

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 4, 2018

[The LORD] tells the number of the stars and calls each by name.
— Psalm 147:4

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.

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Rector 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.

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

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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

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TIRELESS DISCIPLESHIP

The stories we've been hearing these weeks come from the very first chapter of Mark, and they show us the public ministry of Jesus in its infancy. Today's account shows some of the strain or adjustment of his new life of preaching the reign of God, healing the sick, and casting out demons. Notice that after sunset, when darkness ended the workday, people brought the sick and possessed to Jesus. The following day he rose before dawn to get away by himself to pray, but to no avail. Simon Peter and the others don't just look for him, they pursue him, filled with the fervor that his ministry has incited. With the self-sacrificing example he gave until the end of his earthly life, he tells his followers that this is his whole purpose. Through Mark, he is also telling the early church, and he is telling us, that this is our purpose, our vocation: to be tireless in our pursuit of proclaiming the Good News, and in bringing the healing, reconciling touch of Christ to the world.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

We're reading St. Paul's letter to the Corinthians these days. What was Corinth like? It had a beautiful setting on an isthmus, about fifty miles from Athens. The location makes for very easy exchange by sea routes between Greece and Italy, a factor in its economic success even today. In Paul's day it was a cosmopolitan and wealthy city with inhabitants drawn from all over the world, including a sizeable Jewish community. When Paul arrived about the year 50, the city was only about a century old, but already five times the size of Athens. Paul lived in Corinth for a year and a half, and a few years later came back for three months. The community of Christians there struggled against the influence of a very secular and self-indulgent society that was blind to the plight of the poor. Pagan attitudes afflicted the community, which had a way of breaking Paul's heart; he wrote to them sometimes "with many tears" (2 Corinthians 2:4).

Today, Corinth is a small industrial city. Its historic core has been destroyed by a series of earthquakes over the centuries, and what little remained was totally obliterated in a war with Turkey in the 1820s. There's a core city with glamorous shops to catch the tourists, but it is mainly a cargo port, with piles of marble, tiles, and minerals everywhere, a huge oil refinery nearby, a busy canal, a modern fast rail line to Athens, and a meeting point of major highways. Today, the remains of the Temple of Apollo and the marketplace are more ruined than most such sites. The glory of the city Paul knew well has faded, but the relevance of his words shines through the centuries.

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HINDSIGHT

God's presence is not discerned at the time when it is upon us, but afterwards, when we look back.

—John Henry Newman

FEBRUARY 4, 2018
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10:30 AM

OUR LADY OF FATIMA MASS INTENTIONS

Readings: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39

Today's Intention - Poor Souls in Purgatory

Readings: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; 1 Cor 10:31 — 11:1; Mk 1:40-45

*February 11th, Joseph Boslet, (Mother and Family)

CATHEDRAL MASS INTENTIONS

February 5, Monday: Saint Agatha, Virgin & Martyr

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

6:45 AM Bernard Weaver, Anniv. (Jim & Elaine)

8:00 AM Helen Zurilla, Anniv. (Dave Capouellez)

12:00 PM Mary Dodson, Birthday (Family)

February 6, Tuesday: St. Paul Miki & Companions Martyrs

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

6:45 AM Bob & Kathy Cowan & Robbie Lutz (Family)

8:00 AM Fathers, Mothers, Sisters, Brothers

12:00 PM Elverda Holtz, Thanksgiving

February 7, Wednesday: Weekday

Readings: 1 Kgs 10:1-10; Mk 7:14-23

6:45 AM In Thanksgiving & Remem. (Kling/Weaver Fam)

8:00 AM In Thanksgiving, Birth. (Elverda Holtz)

12:00 PM Alma Reismeyer (Husband, Fred)

February 8, Thursday: St. Emiliani & St. Bakhita, Virgin

Readings: 1 Kgs 11:4-13; Mk 7:24-30

***6:45 AM Jerry Smith (Kirk & Donna Kling)**

8:00 AM Bea Mannion (Jim & Steph Kilcoyne)

12:00 PM Joe Maltet, Anniv. (Family)

