SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT February 25, 2018 February 25, 2018

If God is for us, who can be against us? <u>Our Lady of Fatima</u> Pleaded that we pray the Holy Rosary before Sunday Mass and privately from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm daily.

- Romans 8:31b

Feast Day, March 3rd St. Katharine Drexel



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: 6:00PM Rosary: 10:05 AM - Rosary: 5:40 PM

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

> Parish Secretary Carol Z. Smith 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.

<u>Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals will be held</u> <u>at Our Lady of Fatima</u>.

<u>Preparation</u> for Baptism, and Weddings will be held at the Cathedral. 944-4603

<u>Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick</u> Parishioners wishing to receive the sacrament of healing may call the Cathedral Parish Office to make arrangements. 944-4603

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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

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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	

February 25, 2018 SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

St. Katharine Drexel Patron of racial justice and philanthropists Birth: November 26, 1858 Death: March 3, 1955 Beatified By: November 20, 1988 by Pope John Paul II Canonized By: October 1, 2000 by Pope John Paul II

St. Katharine Drexel is the second American-born saint to be canonized by the Catholic Church. This amazing woman was an heiress to a large bequest who became a religious sister and a brilliant educator.

Katherine was born in Philadelphia on November 26, 1858, the second child of a prominent and wealthy banker, Francis Anthony Drexel and his wife, Hannah Langstroth. He mother passed away just five weeks after Katharine was born. Her father remarried to Emma Bouvier in 1860 and together they had another daughter in 1863, Louisa Drexel.

The girls received a wonderful education from private tutors and traveled throughout the United States and Europe. The Drexels were financially and spiritually well endowed. They were devout in the practice of their faith, setting an excellent example of true Christian living for their three daughters. They not only prayed but practiced what the Church calls the spiritual and corporal works of mercy.

Katharine grew up seeing her father pray for 30 minutes each evening. And every week, her stepmother opened their doors to house and care for the poor. The couple distributed food, clothing and provided rent assistance to those in need. The Drexels would seek out and visit women who were too afraid or too proud to approach the home in order to care for their needs in Christian charity.

Though Katharine made her social debut in 1879, she never let her family's money adversely affect the way she lived her life and faith. She was an example of a Christian with a proper understanding that the goods of this earth are given for the common good.

After watching her stepmother suffer with terminal cancer for three straight years, Katharine also learned that no amount of money could shelter them from pain or suffering. From this moment, Katharine's life took a turn. She became imbued with a passionate love for God and neighbor, and she took an avid interest in the material and spiritual well-being of black and native Americans.

In 1884, while her family was visiting the Western states, Katharine saw first-hand the troubling and poor situation of the Native Americans. She desperately wanted to help them.

Katharine spent much of her time with Father James O' Connor, a Philadelphia priest. He provided her with wonderful spiritual direction.

When her father passed away a year later, he donated part of his \$15.5 million estate to a few charities and then left the remainder to be equally split amongst his three daughters.

He set up his will in a way to protect his daughters from men who were only seeking their money. If his daughters should die, the money was then to go on to his would-be grandchildren. If there were no grandchildren, the Drexel estate would be distributed to several different religious orders and charities, including the Society of Jesus, the Religious of the Sacred Heart, a Lutheran hospital and the Christian Brothers.

As one of their first acts following their father's death, Katharine and her sisters contributed money to assist the St. Francis Mission of South Dakota's Rosebud Reservation.

Katherine soon concluded that more was needed to help the Native Americans and the lacking ingredient was people.

In 1887, while touring Europe, the Drexel sisters were given a private audience with Pope Leo XIII. They were seeking missionaries to help with the Indian missions they were financing. The Pope looked to Katharine and suggested she, herself, become a missionary.

