

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.

DECEMBER 31, 2017

My eyes have seen your sal-
vation, which you prepared in
the sight of all the peoples.
—Luke 2:30-31

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 for 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

Mail Ministry to Elderly, Homebound, Seriously Sick
and Grieving - 944-4603

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Web: 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 - 944-4014

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Chris Laraia – Pre-K thru 8 - 312-7317
Jean Koury – 9 thru 12 – 949-2777

Religious Education Office: Sundays – 943-7424

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Leslie C. Thayer, MM, CAGO
Music Ministry Office - 944-2044
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Reconciliation @ 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

DECEMBER 31, 2017

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

There's no more unusual setting to celebrate today's Feast of the Holy Family than Barcelona, Spain and the towering unfinished sandcastle known officially as the Temple Expiatori de la Sagrada Familia. In 1882, the plan was hatched to build a vast place of worship in reparation for the revolutionary and liberal leanings of the city. The modern artist Antoni Gaudi dedicated his life to the project, living in the building, attending Mass daily, and giving up his personal wealth. When people pressed him to pick up the pace, he responded, "My client is not in a hurry." (Gaudi's cause for beatification is moving along, and he could be the first professional artist and architect to be beatified.) The Spanish Civil War, a disaster for the Catholic Church in which thousands of priests, brothers, and nuns were murdered, halted work in 1935. In the 1950s work began anew, speeded up by computers in the 1980s. Still, the final stage of construction is not due to end until 2026. If the original methods had stayed in place, it would take several hundred more years to complete the plan. So far there are eight towers, with four to go. The highest steeple is three feet shorter than the nearest hill, since the architect didn't want his work to surpass God's artistry. The three faces of the basilica each have three doors, with the faces named Passion, Nativity, and Grace. The interior is crammed with geometric figures that almost seem to spin, crazy-quilt windows, spiral staircases, and jumbles of statues and figures. Although inspired by ancient Gothic cathedrals, the style is called Expressionist, and very little is left unexpressed by the masonry. If you can't afford a visit, Sagrada Familia maintains a web site, and virtual visits are free.

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TIME

Do not squander time, for that is the stuff life is made of.

—Benjamin Franklin

New Year Prayer

The great thing about walking with God in life is that there is always the opportunity to start anew - God always offers us a new day and a new dawn, no matter what has gone before. At the start of the New Year, why not take a moment to thank Him for last year, ask His forgiveness for where you have failed, and dedicate this new year to Him - to serve Him and love Him afresh.

A good way of reviewing the year ahead is to write down the main areas of your life (e.g. work - family - friends - church - leisure etc) and then think about what God might want to do in these areas during the next year. Once you've done this you might want to share this with your partner or a close friend, and give your decisions over to God in prayer.

A New Year's Prayer

*Lord, You make all things new
You bring hope alive in our hearts
And cause our Spirits to be born again.
Thank you for this new year
For all the potential it holds.
Come and kindle in us
A mighty flame
So that in our time,
many will see the wonders of God
And live forever to praise
Your glorious name.*

Amen

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH
December 31, 2017
10:30 AM

OUR LADY OF FATIMA MASS INTENTIONS

Readings: Sir 3:2-6,12-14; Col 3:12-21; Lk 2:22-40

Today's Intention -- Eugene Wojcik

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

January 7, 2018 The Epiphany of the Lord

Health of Patty Flanagan, Joe & Marcella Ianniello

CATHEDRAL MASS INTENTIONS

January 1, Monday: Mary, Holy Mother of God

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

6:45 AM Poor Souls

8:00 AM Jim Davidson (Mary Lysinger)

12:00 PM Bea Mannion (Gloria Eberhart Family)

January 2, Tuesday:

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

***6:45 AM David Conrad (Tom & Patricia Forr)**

8:00 AM Steve Sharbaugh (Dave & Chris Behe)

12:00 PM Dwight Dittsworth (Family)

January 3, Wednesday: Most Holy Name of Jesus

Readings: 1 Jn 2:29-36; Jn 1:29-34

6:45 AM Catherine Nagle (Cathedral Parish)

8:00 AM Kimberly Kokolis Moran, Anniv. (Mom & Dad)

12:00 PM M. Virginia Jones (Frank & Debbie Bagnato)

