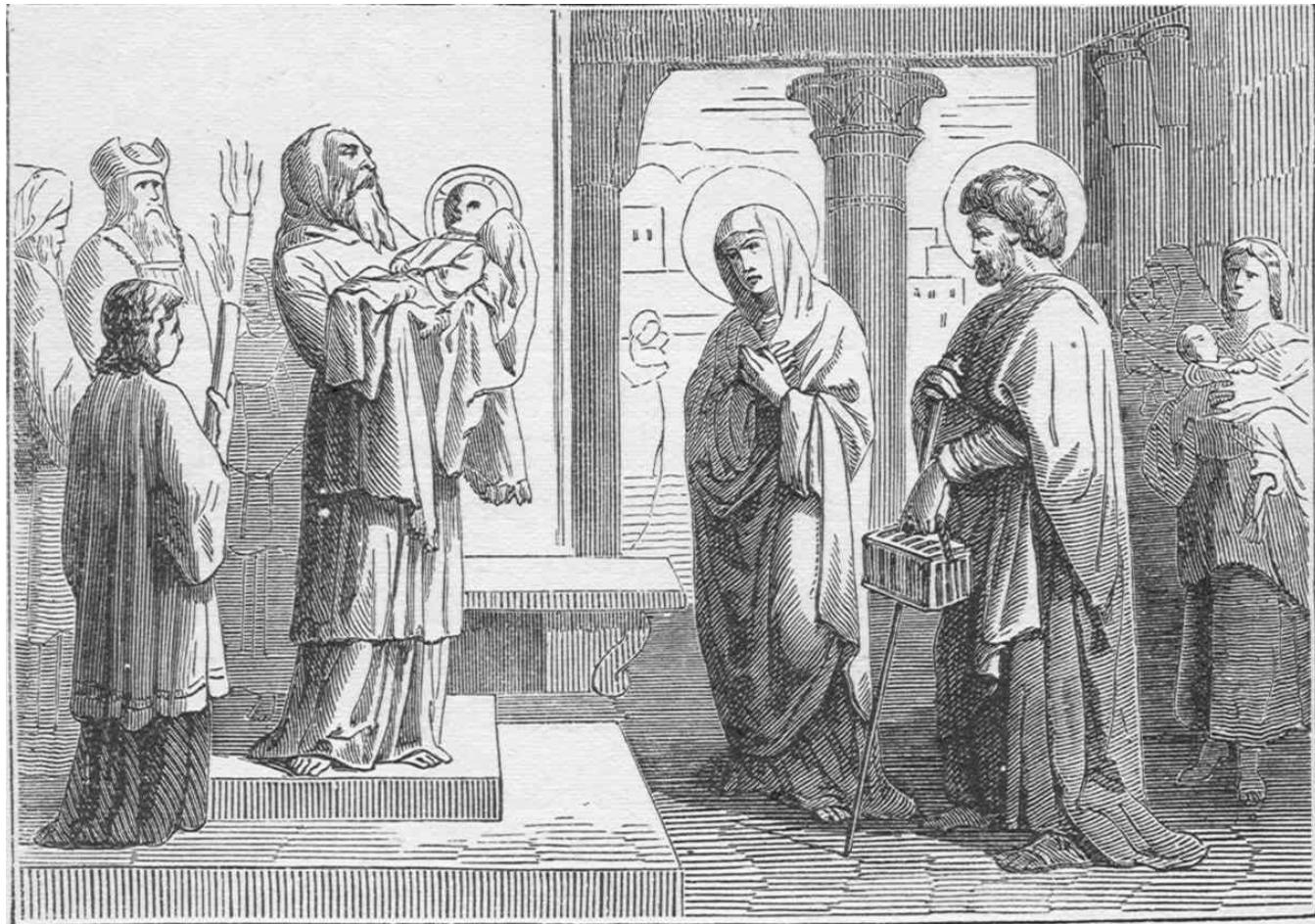


Our Lady of Fatima Bulletin

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THE PRESENTATION OF THE BABY JESUS IN THE TEMPLE

The law of God, given by Moses to the Jews, ordained that woman, after child-birth, should continue for a certain time in a state which that law calls unclean, during which she was not to appear in public, nor presume to touch any thing consecrated to God. This term was of forty days upon the birth of a son and double that time for a daughter. On the expiration of the term, the mother was to bring to the door of the tabernacle, or temple, a lamb and a young pigeon, or turtle-dove, as an offering to God. These being sacrificed to Almighty God by the priest, the woman was cleansed of the legal impurity and reinstated in her former privileges.