After speaking with Father O' Connor, Katharine decided she would give herself and her inheritance to God through service to both Native Americans and African Americans. She wrote, "The feast of St. Joseph brought me the grace to give the remainder of my life to the Indians and the Colored." continued on inside back page

FEBRUARY 25, 2018 SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT 10:30 AM

OUR LADY OF FATIMA MASS INTENTIONS

Readings: Gn 22:1-2,9-13,15-18; Rom 8:31-34; Mk 9:2-10 Today's Intention - M. Charlotte McCall

Readings: Ex 17:3-7; Rom 5:1-2,5-8; Jn 4:5-42 March 4, Coy R. Smith, Sr., B/day Ann. (Wife)

CATHEDRAL MASS INTENTIONS

February 26, Monday: Lenten Weekday Readings: Dn 9:4-10; Lk 6:36-38 6:45 AM Joe Tomlinson, Birth (Mary & Joe Smithmyer) 8:00 AM Terry J. Joyce (Family) 12:00 PM James Moschella (Mark & Diane Moschella)

February 27, Tuesday: Lenten Weekday Readings: Is 1:10,16-20; Mt 23:1-12 6:45 AM Fred Martynuska (Family) ***8:00 AM Catherine Mincin (Steve Trotter)** 12:00 PM Louise Talko (Jen & Cory Geishauser)

February 28, Wednesday: Lenten Weekday

Readings: Jer 18:18-20; Mtt 20:17-28 6:45 AM Jim and Peggy Mullan (Skip Cowan) 8:00 AM Patty Zerbe Geis, Anniv. (Geis Family) 12:00 PM Eric Hockenberry, Jr., Birth (Mom)

March 1, Thursday: Lenten Weekday

Readings: Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31 *6:45 AM Dean Barry (Diane Litzinger) 8:00 AM Derek Behe (Cheryl Brown) 12:00 PM Thomas and Mary Irwin (Irwin Family)

March 2, Friday: Lenten Weekday

Readings: Gn 37:3-4,12-13,17-28; Mt21:33-43,45-46 6:45 AM Msgr. Thomas Madden (Estate) 8:00 AM Anna Mercer (Paul & Family) 12:00 PM Julianne Seidel (Patty & Joe Gaeto)

March 3, Saturday: Saint Katharine Drexel, Virgin

Readings: Mi 7:14-15,18-20; Lk 15:1-3,11-32 8:00 AM Robb Robertson (Bauer Family) 12:00 PM Carrie Detwiler, Health (Mary Gene Vogel)

Vigil: Third Sunday of Lent

Readings: Ex 17:3-7; Rom 5:1-2,5-8; Jn 4:5-42 5:00 PM Bernadine Garcia (Sisters, Mary & Kate)

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

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

FEBRUARY 25, 2018 Scripture Reflection

On first view, today's First Reading and Gospel appear to have little in common: Isaac is sacrificed and Jesus is transfigured before two of his disciples. When we dig deeper, however, we discover in both readings a profound message about God's mercy and faithfulness in times of trouble. In addition to some superficial similarities be twe en the sacrifice of Isaac and the Transfiguration (both are set on a mountain, and in both a voice from the heavens speaks) they both teach about God's restorative love and mercy.

Scholars do know how the Isaac story was understood in Jesus' day, and that understanding is interpretation of this Sunday's Gospel. kev to an Jewish traditions of the first century A.D. emphasized a detail that is utterly lacking in the Bible. Isaac, they relate, was a willing victim. He knew that God had demanded of his father, and he offered himself for the success of the covenant. Isaac emerges from these accounts a martyr, a hero. These nonbiblical traditions were widespread because the Jewish people in Jesus' day had only recently emerged from a time of persecution. Stories of good Jews sacrificing themselves for their nation were popular, and the "Binding of Isaac" became such a story.

Mark wrote his account of the transfiguration in this light. Jesus is Isaac, offering himself freely for the good of all. The transfiguration thus fulfills Isaac's example and foreshadows the cross. The transfiguration also prefigures the resurrection. The events in today's Gospel passage symbolize the perfect obedience that led to Jesus' glory and the salvation of all. For Isaac, obedience brought forth a nation. For Jesus, self-offering led to glory. This glory was an obscure life and dishonorable death that somehow freed others to live and die in grace. Just so, we must offer ourselves for the good of others. If our quiet acts of transformation this Lent help even one other person feel the love of God, then we have learned to live out the mystery of the Transfiguration.

