

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 7, 2016

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Our Lady of Fatima Parish
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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: 6:00PM
Rosary: 10:05 AM Rosary: 5:40 PM

Our Lady of Fatima Parish Administrator
Reverend Monsignor Robert C. Mazur

Parish Secretary
Carol Z. Smith
Secretaries Assistant
Ellen Kelly

Eucharist for the home bound - weekly:
Matty 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
Pleaded that we pray the Holy Rosary
before Sunday Mass and
privately from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm daily.



Cathedral Church Office: 814-944-4603

One Cathedral Square

Most Reverend Mark L. Bartchak Bishop

Reverend Monsignor Robert C. Mazur, Rector

Reverend Father Dennis M. Kurdziel, Parochial Vicar

Christian Initiation Team: 944-4603

Catholics returning Home: 944-4603

Altoona Central Catholic School:

Pre-K thru Grade 5 381-7011

Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School:

Web: www.bishopguilfoyle.org – 944-4014

Directors of Religious Education:

Chris Laraia – Pre-K thru 8 - 946-3475

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

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10:00 AM	12:00 Noon	12:00 Noon
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12:00 Noon	5:30 PM	Saturday : 8:00 AM
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Celebrating the Jubilee Year of Mercy at Easter

Often the word “mercy” is associated with forgiveness or the removal of a well-deserved punishment. But in this year of mercy, it is good for us to reflect upon the broader vision laid out by Jesus:

“For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.” (Matthew 25:35–36)

The Church teaches that there are seven corporal (of the body) and seven spiritual works of mercy. This Easter season, put one work of mercy into practice each week.

Here are some ideas to get started:

Week One: Feed the hungry. Buy gift cards or meals for people standing at street corners. Make a meal and deliver it to your local Catholic Worker house. Volunteer at a food pantry, food bank, or soup kitchen. Send a donation to Catholic Charities, Food for the Poor, Heifer International, or other worthy organizations you may know.

Week Two: Shelter the homeless. The world is filled with refugees fleeing war, persecution, and brutalization. Is there a refugee resettlement office in your community or diocese? Call and ask what help is needed.

Week Three: Clothe the naked. Go through your closets and storage, and collect clothing, furniture, and bedding to donate to shelters for abused women and children, to the Salvation Army, or to Goodwill.

Week Four: Comfort the afflicted. Think of someone in your parish, neighborhood, or work community who is going through difficult times. Invite a widower to dinner; send a note of encouragement to someone in a tough family situation; or better yet, offer them a sympathetic ear.

Week Five: Bear wrongs patiently. No one likes being unjustly accused or unfairly treated, but it's easy to let petty slights and insults ruin our entire day. This week, pray for the grace to let go of the little things—from social media jabs to rude drivers and poor customer service.

Week Six: Instruct the ignorant. Too often we approach conflicting points of view by assuming our own rightness and everyone else's wrongness. This week, approach such conflicts by seeking to understand why your opponent holds a differing opinion. Beginning with mutual respect makes it more likely that you will be an effective witness.

Week Seven: Forgive offenses willingly. Pride hampers both sides of the forgiveness equation. This week, practice humility both by apologizing without delay, and by graciously accepting apologies from others when they are offered.

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Readings: Is 6:1-2,3-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11; Lk 5:1-11

Cathedral Mass Intentions

February 8, Monday: Saint Jerome Emiliani, Priest

Readings: 1 Kgs 8:1-7,9-13; Mk 6:53-56

6:45 AM In Thanks. & Remem. (Kling/Weaver Family)

8:00 AM Grace Porta, Birth. (Jeannine McCloskey)

12:00 PM Helen Zurilla, Anniversary (Family)

February 9, Tuesday: Weekday

Readings: 1 Kgs 8:22-23,27-30; Mk 7:1-13

***6:45 AM Joan Hirt (Flicks)**

8:00 AM Pat Rabine (Tim and Joann Bettwy)

***12:00 PM Lois Riley (Ron & Lynn Nagle Family)**

February 10, Ash Wednesday

Readings: Jl 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20-6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

6:45 AM William 'Bill' Crouse (Gerard Fleck)

8:00 AM Cowan Family: Living and Deceased (Skip)

12:00 PM Deacon John Rys (Kathie and Ken Civils)

5:30 PM Birthday Inten. of Teresa Blazewicz (Mom)

