

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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MAY 13th - OCT. 13th, 1917
100th Anniversary of Fatima

takes place between May 13, 2017,
the feast of Our Lady of Fatima, and
Oct. 13, 2017, the centenary of the
Miracle of the Sun during the month
of the Rosary.

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

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Rectory Office Hours:

Monday – Friday 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Parish Office: 814-942-0371

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Our Lady of Fatima Mass Schedule

Sunday: 10:30 AM Holy Days: 6:00PM
Rosary: 10:05 AM Rosary: 5:40 PM

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

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Parish Secretary

Carol Z. Smith

Secretary's Assistant

Ellen Kelly

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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.

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

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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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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.

Our Lady of Fatima
Pledged that we pray the Holy Rosary
before Sunday Mass and
privately from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm daily.

February 26, 2017



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

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

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
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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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Fatima: Still Mary's SOS for Sinners...

Our Lady urges us to pray and offer sacrifices before it is too late.

In the Sistine Chapel at the Vatican in Rome, an obscure monsignor, Eugenio Pacelli kneels before Pope Benedict XV, who consecrates the prelate as a bishop. Off the coast of Jutland, Denmark, the British and German navies clash in a small skirmish in a war that will claim 37.5 million casualties, a staggering 57.6 percent of all soldiers mobilized.

And in Fatima, an obscure Portuguese town 70 miles north of Lisbon, near midday in a hollow called "Cova da Iria," three children pasture their little flock of sheep. The day is May 13, 1917. The heavens are about to rock the world.

The shepherd children report that a luminous being appears, "brighter than the sun, giving out rays of clear and intense light, just like a crystal goblet full of pure water when the fiery sun passes through it." The being, a woman, says, "I am from Haven"

Today, 10 years later, the Titanic still rests in the black waters, having passed into lore. All survivors of the hellish battlefields of World War I are dead to this world, except in memory. The world remembers Pacelli as Venerable Pope Pius XII, who, in 1940, gave the Church's stamp of approval to the Fatima apparitions. And our current Holy Father, Pope Francis, like his predecessors calls upon the world to heed the appeals of Our Lady of Fatima.

"She asks us to never offend God again," he said. "she forewarns all humanity about the necessity of abandoning oneself to God, the Source of love and mercy."

Indeed, Fatima, too, lives on, but in ways more tangible than memory. The appearances of the Blessed Mother are as fresh and relevant today as they were those 10 decades ago. This relevance shouldn't be ignored since it carries profound importance for every person living today.

Fatima still resounds with its urgent message from Heaven a century after "a lady more brilliant than the sun" appeared to Lucia dos Santos, 10, and her cousins Francisco and Jacinta Marto 8 and 7 respectively.

TIMELINE:

March 22, 1907: Birth of Lucia dos Santos.

June 11, 1908: Birth of Francesco Marto.

March 11, 1910: Birth of Jacinta Marto.

Spring, 1916: First apparition of the angel to Lucia, Francisco, and Jacinta; he teaches them the:

Pardon Prayer.

"My God, I believe, I adore, I hope and I love you! I beg pardon for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not hope, and do not love You." —Angel of Peace, Spring, 1916

Summer, 1916: Second Apparition of the angel; he appeals

to the children to pray, saying the Hearts of Jesus and Mary have "designs" on the children, and identifies himself as the "Angel of Portugal."

Fall, 1916: Third apparition of the angel; he brings them communion and teaches them the:

Angel's Prayer.

"O most Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, I adore You profoundly. I offer You the most precious Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus Christ, present in all the tabernacles of the world, in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges, and indifference by which He is offended. By the infinite merits of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg the conversion of poor sinners. —Angel of Peace, Fall, 1916

The message: prayer and reparation...

What happened on May 13, and for the next five months leading to a spectacular culmination on Oct. 13, 1917, most of us know. The events, however, never tire from retelling.

During those months, the three shepherd children experienced "the Lady from Heaven" on the 13th at around the same time. The Lady revealed herself to Mary, the Mother of God. The May 13 apparition came barely a week after Pope Benedict XV begged Our Lady for help as Europe stood paralyzed by a trench war, with anarchy and atheism looming on the horizon. This was true especially in Russia, where the Bolsheviks were about to seize control of the government.