A young pigeon, or turtle-dove, by way of a sin-offering, was required of all, whether rich or poor; but as the expense of a lamb might be too great for persons in poor circumstances, they were allowed to substitute for it a second dove.

Our Saviour having been conceived by the Holy Ghost, and His blessed Mother remaining always a spotless virgin, it is evident that she did not come under the law; but as the world was, as yet, ignorant of her miraculous conception, she submitted with great punctuality and exactness to every humbling circumstance which the law required. Devotion and zeal to honor God by every observance prescribed by His law, prompted Mary to perform this act of religion, though evidently exempt from the precept. Being poor herself, she made the offering appointed for the poor; but, however mean in itself, it was made with a perfect heart, which is what God chiefly regards in all that is offered to Him.

Mon. 02/03	<u>A Day of Prayer for Victims of Cancer</u>
Feast	Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr
8:00 AM Mass	Neil Cassarly, C. Smith
Tues. 02/04	<u>A Day of Prayer for Victims of Heart Diseases</u>
Feast	Weekday
8:00 AM Mass	David C. Riley, Helen Marie Force
Wed. 02/05	<u>A Day of Prayer for Victims of Arthritis</u>
Feast	Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr
8:00 AM Mass	Bill Conrad, Nancy and Clair Servello
Thur. 02/06	<u>A Day of Prayer for Victims of Nervous Disorders</u>
Feast	Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs
8:00 AM Mass	Cecelia (Sis) Hollern, Pat Byrne and Family
Fri. 02/07	<u>A Day of Prayer for Victims of Emotional Disorders</u>
Feast	Weekday
8:00 AM Mass	Paul Rose, Paul and Brenda Rose
Sat. 02/08	<u>A Day of Prayer for Victims of Diabetes</u>
Feast	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:30 PM Mass	Paul T. Cassarly, C. Smith
Sun. 02/09	<u>A Day of Prayer for Victims of Addictions</u>
Feast	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 AM Mass	David C. Riley, Wife Carol and Children-Dave and Kim
11:00 AM Mass	Our Lady of Fatima Parish Family

Lord
Jesus
Christ
Son
Of
God
Have
Mercy
On
Me
a
Sinner

Happy Birthday:

02/03	Joe Robuck
	David Smith
02/05	Adam Kasun
02/08	Bill Dumm
	Ashley Kelly
02/10	Lorraine Shuma

Wedding Anniversaries

02/10 Tom and Lisa Levine

Our Lady of Fatima Pleaded That we pray the Holy Rosary Daily At O.L.F. before each Mass and privately from 8:30am to 7:00pm

Nocturnal Adoration
First Friday, February 7th
from 8 - 11 PM
@
St. Mary's Church,
1405 5th Avenue,
Altoona, Pa

MONEY MATTERS

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (January 26, 2014)

159 people Celebrated Liturgy at O.L.F. contributing \$ 2,142.00 of which \$ 105.00 accounted for non-envelope contributions.
Envelopes In Circulation 194 # Used 79 # Unused 115

Collection One Year Ago = \$ 2,327.00

January Camp Payment = \$809.39 March for Life coll. = \$307.11

Dec. ACA overgoal received = \$ 725.00

Most parishioners will remember this year's Christmas card through which we announced (by way of the Holy Cards) the development of two Shrines, one dedicated to St. Peregrine - patron of Cancer victims, and one to St. John Vianney - patron of Diocesan priests. As a courtesy we sent the official Holyday/Holiday greeting to Bishop Mark and he responded thusly:



*Office of the Bishop
Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown*

(Hand Written)

Dear J.D.

Thanks for the prayer cards for St. Peregrine and St. John Vianney.

I will certainly join you in those prayers.

+ Mark

Bishop Mark's association of himself with our parish's prayer enterprise dedicated to Cancer victims and Diocesan priests should provide encouragement to each parishioner to dedicate him\herself to these parish backed devotions.

It should be noted that just this past week alone we received four separate contributions (the largest being \$500) totaling \$640.00 given to the support of the parish shrines. The pastor is gratified by the continuing generosity of both parishioners and non-parishioners in support of this effort.