- Do you feel that you are following God's will in your life?
- Do you have a peace in good times and in bad times?

<u>AT HOME with the WORD</u> 2018, Archdiocese of Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications, pg. 51. <u>AMERICA MAGAZINE</u>, "How can our obedience lead to freedom?" Michael R. Simone, S.J., January 26, 2018.



PIEROGIE SALE EXTENDED

We have <u>extended</u> the Pierogie, Ravioli & Gnocchi sale until <u>Feb. 28th</u>. Pickup is still <u>March 7</u> at the Rectory from 1 PM to 6PM. Call 942-0371 or e-mail: olfoff10@hotmail.com.



APPLE DUMPLING SALE...

We will have an Apple Dumpling/Brownie sale coming up in March for Palm Sunday. More information will be coming.

Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament Lenten Lunch Fish Fry - 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM...

Beginning on Ash Wednesday, continuing each Friday of lent. <u>NO Lunch</u> on Good Friday. \$7.00 includes Fish Sandwich with Macaroni and Cheese or French Fries. Take outs available. Large orders should be called in after 9 AM to the Rectory @ 944-4603.

Easter Sunday is a moveable feast based on the moon.



It always occurs on the Sunday following a full moon after the Spring Equinox on March 20th. This month we have two full moon dates—March 1st and 31st. As a family, take the time to view the phases of the moon each night when visible.

Notice how the light decreases and increases each night and how the daylight increases each day. Record your findings and discuss them on the eve of Easter, perhaps by campfire or moonlight.

Thank God for creating an amazing universe and for giving us His Son, Jesus, who suffered for our eternal light in heaven.

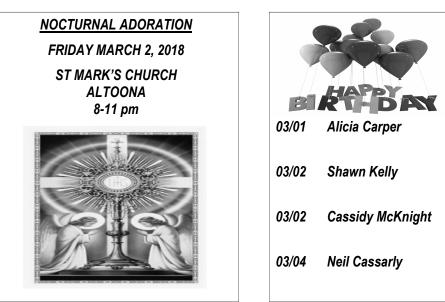


Lenten Retreat for Women: Do you know a woman who feels over-tasked, anxious, burdened, distracted, fragmented, frayed, tossed or turbulent? Maybe all of the above? Could that be you? Let's dive together into the story of Martha and Mary (Luke 10:41) and reflect on what is essential. Join us for the **Women's Retreat for Lent** at Good Shepherd Catholic Church (on Grays Woods Blvd just off Rt. 99 at State College). We are excited to welcome **Dr. Joanne Cahoon**,

professional Spiritual Director and Consultant, to lead our 2018 Women's Retreat day. Mark your calendars for: **Saturday, March 17,** 8:30 am (doors open) - 3:30 p.m. Take a day during lent to readjust focus and renew your heart in preparation for Easter glory. For more information or to register contact Good Shepherd by email: goodshepherd@dioceseaj.org or call (814) 238-2110. Register by March 5th for \$25. (March 6th, \$30 per person.) Lunch will be provided.

FEBRUARY COLLECTIONS 2018

February 18, 2018	Env used	54/150
Weekly		1137.25
Christmas Club		15.00
Votives		46.00
Children's		3.00
Shrine		0
Music		0
Fuel		20.00
Register		8.00
Init Offering		10.00
Ash Wednesday		172.00
Black/Indian coll.		<u>72.00</u>
Dep. For Week		1483.25



Liturgical Reflection...

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OFDuring these forty days of Lent we recall our sins and seek the Lord's
forgiveness, especially in the Sacrament of Penance. We are invited to fast, pray and
give alms to the poor. These Lenten practices are to turn us from sin, and bring us
closer to the Lord. It is part of our Catholic faith to have Mass for our faithful
departed. When someone dies, family and friends have a Mass offered for the one
who has died. Parishes list the Mass intentions each week. Usually these Masses are for
the dead, praying that God will shed his mercy and compassion on the deceased. Mass
intentions for the deceased seek God's mercy and peace for the faithful and, perhaps,
not so faithful, Christian. Order of Christian Funerals, 1998-1989, Number 129.