As Mary revealed herself to the children, she opened her hands, bathing them in a powerful light that bore into their hearts. Lucia, Francisco, and Jacinta reported the same effect of the luminescent phenomenon: The light, according to Fr. Robert J. Fox, an expert on the Fatima apparitions, allowed them to "see themselves in Good, who was that light." By an "interior impulse," Fr. Fox says, "the children fell on their knees, repeating in their hearts: 'O most Holy Trinity, I adore You! My God, my God, I love You in the most Blessed Sacrament!'"

Our Lady replied, "Say the Rosary every day in order to obtain peace for the world at the end of the war."

In her July 13 apparition, Mary brought a message of re-pentance, reparation, and the conversion of Russia. She also predicted the end of World War I, but told the children that if the world did not stop offending God, another war, even worse would break out.

"To prevent this," the Blessed Mother told the Children, "I shall come to ask for the Consecration of Russia to my Immaculate Heart, and the Communion of reparation of the first Saturdays." Mary promised a great miracle on Oct. 13, so all would believe her words.

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
FEBRUARY 26, 2017
10:30 AM

OUR LADY OF FATIMA MASS INTENTIONS

Readings: Is 49:14-15; 1 Cor 4:1-5; Mt 6:24-34

Today's Intention - Carol Riley

March 5, First Sunday of Lent

Readings: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Rom 5:12-19; Mt 4:1-11

*10:30 AM OLOF Parishioners (Altoona Cath. Dghtrs. of America)

Cathedral Mass Intentions

February 27, Monday: Weekday

Readings: Sir 17:20-24; Mk 10:17-27

6:45 AM Patrick & Mary Allen (Mother, Patty)

8:00 AM George/Grace Porta (Jeannine McCloskey)

12:00 PM Don & Pat Rabine, Wed. Ann. (Family)

February 28, Tuesday: Weekday

Readings: Sir 35:1-12; Mk 10:28-31

6:45 AM Richard Irwin Family (Thomas Irwin Children)

8:00 AM Birth. Inten/Eric Hockenberry, Jr., (Mom)

12:00 PM Patty Geis, Anniversary (Family)

March 1, Ash Wednesday

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

6:45 AM M. Virginia Jones (Mike & Sherry Byrne)

*8:00 AM Vincent Farabaugh, Sr., Birth.(Jeanie and Fam)

12:00 PM Barbara Barrett (M/M Renny Santone)

5:30 PM Sally Conrad (Mildred Mazur)

Lenten Lunch: 11:00 AM - 1:30 PM Confessions: 7:00 PM

March 2, Thursday after Ash Wednesday

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

*6:45 AM Theresa Bruno (Husband & Family)

*8:00 AM BeBe Milliron (Doris Smith)

12:00 PM Betty McCabe (Cathedral Parish)

March 3, Friday: Saint Katherine Drexel, Virgin

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

*6:45 AM Mildred Maucieri (Gary & Janet Roesch)

8:00 AM Kay A. Siehl Lint (Joanne Beringer)

12:00 PM John Casanave (Terry & Kathy Tomassetti)

March 4, Saturday: Saint Casimir

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

8:00 AM Herbert Kutruff (David & Georgia Corso)

12:00 PM Joe Tomlinson (Karen & Steve Martynuska)

Vigil: First Sunday of Lent

Readings: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Rom 5:12-19; Mt 4:1-11

5:00 PM Joseph & Frances Pagliaro (Kathy Oakes)

FEBRUARY 26, 2017
Scripture Reflection

"You cannot serve both God and mammon." Mammon is a word that has defied translation. Scholars debate whether it comes from a word meaning "treasure," a word meaning "rations, daily bread" or a word meaning "trust." In popular speech, the term may have implied all three, as Jesus plays on each of these ideas in his preaching. In today's Gospel, he exhorts his disciples to trust God for their every need.