Lenten Lunch: 11:00 am - 1:30 pm

Confessions: 7:00 pm

February 11, Thursday after Ash Wednesday

Readings: Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25

6:45 AM Julia Febbo (Carol Jones Makdad)

***8:00 AM Clementine Kawtoski (J. and W. Weakland)**

12:00 PM Francis Lytle (Joe and Judi Nocito)

February 12, Friday after Ash Wednesday

Readings: Is 58:1-9; Mt 9:14-15

6:45 AM Dick Huber (Idy Caporusico)

8:00 AM Henriette Thibault (Cathedral Parish)

12:00 PM Nance Geis, Birthday (Mom and Family)

7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

February 13, Saturday after Ash Wednesday

Readings: Is 58:9-14; Lk 5:27-32

8:00 AM Nozzie Calabrese, Birthday (Family)

12:00 PM Bill Geis, Anniversary (Patty and Family)

Vigil: First Sunday of Lent

Readings: Dt 26:4-10; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

5:00 PM Esther Benton, Birthday (Janice Mastalski)

Our Lady of Fatima Mass Intention

February 14, First Sunday of Lent

Readings: Dt 26:4-10; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

***10:30 AM Raymond and Theresa McCall (Family)**

HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS unable to attend Mass but would like to make their confession for Lent, PLEASE call the Cathedral @ 944-4603 to be put on the First Friday list and a priest will hear your confession and give you Eucharist on First Friday March 4th. YOU MUST call a few weeks ahead.

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10:30 AM

INTENTION: Jim Bair

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Scripture Reflection

God's majesty overwhelms the prophet, and Isaiah's descriptions of God by means of physical images--a vision of a high throne and the hem of a garment that fills the Temple--evoke God's universal kingship. In this divine vision, the seraphim minister to God, praising God's holiness and the glory that fills the earth. The seraphim also prepare the prophet for his mission to carry God's message to the people. The call narrative contrasts the majesty of God, holy and glorious and the human ordinariness of Isaiah, who must be prepared to bear God's message.

Most of us do not experience throne visions. Most of us find God in the experiences of daily life, in the ordinary reality of doing our work, talking with friends, in the ups and downs of family life, walking the dog, seeing a movie, riding the subway or kayaking on a lake. God comes to us where we are, as we are. Jesus met his first followers at their work. When Simon, Andrew (unnamed in this account), James and John first meet Jesus in Luke's Gospel, they were not overwhelmed by a vision but were fixed on their work. They were washing their nets after a fruitless night of fishing.

Jesus, however, began to preach from Peter's boat, a powerful image for God's presence in the ordinariness of human life. Not in the Temple or a synagogue, where Jesus could also be found, but in the boat of a few working men is where the encounter with the incarnate God took place. After Jesus finished speaking to the crowds, he turned to the work at hand. The work of fishing. Jesus told Simon to put out into the deep water. Simon was reluctant, especially when they had caught nothing all night, but when he did put the nets back into the water the catch of fish was almost immediate.

It is in response to the overwhelming catch of fish that Simon Peter recognizes the presence of God in his fishing boat in the seemingly ordinary person of Jesus. Like Isaiah in God's Temple, Simon's sense of unworthiness in the presence of God overwhelms him. "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" A profound recognition of God Incarnate took place not while Jesus was transfigured or enthroned in majesty, but in the casting and drawing up of fishing nets.

- ***Do you experience the presence of Christ in the ordinary, the everyday?***

- ***Watch for the Lord this ordinary week ahead.***

AMERICA MAGAZINE: February 1, 2016 Issue, John W. Martens.

OUT AND ABOUT.....

ASH WEDNESDAY—FEBRUARY 10TH, FROM 4 -7 Pm., \$8.00.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church will be hosting a Baked or Fried Fish Dinner in the school cafeteria on 8th Avenue. Tickets are sold in advance at the Parish Office, 806 11th Street. Takeouts available.

CATHEDRAL OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT—LENTEN LUNCHES

Ash Wednesday and Fridays of Lent—11:00 am until 1:30 pm. Menu includes: Fish Sandwich with Macaroni & Cheese or French Fries for \$6.50. Luncheons will be served on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 10; Fridays, Feb. 12, 19, 26; March 4, 11, and 18. (no lunch served on Good Friday) Eat in or Take-out. No pre-paid orders. Please call in orders of ten or more: 944-4603.