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2nd Sunday of Lent (February 25)

Abraham's trust in God earned him a reward that was beyond his expectations. The transfigured Jesus is evidence to everyone who is fully obedient to God's will that all disciples will have everything to gain when they place their trust in God. "If God is for us, who can be against us?" (Romans 8:31

February 25 Mark 9:2-10

The apostles thought they knew Jesus, but when he changed in front of them at the Transfiguration, they were afraid. In families we cannot freeze relationships because change and growth are inevitable. Children grow up, parents grow old and spouses change. Transfigurations are all around us and within us. Relationships can only grow when we embrace the new and let go of the old.

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Give up bad parenting for Lent

No parent is immune from weak parenting moments, and while we shouldn't beat ourselves up about momentary lapses, there are a few things we would all do well to try to give up completely.

- Give up yelling. Yelling escalates an already volatile situation. Parents who often yell in response to misbehaving children may need to develop appropriate consequences to give their children quickly (and quietly).
- Give up comparing. If it's tempting for you to verbally compare your children to each other, keep your comments to your self. Children who feel in constant competition with each other miss out on much of the joy that comes from a close relationship with siblings.
- Give up inconsistency. Children will thrive when parents draw boundaries, keep their promises (both for rewards and consequences), and provide a consistent routine to follow.

End your family's day with gratefulness this Lent. While you're tucking your children into bed, ask them to name three things they are grateful for. One of these should be a specific person. Doing this will help your child focus on the goodness around him or her. You and your spouse can do the same thing before bed.

"We started doing this and it's been good for all of us," say Bill, father of four. "Hearing what bubbles to the top of the kids' minds is interesting and sometimes surprising—like when our daughter named her older brother as one of her three. It puts them in a positive frame of mind at bedtime. For my wife and me, the total of six items of gratitude makes us aware of how much we have to be thankful for, even on days when work was annoying and the kids were giving us trouble."

ANGEL FUND 2018

Consider giving a gift now that will enrich the life of a young camper in the Summer of 2018! Camp Zacchaeus Grades 4-9 and Camp Timothy Grades 10-12 (and newly graduated seniors 2018) We are looking for people, groups, parishes or organizations to sponsor a child to attend

Camp Zacchaeus 2018 or Camp Timothy 2018 through the Angel Fund.

We will accept full or partial sponsorships of any amount to help cover the cost of camp – (**100 PERCENT of the funds collected through Angel Fund donations are dispersed to needy campers**)! If you are interested in sponsoring a child, or for more information, please contact Francine Swope at the Diocesan Youth Ministry Office (814)317-2646, or mail your contribution directly to:

Camp Zacchaeus or Camp Timothy Angel Fund, 933 S. Logan Boulevard, Hollidaysburg, PA 16648. Become an Angel Fund sponsor and help send a needy child to camp to experience a wonderful faith-filled week in the great outdoors!

DIOCESAN SUMMER CAMP OPPORTUNITIES 2018

Registrations for our diocesan summer Camps, Camp Timothy (Grades 10-12 and newly graduated seniors) and Camp Zacchaeus (Grades 4-9) and are being accepted. Camp "Z" and Camp "T" offer our young people an opportunity to supercharge their faith in a wonderful outdoor setting of faith, fund and friendship!

Due to the generosity of many of the faithful in our diocese there are Angel Fund scholarships available to help offset the cost of camp for any family who is eligible. Every year we have had a pool of donors that continue to support the Angel Fund. We have been very blessed that we have never have had to turn any down any family that wanted to send their child to Camp Zacchaeus or Camp Timothy. We do not want ANY child to miss camp because of financial concerns. Scholarship forms are available through the Youth Ministry Office.

DATES: <u>Camp Timothy</u> – June 17-21 <u>Camp Zacchaeus</u> – Week 1-July 22-27 and Week 2-July 29-Aug 3

For more information or an application, contact Francine Swope in the Youth Ministry Office (814)317-2646.