Mammon itself is not an evil thing; it includes necessary

things for survival, like food, clothing and shelter. But when

concern for these things becomes a person's primary goal, one falls into a type of idolatry. Deified mammon preaches its own anti-Gospel: "There is not enough for all; everyone is against you; you must be anxious at all times or you will not get what you need; what little you do have is in constant danger of slipping away." Idols create more idols: "Clothes are important! What you wear means something about you. Food is important! What you eat means something about you."

Thou shalt not worry! This commandment comes from the fundamental ethical code of the Christian community. We ought to write it over the door of every home, on every kitchen calendar, on the frame of every computer or tablet or television screen, on every checkbook and housing loan. This is not because bad things will never happen; they will. Constant anxiety will not keep them from happening, but it will dull our ability to discern God's providence at work. A lifetime spent noticing God's gifts and offering thanks for them will help us recognize God's deliverance when times are bad. Anxiety gnaws away at our sensitivity to God's actions and the ability to feel gratitude. Instead of worry, Jesus teaches to go about the business of God's kingdom: to love our enemies, go the extra mile, share our gifts with the poor and do to others only what we would have them do to us. Then we will receive everything we need and more.

- *"I tell you: Do not worry!" Do you think you are stressed and anxious about earthly things more than you should be?*

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

AMERICA MAGAZINE: February 20, 2017 Issue, Michael Simone, S.J.

Out and About...

ORDER OF CELEBRATING MATRIMONY

Liturgical Reflection...

In the revised Order of Celebrating Matrimony (2016), the Church states that it is the Sacrament of Baptism that has incorporated a man and woman into life with Christ. Baptism, the Sacrament of faith, invites husband and wife to enter into the covenant of Christ with the Church. The conjugal love of the spouses is assumed into Christ's charity and enriched by the power of his Sacrifice. Thus, the valid Marriage between the baptized is always a Sacrament. The covenant love between man and woman is held in the highest esteem. Husband and wife model the love of God and his people.

2017, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 South Logan Boulevard, Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania 16648

03/01	Alicia Carper
03/02	Shawn Kelly
03/02	Cassidy McKnight
03/04	Neil Cassarly
03/05	Mary Malligan



2017 \$AV-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. We have a few coupon books left. I have been asked to reduce the price to \$18.00.
 Thank You for your purchases.

BGHS drama Club to Perform Guys & Dolls...

The BGHS will perform Guys & Dolls on Friday and Saturday evenings, March 3 & 4, 2017 at the historic Mishler Theatre. Tickets to the musical are on sale now at Mishler theatre.org or by calling the box office @ 814 944-9434. For more info , contact Mr. Brett Keith, bkeith@quilfoyle.org

We will be selling "Apple Dumplings for your "Palm Sunday Breakfast" are \$4.00 each. Fill out the pew sheet or call the rectory @ 942-0371 or e-mail your order to: olfoff10@hotmail.com. Deadline is Wed, March 29. Pickup is Wed, Apr. 5th before Palm Sunday.

Christian Prayer and Spirituality Course will be offered at two locations this March. Sr. Marilyn Welch, CCW will be teaching Wednesdays from 6:30-8:30 PM at St. Catherine of Siena, Duncansville, beginning March 7th and Deacon Michael Russo will be teaching Tuesdays from 6:30-8:30 PM at St. Patrick School, Johnstown beginning March 6th. During this 8 week course, participants will explore both traditional and contemporary expressions of Christian prayer and spirituality that will help deepen their relationship with God. The cost of this course which includes registration and materials is \$55. For further information and registration please contact the Office of Adult Enrichment and Lay Ecclesial Ministry at (814) 361-2000 or email rheinze@diocesaj.org. All our welcome!

February 2017 Contributions

Feb 12, 2017	Env Used 49 /149
Weekly	1099.00
Cmas Club	10.00
Votives	73.00
Children's	1.00
Music	0
Shrine	0
Sol. Of Mary	0
Init. Off.	0
Fuel	0
Ash Wed.	0
Catholic Reg.	0
Total Dep	1183.00

St. Leonard's Home...