February 9, Friday: Weekday

Readings: 1 Kgs 11:29-32,12:19; Mk 7:31-37

6:45 AM Kryder & Elizabeth Miller (Irwin Family)

8:00 AM Tim Bartek (Mildred Mazur)

***12:00 PM Tom Byrne (Paul & Emma Kowalski)**

February 10, Saturday: Saint Scholastica, Virgin

Readings: 1 Kgs 12:26-32,13:33-34; Mk 8:1-10

8:00 AM Madeline Seidel, Anniv. (Jim & Elaine)

12:00 PM Barbara Byers (Walt & Donna Weiland)

Vigil: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Lv 13:1-2,44-46; 1 Cor 10:31-11:1; Mk 1:40-45

5:00 PM Frances Pagliaro (M/M Jerry Sandusky)

FEBRUARY 4, 2018 Scripture Reflection

Today's readings remind us of our constant need for healing and of the salvation that can be found in Jesus. In the First Reading, Job, once a wealthy and highly respected man, now finds himself undone through no fault of his own. His oxen and asses were stolen, lightning killed his sheep, and a great wind blew down his house while his kids were partying inside, and everyone was killed. Now he has come down with the worst case of boils that anyone could imagine! And so he laments his very existence and the apparent meaninglessness of life.

The Gospel provides a counterpoint to Job's lament as we see Jesus first raising Peter's mother-in-law from her sick bed, healing the crowds of people who came to the door later that evening, rising early the next day to go off to pray, and then telling his disciples that they must be off to the nearby villages to preach. What is Jesus preaching? In words and actions, he is preaching the Good News that God's reign is at hand. God's salvation is upon us!

As he drove away demons and freed people from illness, Jesus proved that the good news he preached was true, that is was at last the time of fulfillment, that God's kingdom was indeed at hand. More than the other evangelists, Mark stresses the urgency of this message.

Have you ever felt hopeless, like Job? Yet Job continued turning to God, even when he felt he would not see happiness again. Jesus spent himself healing and teaching people in today's Gospel. Yet he turned to God, too. He took time to pray, and felt free not to feel forced into service when he heard, "Everyone is looking for you." Prayer strengthened him to move on and continue his mission to preach and manifest God's presence in his works. Job and Jesus found freedom in their relationship with God. Job did not give up on God, even though God seemed absent. Jesus remained faithful to his mission, even when people wanted him to remain with them.

- Christians never lose hope. How has Jesus the Lord strengthened your hope?

HOME with the WORD 2018, Archdiocese of Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications, pg. 43. AMERICA MAGAZINE, "For This Purpose Have I Come" Michael R. Simone, S.J., January 16, 2018. Living the Word, Laurie Brink and Paul Colloton, World Library Publications, 2017, pg. 48.

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

IT'S PIEROGIE TIME AGAIN



We are once again selling Kaczor's pierogi, Ravioli and Gnocchi for the Lenten season, with one twist! We are reducing the price for Lent by \$1.00 each item. Pierogie, and Gnocchi will be \$6.00 each 15 oz. bag. The 6-Cheese Ravioli will be \$7.00 for a 15 oz. bag.



The Pierogie are POTATO WITH: Cheddar, Pepper

Jack, White American, or Sauerkraut, Cottage Cheese w/ Chives. Ricotta based Gnocchi, and 6-Cheese Ravioli. The Sweet Pierogie are Apple, Blueberry, Lemon and Prune also \$6.00. Call the office if you want the Prune. Final deadline is Wednesday, February 21 and not Feb. 28th. Pickup is Wed. March 7 at the Rectory from 1 PM to 6PM. Call 942-0371 or e-mail: olfoff10@hotmail.com.

Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament...

flyer is posted on the bulletin board and doors for their Lenten Lunch Fish Fry beginning on Ash Wednesday.

St. Therese of the Child Jesus' Fish Fry or steamed Shrimp @ Fr. Kelly Hall, Fridays during Lent, Feb 16 & 23; March 2,9,16 & 23rd, 4 - 7PM. \$10.00 adults, \$7.00 for Children under 12. Take-outs available.