January 4, Thursday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

Readings: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Jn 1:35-42

6:45 AM Alice Ann Martynuska (Family)

8:00 AM Health of Dave Seidel (Bernard & Suzi Behe)

12:00 PM Mike Chisko (Jim & Barbara Kyle)

January 5, First Friday: Saint John Neumann, Bishop

Readings: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Jn 1:43-51

6:45 AM Alberta Weaver, Anniversary (Jim & Elaine)

***8:00 AM Chester Kowalski (Jeff Brown)**

12:00 PM Betty McCabe (Phyllis Woodring)

January 6, Saturday: Saint André Bessette, Religious

Readings: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Mk 1:7-11

8:00 AM Herb Kutruff (Sam & Judy Kokolis)

12:00 PM Joe Tomlinson (Frank & Betty Seymour)

Vigil: The Epiphany of the Lord

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

5:00 PM Millie Boyle (Rose Family)

*Please Remember Our Sick and our Shut-ins in
your Daily prayers.*

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Scripture Reflection

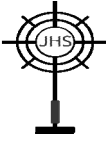
Family is a wonderful thing. But many of us also know the pain and suffering of family life. Today's Scripture readings invite us to reflect on biblical families, in particular the Holy Family, so that we can see what holds them together through times of trouble---faith in God who is always faithful. "He came to what was his own, but his own people did not accept him" (Jn 1:11). It is easy to miss the grace that comes from family. The old adage "Familiarity breeds contempt" is to no one more applicable than to the people with whom we live. Years of proximity to them can lull us into forgetting that in every person God is still at work.

We must never forget that God works through created things to communicate divine love. This was certainly the case for Abraham and Sarah, who saw their son Isaac as the culmination of their own faith in God's promise. In the Gospel, we hear about Mary and Joseph traveling with the infant Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem. Luke portrays them as people of deep faith since Jewish Law did not require them to come to Jerusalem to perform this sacrifice. Because of their poverty, instead of the year-old lamb prescribed in the Law, they brought a poor woman's offering---two pigeons.

Today's feast reminds us to seek God's love anew through our loved ones. It may be hard to spot. Familiarity dulls our attention. Humility or embarrassment may cause those closest to us to hide evidence of God at work in their lives. We can catch sight of God in others only when we, like Abraham and Sarah, first recognize God at work in our own lives. The trust others had in God's promises led Jesus' parents through their amazement to a deeper faith. Just so today, the work of grace in our families can strengthen our own trust in God's love for us.

- **Amid the challenges of family life, can you name at least one aspect of holiness which each family member possesses?**

2018, Archdiocese of Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications, pg. 31. AMERICA MAGAZINE, "Catching Sight of Grace" Michael R. Simone, S.J., December 31, 2017.



NOCTURNAL ADORATION
Friday, January 5th
St. Rose of Lima Church
8 - 11 PM

VOLUNTEERING AT OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH...

Some of our Sunday Morning Collection Counters are asking to be retired. Would you have an hour to count the collection after Mass on Sunday? It entails 1 to 1-1/2 hours of your time after Sunday Mass, once a month. This volunteer effort does not need to go through the clearances listed below. You just need to be a member of the parish and know how to balance your checkbook. Call Carol @ rectory 942-0371 if interested.

We can always use additional folks to help us out around the Church and Rectory. We can help you to obtain the mandatory state and diocesan clearances! Every Employee and Volunteer must fulfill all clearances needed from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown to participate in parish activities. Every parish and church-associated activity are required to meet these standards as we uphold our commitment to protecting God's children and youth. Cathedral parish is offering assistance to fulfill all clearances at the Altoona Public Library on Saturday, January 13 from 9:00 AM through 1:00 PM. Free help to fill in the forms and to view the training films will be provided. Our Lady of Fatima Parish will cover any costs needed for these required clearances. For more information, please call the Cathedral Parish Office at 944-4603 or Chris Laraia at 312-7317.

2018 Envelopes...

If you did not find your envelopes in the back of the church. Please call Carol at the rectory. 942-0371
Co-op tickets for February are in the back of the Church.



May Our Lady of Fatima Parishioners be Blessed with good health and prosperity in 2018. May God bless us with peace in our hearts, in our families and the whole world.