St. Leonard's Home will host its 2nd annual celebration of St. Joseph's Table on Saturday, March 18 from 5PM-8PM at the American Legion Post 516 Social Hall at Legion Park in Hollidaysburg. The event includes a meal, Cheese bar, desserts, wine tasting, auction, prizes for bidding and entertainment. Tickets are \$30, and are available at St. Leonard's Home or by calling 695-9581 during business hours.

When a man becomes rich, either God gains a partner, or the man loses a soul.

March co-ops are still available on the back table to sell or buy. Five-\$100. winners will be issued in March.

We still need \$\$\$ to fix our parking lots this spring. Donation envelopes are on the back table. Please put your name and env # to get credit for your donation.

The Friar's Nook Gift Shop...

793 Monastery Road, Hollidaysburg, Pa 16648 (Across from the Monastery). Stop in to see our new Spring collection.... St. Patrick's Day, Easter, Mother's Day, Communion and Confirmation items. We also have several outdoor statues and garden plaques – Open Mon –Sat 10 – 4

If you have any questions, please call (814) 695-3802

An ecumenical worship service celebrating the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, which is to be held at 2 pm on Sunday, February 26, 2017 at First Lutheran Church in Altoona, PA (1401 12th Ave, Altoona PA). A highlight of this service is that we will have Bishop Donald McCoid (formerly Bishop of Pittsburgh and surrounding area) as our preacher and speaker. Bishop McCoid has recently retired as the Ecumenical Executive for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, who was instrumental in the creation of the ecumenical document "Declaration On the Way." This document collects the 32 points of agreement on ministry, mission, and Eucharist where Lutherans and Catholics agree. During the service, Bishop Michael Rhyne of the Allegheny Lutheran Synod, and Bishop Mark Bartchak will proclaim together these points of agreement. All are encouraged to participate in this historic celebration. All are invited.

Saint Francis University is pleased to announce His Eminence Cardinal Timothy Dolan, Archbishop of New York, will be our guest on Thursday, March 30, 2017. While in Loretto, the Cardinal will celebrate an on-campus, public Mass at 4:00 p.m. in the Maurice Stokes Athletics Center. The University is pleased to offer a limited number of Mass tickets on a first-come, first served basis. Following Mass, a black-tie optional Dinner with the Cardinal will begin at 6:00 p.m. on campus in the John F. Kennedy Student Center. Tickets are \$250 each (\$1,750 for table of eight). Proceeds will benefit The Rev. Gabriel J. Zeis, T.O.R. Endowment in Franciscan Studies and Roman Catholic Theology. You can reserve Mass and dinner tickets by visiting: www.francis.edu/Cardinal-Dolan-Mass. The Mass will also be live-streamed for those who cannot attend by visiting the same website. Please call (814) 472-3021 for more information.

CATHEDRAL LENTEN LUNCHES-ASH WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAYS OF LENT...

11:00 AM UNTIL 1:30 PM FISH SANDWICH WITH MACARONI AND CHEESE OR FRENCH FRIES \$6.50.

NO LUNCH SERVED ON GOOD FRIDAY. EAT IN OR TAKE OUT. NO PRE-PAID ORDERS. PLEASE CALL IN ORDERS OF TEN OR MORE.

FISH FRY...

Our Lady of Lourdes will be having Lenten fish dinners every Friday during Lent. Baked or hadn dipped fried haddock homemade mac & cheese or hand cut fries, homemade stewed tomatoes, coleslaw or applesauce, homemade dessert and drink. Adults \$9.50 and children \$7.00. Take out start at 3:30 and eat in 4-7PM. We are known for having the best fish dinner in town!!!

SAINT MARK'S FISH FRIES (6th Avenue and 4th Street - Altoona) ...

Mark your calendar for the following three Fridays: March 10, March 24, and April 7 from 4 - 6:30 PM (while supplies last). The menu is as follows: Baked or Fried Fish, French Fries or Macaroni & Cheese, Stewed Tomatoes or Cole Slaw, Roll, Butter, Drink, and Free Dessert. The cost will be \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under. Take Outs will be available.

MAY 13, 2017

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BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE!**

JUNE 29, 2017

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