The Friar's Nook Gift Shop – Mardi Gras Bake Sale ...

Celebrate Mardi Gras at The Friar's Nook Gift Shop! The Friar's Nook will be holding a Mardi Gras bake sale on Tuesday, February 13th from 10:00 AM-4:00 PM, and will include traditional Fat Tuesday pastries. The Friar's Nook is located across from St. Bernardine Monastery at 793 Monastery Road, Hollidaysburg.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church February 14th...

Ash Wednesday Fish Dinner, 4-7PM, serving at school cafeteria on 8th Avenue, \$8.00 Baked or Fried Fish.

Tickets sold in advance at the Parish Office , 806 11th Street. Take-outs available.

Spiritual Resolutions...

We work on our physical fitness but what about our spiritual fitness?

February: Stretch out your heart to care about the situation of others. "Stretch out your hand to the poor, so that your blessing may be complete" (Sir 7:32). All exercise starts with warming up the muscles. Warm up the muscles of the heart this month by attending to compassion; feel with others in their pain and concern. Take a chance and stretch out your heart to care a little more somewhere along the month for someone (possibly a rebellious teen who has been difficult to listen to lately, or a challenging toddler who drains your energy).

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JANUARY COLLECTIONS 2018		
January 28, 2018	Env used	58/150
Weekly		1395.00
Christmas Club		20.00
Votives		80.00
Children's		9.00
Shrine		0
Music		0
Fuel		100.00
Ash Wednesday		10.00
<u>Init Offering</u>		<u>15.00</u>
Dep. For Week		1629.00



Family Ritual Done

As we mark February as the month of LOVE there are so many things we can do not only for the ones we LOVE but for all. Here are a few:

- ♥ Close the door of hatred and open your heart to love all people of the world.
- ♥ Call an elderly person. Laugh, tell stories or just listen to them.
- ♥ Talk to the person in front and behind you at the grocery store- don't forget the checkout person!
- ♥ Pray and ask Jesus to fill your heart with LOVE just as He loves us.

Celebrate National Marriage Week February 7-14, 2018



Celebrate the beauty and sanctity of marriage with *Humanae Vitae* (1968-2018):

- Married love particularly reveals its true nature and nobility when we realize that it takes its origin from God, who “is love” (no. 8).
- “Marriage . . . [is] ordained toward the procreation and education of children. Children are really the supreme gift of marriage and contribute in the highest degree to their parents’ welfare” (no. 9; GS, no. 50).
- “The fundamental nature of the marriage act, . . . renders [husband and wife] capable of generating new life—and this as a result of laws written into the actual nature of man and of woman” (no. 12).



Marriage Benefits Everyone . . .

- **Economically:** Married men and women have more wealth and financial stability.
- **Personally:** Men and women in a stable marriage live longer lives and have better health and greater personal happiness.
- **For Children:** Children who are raised by a married mother and father perform better in school and have less trouble with the law, teen pregnancy, and addiction.

For resources to prepare for marriage or strengthen your marriage and family, visit:

www.foryourmarriage.org
www.portummatrimonio.org

For videos, study guides and catechesis on why marriage is unique, visit: www.marriageuniqueforareason.org.

For national studies and statistics as well as resources for your marriage, visit: www.nationalmarriageweekusa.org



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Liturgical Reflection ...

**ORDER
OF
CHRISTIAN
FUNERALS**

In today's first reading Job says, "My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle....my life is like the wind." The brevity of our life on earth reminds believers that there is more. Christ died and rose from the dead to share this gift with those who believe. All the prayers of the funerary rites witness to the Christian hope that life endures into eternity. At the death of a Christian, whose life of faith was begun in the waters of baptism and strengthened at the Eucharistic table, the Church intercedes on behalf of the deceased because of its confident belief that death is not the end.

Order of Christian Funerals, 1998-1989, Number 4.