Christmas Flower Memorial Correction..

A TYPO was made on the flower memorials for Denise and Tucker Keagy. It should have read by the Chris and Kelly Keagy Family; and not Dave Stein

Hoss's Dinner Kit Sale is on! New Feature's available. See order page in the pews. Deadline for orders is January 17, 2018 and pickup will be on January 24, 2018,--12-3 and 4-6 PM. Items available for sale: Desert Cobblers, 5 # of Hoss's Mashed Potatoes; Dinner Kits feed 4 and include:

Chicken Alfredo, Chicken Soup Kit, Rotisserie Chicken Haluski, Pizza, Pierogis, Beef tips & Mashed Potatoes, Wings, Burgundy Steaks, Steak and Chicken Combo.

Fund Raising Coupon Tab Booklet—\$5.00 with 46 coupons...

The \$5.00 stays in the parish! We have quite a few booklets to sell. 21 Years Same Great Value, Same Great Price.

Choose the Tab Coupon Booklet. A way of getting the best values in your community and supporting your local area groups at the same time. And here is how they work: Simply go to any of the participating merchants, tell them you have a Buy One Get One Free Coupon . Buy any offer listed and receive your FREE ITEM of equal or lesser value. One coupon per visit. **You must present coupon book with purchase.**

Not valid with any other offer or discount.

<i>Happy Birthday!</i>		Dec 24, 2017	Env used	51/147
		Weekly		\$2809.00
01/03	Louise Marshman	Christmas Day		615.00
01/03	Josie Smith	Cmas Flowers		160.00
01/05	Ellen Kelly	Imm. Conc.		15.00
01/06	Paul Kowalski	Votives		63.00
01/08	Jenn Adams	Children's		6.00
		All Sts.		10.00
		Assum.		10.00
		<u>Register</u>		8.00
		Dep. For Week		\$3696.00
		Cmas Day 12/25		\$1687.50

****Day of Prayer for World Peace and Justice**

Monday, January 1, 2018 - NOT A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION in 2018.

****NOTE:** While the Mass For the Preservation of Peace and Justice may not be used on the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, The Local Church will still observe this as a Day of Prayer for bworld peace. Please make the following prayer available to all on this day:

O God, who have revealed that peacemakers are to be called your children, grant, we pray, that we may work without ceasing to establish that justice which alone ensures true and lasting peace. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



**OUR LADY URGES US TO PRAY THE HOLY ROSARY FOR
PEACE AND OFFER
SACRIFICES BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE!**

BEARERS OF THE WORD

The Church has placed a number of notable feast days immediately after Christmas. The feasts of Stephen, John the Evangelist, and the Holy Innocents form a summary of the life lived in Christ, the Word made flesh. What do these have to do with the feast of the Holy Family, which crowns the Octave of Christmas? These feasts remind us that suffering will occur in fulfilling the mission of Christ, and that we are all called to be bearers of this Word whose birth we celebrate.

We also see this manifested in the lives of Joseph and Mary, both of whom took social and religious risks in obedience to the will of God, and both of whom were open to the word of God sent to them from on high. In these ways they prefigured the life of Jesus himself.

Most likely, few of us found ourselves at Mass this past Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday, but the essence of these feasts and the essence of the holiness of Joseph, Mary, and Jesus remain central, a holiness we celebrate today.

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Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph (Dec. 31)

We are called to offer everything we have in faith as an offering to God, in the name of the Lord Jesus. Christian stewards are called to “give thanks to God” as we offer our gifts in the “peace of Christ.”



Liturgical Reflections...

We gaze at the Holy Family this Christmas time. We gather with our families these days of Christmas. Our attention is focused on the infant who is surrounded by love. We pray that our families be grounded in the love of the newborn Child. When faced with challenges and crises, turn to the Holy Family and seek guidance and protection. When the challenges of life seem overbearing, turn to Jesus, Mary, and Joseph to find comfort. Pray for right judgment and the faith to live in harmony.

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December 31

Luke 2:22-40

The gospel shows Mary and Joseph weren't perfect parents. Have you ever been amazed and astonished at what came out of your child's mouth, then you are in good company- so did Mary and Joseph. Parenting is tough but it is also the stuff of holiness.

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