufka	Mrs. Jeanne C. Summers
M/M Michael A. Byrne	M/M James Hosgood	Mrs. Carol Riggelman	Mr. Richard Summers
Mrs. Patricia Byrne	M/M Joseph P. Ianniello	Mr. James R. Riley	M/M Michael Wall
MM Wilson Carper, Jr.	Mrs. Janice Jorkasky	Mrs. Geraldine Rose	Mrs. Patricia Wall
Mr. Howard C Colledge	M/M Stephen Kasun	Mrs. Lorraine Shuma	Mrs. Helen Watters
Mrs. Frieda Conrad	M/M Charles R Kelly	Mr. Robert Simanski	6 Anonymous
Mrs. Karen Conrad	Mr. Shawn Kelly	Mrs. Carol Smith	<b>**1</b> Anonymous

*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.*



**12/27 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)**

**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!**

<b>Don &amp; Debbie Shuma</b> by Lorraine Shuma & Fam	<b>Nagle &amp; Shuma Fam</b> by Lorraine Shuma & Fam	<b>Paul K. Watters</b> by Helen & Family	<b>Richard Edwards</b> by Eileen Edwards	<b>Family of Byrne &amp; Rusito</b> by Sharon & Mike Byrne
<b>John &amp; Victoria Koeck</b> by Mary Ann Hofer	<b>Millisa &amp; Brock Hofer</b> by Mary Ann Hofer	<b>Eckenrode Family</b> by John Eckenrode	<b>M/M Raymond Potopa</b> by John & Linda Potopa	<b>Herbert Summers Sr</b> by Herbert Summers, Jr.
<b>Jack Douglass</b> by Colleen Douglass	<b>Bernadine/Adrian Sneelbaugh</b> by M/M James McKnight	<b>James &amp; Nancy McKnight</b> by M/M James McKnight	<b>Martin Family</b> by Doris Smith & Family	<b>Pufka Family</b> by Doris Smith & Family
<b>Valerie Ames</b> by Neil Cassarly	<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> <p><i>2016</i></p> <p><i>Our Lady of Fatima</i></p> <p><i>Christmas</i></p> <p><i>Decorations and Flowers</i></p> <p><i>made possible by donations given</i></p> <p><i>in memory of these loved ones.</i></p> </div>			<b>Smith Family</b> by Doris Smith & Family
<b>Dec. of J. Chruszcz Fam.</b> by Eleadnor Noye				<b>Joseph Siedlarczyk</b> by Wife, Shirley
<b>Frances Kasun</b> by M/M Steve Kasun				<b>Wally Jorkasky</b> by Wife, Janice & Fam
<b>Riggleman &amp; Douglass Fam</b> by Colleen Douglass				<b>Bill &amp; David Conrad</b> by Frieda conrad
<b>Walter &amp; Mary Rapsky</b> by Diana Hencherick				<b>Tom Byrne</b> by Pat & Childran
<b>Genevieve Musto</b> by Joan, Connie & Marcella	<b>M/M John Angেসki</b> by Angেসki Children	<b>M/M Joseph Angেসki</b> by Sisters	<b>Brannan/Hrzic Family</b> by M/M Greg Brannan	<b>Coy R. Smith, Sr.</b> by Wife, Carol
<b>Kowalski Family</b> by M/M Paul Kowalski	<b>Dean Barry</b> by Ruth Barry	<b>Spec. Int. Sral Family</b> by Stan Sral	<b>Mike &amp; Bernard Quinlan</b> by Sara Quinlan	<b>Lumadue &amp; Quinlan Fam</b> by Sara Quinlan
<b>Paul G. Cassarly</b> by Adaline Cassarly	<b>Bessie &amp; Richard Hennigan</b> by M/M Charles Hennigan	<b>Anna and Charles Sienkiewicz</b> by Charles & Cecelia Hennigan	<b>Michael &amp; Henry Zaczek</b> by Carol Smith	<b>Denise Keagy</b> by Killian, Chase & Caroline