2018, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 South Logan Boulevard, Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania 16648

To Walk in Jesus' Footsteps

Msgr. Michael Becker and Father Dennis Kurdziel will be leading a pilgrimage to the Holy Land, May 16 to May 26, 2018. The trip includes all round-trip travel costs from Altoona to Tel Aviv, with spend three nights in Nazareth, five nights in Jerusalem, accompanied by an English speaking guide. Most meals are included. We will be celebrating Mass daily. Total cost for double occupancy is \$3,850. Informational meetings will be held in Johnstown at St. Benedict's John Paul II Center on Tuesday, February 6 at 7:00 PM and in Altoona at St. John the Evangelist Church Hall in Lakemont on Wednesday, February 7th at 7:00PM. For further details, call Msgr. Becker at 814.942.5503 or Jim Roccio of Festival Travel at 814.467.8024.

February 14th, Ash Wednesday...

Distribution of Ashes will be at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament after each Mass on February 14th..

THANK YOU TO:

Paul and Emma Kowalski who have graciously volunteered their time to attend the 11:00 AM Chrism Mass on Monday, March 26th to bring back the Holy Oils from the Cathedral.

RITE OF ELECTION OF CATECHUMENS...

*On Sunday, February 18, 2018, the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown will celebrate the Rite of Election of Catechumens and the Call to Continuing Conversion of Candidates at the **Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, Altoona**, beginning at 7:00 PM. These are men and women who are preparing to receive the Sacraments of Initiation at Easter from our parish and those in the surrounding area.*

*The adults who are seeking Baptism (**Robyn Durgin who will be joining our parish after she is in full union with the Catholic Church**) will be formally named and welcomed as the Elect of God and the Candidates seeking full initiation will declare their intent and be blessed by Bishop Mark Bartchek. **Piper and Kendall Durgin, Robyn's daughters will be baptized as Catholics also.** All parishioners are invited to join our Catechumens and Candidates and their sponsors and families in prayer and communal support. Everyone is invited to attend a light reception afterwards in the Cathedral Hall.*



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

PALM SUNDAY RETREATS AND ANOINTING SERVICE:

Elect and Candidates, Sponsors, Parish Directors and Teams, and Family members of all.

Blair/Bedford/Huntingdon/Fulton counties: **Sunday, March 25, 2018 2:00 PM - 6:30 PM** at Saint Catherine of Siena Church, 308 Old Route 22, Duncansville; **Prayer/Anointing Service at 4:45 PM**
Bishop Mark Bartchak, Presider.

Anyone who cannot attend the retreats at the scheduled sites are always welcome to attend at another site. When you RSVP please highlight the location on your registration form.

NEOPHYTE MASS OF THANKSGIVING: Saturday, April 28, 2018, 5:00 PM

The Vigil Mass of the Fifth Sunday of Easter.

at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, One Cathedral Square, Altoona

Principal Celebrant: Most Reverend Mark L. Bartchak

Bishop Mark invites all Neophytes (the newest members) of the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, including those received into full communion outside of the Easter Vigil, all of their families along with their Sponsors and their families, and all parish teams.

All Neophytes should plan to participate in this special full Eucharistic celebration.

After Mass a full dinner is served for everyone in the Cathedral Hall.

An R.S.V.P. should be made by April 20, 2018 but no later than Wednesday, April 25.

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time (February 4)

Jesus balanced His time of serving others with quiet prayer time. Christian stewards include prayer and reflection among their daily routines. It is only through the strengthening of their relationship with God that they can continue to serve well.

February 4

Mark 1:29-39

In today's gospel, Jesus went to the "house of Andrew and Simon" to relax but discovered that "Simon's mother-in-law was very ill." Like Jesus we come home to relax but are confronted with problems. Take a tip from Andrew and Simon who "told Jesus about it at once."

With Repentance...

Low self-esteem causes me to believe that I have so little worth that my response does not matter. With repentance, however, I understand that being worth so much to God is why my response is so important. Repentance is remedial work to mend our minds and hearts, which get bent by sin." -John Ortberg Jr.

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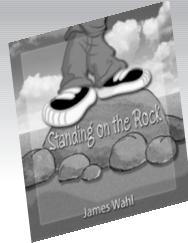
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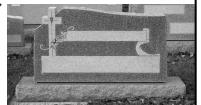
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