Prayer and Luncheon for Widows and Widowers throughout our Diocese

Remember your loved ones on Wednesday, March 21 with Mass at 11:00 am. Theme of the day: "New Beginnings." All spouses will be mentioned and remembered at Mass. Luncheon to follow. Widows and widowers throughout the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese are invited to attend. Sponsored by the Diocesan Family Life Office and hosted by the Immaculate Conception Church, 1640 New Germany Road, Summerhill. Reservations required by March 15. A \$5 donation is suggested. Contact the Family Life Office at 814-886-5551 or <u>familylife@dioceseaj.org</u>.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! FAITH DAY 2018 AT DELGROSSO AMUSEMENT PARK! SUNDAY, JUNE 24

Featuring Liturgy with Bishop Mark Bartchak, music, give-aways, games, rides, expansive pool and waterpark!

And back by popular demand - the DAJ Best Dessert Contest!

More information on meal tickets and reduced rate "All Day Ride and Slide" passes to come!



OUR LADY URGES US TO PRAY THE HOLY ROSARY FOR

PEACE AND OFFER

SACRIFICES BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE!

St. Katharine Drexel Patron of racial justice and philanthropists

Katharine began her six-month postulancy at the Sisters of Mercy Convent in Pittsburgh in 1889. On February 12, 1891, Katharine made her first vows as a religious and dedicated herself to working for the American Indians and African-Americans in the Western United States.

Taking the name Mother Katharine, she established a religious congregation called the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament for Indians and Colored, whose members would work for the betterment of those they were called to serve.

From the age of 33 until her death in 1955, she dedicated her life and her fortune to this work. In 1894, Mother Katharine took part in opening the first mission boarding school called St. Catherine's Indian School, in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Other schools quickly followed - for Native Americans west of the Mississippi River, and for the blacks in the southern part of the United States.

In 1897, Katharine asked the friars of St. John the Baptist Province of the Order of Friars Minor to help staff a mission for the Navajos in Arizona and New Mexico, and she would help finance their work with the Pueblo Native Americans.

In 1910, Katharine also financed the printing of 500 copies of A Navaho-English Catechism of Christian Doctrine for the Use of Navaho Children.

In 1915, Katherine founded Xavier University in New Orleans, the first Catholic University in the United States for African-Americans.

By the time of her death, she had more than 500 Sisters teaching in 63 schools throughout the country and she established 50 missions for Native Americans in 16 different states.

Katharine suffered a heart attack at 77-years-old and was forced to retire. She spent the remainder of her life in quiet and intense prayer. She recorded her prates and aspirations in small notebooks.

Mother Katharine died on March 3, 1955 at the age of 96. She is buried at her order's motherhouse. Neither of Katharine's sisters had any children, so after her death, the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament lost the Drexel fortune that supported their ministries. However, the order continues to pursue Katharine's mission with the African-Americans and Native Americans in 21 states and in Haiti.

Katharine was remembered for her love of the Eucharist and a desire for unity of all peoples. She was courageous and took the initiative to address social inequality within minorities. She believed all should have access to a quality education and her selfless service, including the donation of her inheritance, helped many reach that goal.

St. Katharine was beatified on November 20, 1988 and canonized on October 1, 2000 by Pope John Paul II.

Relics of St. Katharine can be found at St. Raphael the Archangel Catholic Church in Raleigh, North Carolina, and in the Day Chapel of Saint Katharine Drexel Parish in Sugar Grove, Illinois.

THE OBEDIENCE OF ABRAHAM AND JESUS

God tested Abraham by asking not for an ordinary sacrifice, which would have been a partial burning with the meat divided between God and the people and eaten by those who sacrificed, but for a holocaust, a total burning of the sacrificial animal. This type of sacrifice consecrated the entire offering to God alone. This is what God was asking of Abraham in offering his only son, Isaac. When Abraham demonstrated his obedience, that was enough. This story from today's scriptures foretells the completion of the blood sacrifices of the old covenant in the new covenant: the blood of God's own Son, offered to us on the cross and in the Eucharist. Abraham's obedience foreshadows the obedience of Jesus to God's promise of salvation. The obedience of Abraham is rewarded in the birth to him, through Isaac, of many nations. The obedience of Jesus is rewarded in the salvation of all people for all time.