***Thank You for your  
donations!***

***One Flower per block  
may be taken after Jan.  
8th.***



**NATIVITY OF THE LORD  
DECEMBER 25, 2016  
10:30 AM**

**Our Lady of Fatima Mass Intentions**

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

**Today's Intention-Living & Deceased Diocesan Priests**

**January 1, Mary, The Holy Mother of God**

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

**\*10:30 AM -Prosperity for Our Lady of Fatima Parish and Parishioners**

**Cathedral Mass Intentions**

**December 26, Monday: Saint Stephen, First Martyr**

Readings: Acts 6:8-10,7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22

6:45 AM No Mass

8:00 AM Ruby Doyle (Family)

12:00 PM Julia Febbo (Mike and Sheila Frederick)

**December 27, Tuesday: Saint John, Apostle, Evangelist**

Readings: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1,2-8

6:45 AM Carrie Moffa (Estate)

8:00 AM Lori Crilley (Sister, Pam Leasure)

12:00 PM Poor Souls

**December 28, Wednesday: Holy Innocents, Martyrs**

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

6:45 AM Don and Dorothy Hanekamp (D. & M.)

**\*8:00 AM Jerry Smith (Paul and Debbie Ciampoli)**

12:00 PM Moose Plutko (Kertes Family)

**December 29, Thursday: Fifth Day/Octave of Nativity**

Readings: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:13-15, 19-23

**\*6:45 AM Beverly Fabian (Anna Tiesman)**

8:00 AM Pat Rabine (Ed and Hun Strassburger)

12:00 PM Herb Kuttruff (Russ and MaryAnn Pleva)

**December 30, Friday: Holy Family, Jesus, Mary, Joseph**

Readings: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

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

**\*8:00 AM Catherine Mincin (Neville Family)**

12:00 PM Jim Davidson (Livoti Family)

**December 31, Saturday: Seventh Day/Octave of Nativity**

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

8:00 AM Bessie Smith, Birth (Mary Lysinger Family)

12:00 PM Joe Tomlinson (Linda DeAngelis)

**Vigil: Mary, The Holy Mother of God**

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

5:00 PM Geraldine Petrunak, Birth. Int. (Family)

*DECEMBER 25, 2016  
Scripture Reflection*

Luke's account of the birth of Jesus is one of the most familiar texts of the New Testament. The details are so familiar. This humble scene has inspired centuries of art, from great masterpieces to the school pageant. Luke situates the birth of Jesus in the course of history and in the midst of the everyday public life of secular rulers and humble shepherds. But this is no ordinary birth event. The child is "of the house and family of David." He is the fulfillment of God's promise that has stirred the hearts of God's people for generations. The humble surroundings point to the nature of Jesus' mission, and the future of humankind is forever changed in this night.

In the Gospels of John, Matthew, and Luke, Christmas celebrates the light of God's Word-made-flesh. Light comes in many forms. Some light is direct. Others are a mere reflection of another source. The glow of a candle, lights on a highway, motion detectors, and lamps in our homes lessen darkness, offer comfort, provide guidance, calm fears, and help us see. Lights in church tell us God is here.

Celebrate Christmas as people of hope who give praise and thanks for Jesus Christ. Restore peace by offering comfort and hope in actions that make God's glory known. Let the light of our lives match the lights that decorate our trees and homes to lessen darkness, offer comfort, give guidance, calm fears, and help all see that God is here. That's how all the ends of the earth can see the saving power of God.

The theologian and novelist Frederick Buechner writes: "Once we have seen God in a stable, we never know where we might see him again. If God is present in this least auspicious place, there is no place or time so lowly or earthbound but that holiness can be present, too. For just when God seems the most helpless, God is the most strong; and just where we least expect him that he comes most fully." On this Christmas Day, may you see God in your stable in the midst of those you love; may you know in every season of the New Year the joy of "preparing him room" in your hearts and homes.

**What is one way that you can testify to the power of the Christ-light this Christmas?**

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

*Living the Word, Laurie Brink and Paul Colloton, World Library Publications, 2016, pages 26-27.*

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## 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.

#### 2017 SAV-A-ROUND COUPON BOOKS FOR CHRISTMAS

**THE BOOKS ARE \$25.00 NATIONAL COUPONS ALSO!** Some of the coupons are valid immediately. The book has a value of \$5,000.

Take your Sav-A-Round coupon book with you. Loads of Savings on Christmas Gifts and for food also. Shopping can make you hungry! Coupons are welcome in Altoona, State College and Johnstown.

#### JANUARY 2017 CO-OP TICKETS AVAILABLE...

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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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