FISH FRY—SAINT MARKS— 416 6th Avenue, Altoona—Mark your calendars for the following dates for our Lenten Fish Fries—Fridays from 4—6:30 pm (while supplies last) - Feb. 12, 26, and March 11. Menu is as follows: Baked or Fried Fish, French Fries or Mac & Cheese, Stewed Tomatoes or Coleslaw, Roll & Butter, Drink, and Dessert. Cost will be \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under. Take-outs will be available.

CONVERSION, FOLLOWING THE CALL OF CHRIST

Bishop Robert Baron's DVD: will be presented by Sister Theresa CCW, at St. Mary's Church basement at 1405 5th Avenue, Altoona. There will be three evenings of DVD and discussion of the following date and times. Tuesdays, Feb. 16th, 23rd, and March 1st from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. This is a wonderful preparation for the Easter Season. If you can make it please call Sister Theresa at 942-5747. God Bless you. SISTER THERESA

Concerts Under the Dome

On Sunday, February 7th at two o'clock in the afternoon the Concerts Under The Dome series will present the **Indiana Brass Band**. This concert will feature the earlier rendition of the band featuring music before the American Civil War. You will also have an opportunity to hear and see the keyed brass instruments: keyed bugles, quinticlave, ophicleide, as well as a variety of early valved instruments to perform the diverse concert repertoire. Hope to see you there. A free will offering will be taken.

PRAYING THE STATIONS

Stations of the Cross will be prayed this **Friday** evening at **7:00 PM** and every Friday of Lent. Bring the family and walk the Stations as we make the way of the cross our own journey to Calvary and resurrection.

Happy Birthday:

02/01 Ron Beim U R to important to forget!
Happy Belated Birthday!!, I am sorry!! Czs

Wedding Anniversaries:

2/10 Lisa and Tom Levine

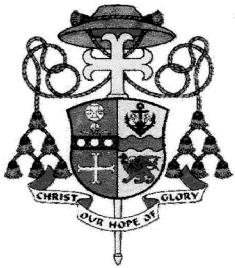


02/10 Lorraine Shuma
02/14 Dan Stitt
02/16 Jayden Starr

MONEY MATTERS

Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time, (January 31, 2016)
130 people Celebrated Liturgy at O.L.F. contributing \$ 1,106.00 of which \$54.00 accounted for non-envelope contributions.

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January 28, 2016

Rev. Msgr. Robert Mazur
Our Lady of Fatima Parish
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Dear Monsignor Mazur and Parishioners,

We have often heard that fast and abstinence are good for the soul. But besides focusing on what we give up, has anyone thought about what we should gain during the season of Lent?

Pope Francis suggests that we should fast from our indifference to our neighbor and to God. He reminds us that if we don't hear the voice of the poor, the hungry, the lonely, and all those in need, we are not likely to hear the voice of God.

As Pope Francis teaches, when we fast from this indifference, we can begin to feast on love. Lent is the perfect time to learn how to love again. Jesus showed us the way in his life and ministry. In Christ, God descends all the way down to bring everyone up. This ministry of Jesus continues today in his Church. How can we make it count in our lives and in the lives of others?

For ourselves: find a way to spend more time with God during Lent; reading the Bible, praying the Rosary or Stations of the Cross at home or at your parish. And don't forget: on Thursday, February 11, the sacrament of reconciliation will be available at every parish in the diocese. And there will be plenty of other times during Lent. What a great sign of God's mercy! As Pope Francis reminds us in this *Jubilee Year of Mercy*: God's mercy is always greater than any sin!

For others: it's all about personal encounters. Turning off the TV and spending more time together as a family; visiting a shut-in; or sharing a cup of coffee and a prayer can make a big difference for someone and for you. How many organizations in your community or parish are looking for volunteers?

And Lent is a very good time to participate in our *Annual Catholic Appeal*. Your sacrificial gift allows others to experience Mercy – that is, Faith working through Love – as expressed by ministries that are rooted in Gospel values at the core of our faith. Our Lady of Fatima Parish can make a difference by achieving its goal of \$13,948. Please be as generous as possible in your giving. All contributions received above the goal will be returned for your parish's urgent needs.

I am praying for you and the success of our *Annual Catholic Appeal*. Please join me in making a sacrificial gift this Lent and in praying for and assisting all those who will benefit from our generosity.

With gratitude for your participation and with prayerful best wishes,

+ Mark L. Bartchak

Most Rev. Mark L. Bartchak
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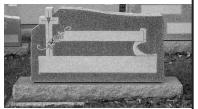


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