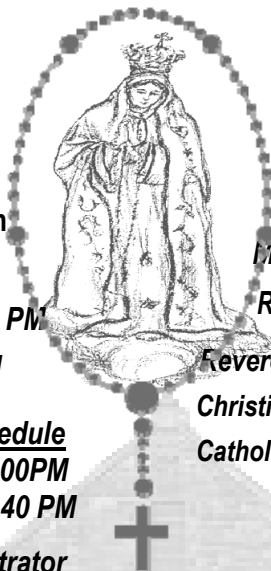


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Our Lady of Fatima  
Pleaded that we pray the Holy Rosary  
before Sunday Mass and  
privately from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm daily.



**Our Lady of Fatima Parish**  
2010 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
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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: 6:00 PM  
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:  
Natty 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

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](http://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

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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YEAR  
OF  
MERCY**

*Liturgical Reflection...*

For Saint Paul his poetic passage on love is synonymous with mercy. To the one who is patient and kind, the mercy of God is found in that heart. Mercy bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, and endures all things. God's mercy is shared with us, and we in turn share that mercy with others. When grounded in the love of God, we become instruments of God's mercy to one another. Free of jealousy and self-righteousness, we mirror the mercy of God. In place of judging and accusing, we become mirrors of God's understanding compassion, and forgiveness.

2016, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 South Logan Boulevard, Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania 16648

*Our Lady of Fatima Parish Notes:*

**According to Canon Law, for a Parish to Survive it is Mandatory For a Parish to have an active Parish and Finance Council in place.**

**The Diocese continues to supply our parish with pastoral and sacramental care under the administrator, Msgr. Robert C. Mazur. It is important that we seriously be involved in all aspects of parish life, that means not only "Treasure, but Time and Talent" as well !**

*Parish Council:*

That being said, we are in need of parishioners to come forward as members of our Parish Council. They along with the Parish Administrator will make decisions for Our Lady of Fatima. Please call the rectory at 942-0371, if you are interested.

*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 LUNCHESES**

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 you 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

**FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**JANUARY 31, 2016**

Rdgs: Jer 1:4-5,17-19; 1 Cor 12:31--13:13; Lk 4:21-30

**Cathedral Mass Intentions**

**February 1, Monday:** Weekday

Readings: 2 Sm 15:13-14,30; 16:5-13; Mk 5:1-20

6:45 am William 'Bill' Crouse (Jane Kiser & Betty Clair)

8:00 am Nozzie, Jennie, Sandy Calabrese (Family)

12:00 pm Robert Smithmyer, Birth. (Wife and Family)

**February 2, Tuesday:** The Presentation of the Lord

Readings: Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40

6:45 am Msgr. Thomas Madden (Estate)

**\*8:00 am Bebe Milliron (Tom and Patricia Forr)**

12:00 pm Pat Rabine, Anniversary (Family)

**February 3, Wednesday:** Saint Blaise, Bishop, Martyr

Readings: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Mk 6:1-6

**\*6:45 am Merle & Joan Hirt (Children and Families)**

8:00 am Helen O'Leary (Sister, Patty Swope)

12:00 pm Intentions of Dana Foose (Blazewicz Family)

**February 4, Thursday:** Weekday

Readings: 1 Kgs 2:1-4,10-12; Mk 6:7-13

6:45 am Bernard Weaver, Ann. (Jim, Elaine & Family)

8:00 am Sam Coen (Joyce Goss)

**\*12:00 pm Paul Rose (Elaine and Don Fee)**

**February 5, Friday:** Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr

Readings: Sir 47:2-11; Mk 6:14-29

6:45 am Dick Huber (Maureen Wood)

8:00 am Henriette M. Thibault (M/M Paul Watkins, Jr.)

12:00 pm Danyll Rougeux (Peggy McLucas Family)

**February 6, Saturday:** Saint Paul Miki and Companions

Readings: 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Mk 6:30-34

8:00 am Deacon John Rys (M. Misitano/J. DeAntonio)

12:00 pm Herbert J. Kutruff (M/M Pat Riley)

**Vigil: Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time**

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

5:00 PM M. Virginia Jones (Yeager Family)

**Our Lady of Fatima Mass Intention**

**February 7, Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time**

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

**\*10:30 AM James Bair (Friends)**

**February 2, Tuesday**

**Presentation of the Lord, Blessing of Candles—**

by Father Dennis Kurdziel. Every year the Church blesses candles to be used at Liturgy, devotions, and in our homes on the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, February 2nd. Forty days have passed since the celebration of Christmas. Today is the blessed day when Jesus was presented in the Temple. The candles blessed are symbols of Christ as the light of the nations. **At Our Lady of Fatima Parish today** you may wish to make a donation of \$2.00 for each of the blessed candles to take home and use throughout the year on special occasions such as holidays, anniversaries, birthdays, and other special days for you and your family.

**Blessing of Throats—Cathedral only**

**Wednesday, February 3rd,** is the feast of Saint Blaise, bishop and martyr. This is traditionally the time for Catholics to have their throats blessed. *The schedule for the blessing of throats here at Cathedral is as follows: during Mass at 6:45 am, 8:00 am and 12:00 Noon, and also at 3:00 pm and 6:00 pm within Scripture and Prayer.*

**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.

**January 31, 2016**  
**Scripture Reflection**

The lot of the prophet is a dismal one. Jeremiah often laments his call, wishing he hadn't been born. He is derided by the people and cursed. He's commanded not to marry or have a family. He is thrown into a cistern and left to die. And eventually, he will be dragged to Egypt. Today's reading recounts the origin of Jeremiah's call. Even before his birth, God had dedicated Jeremiah as a prophet to the nations. God will place the word in his mouth and make of the prophet a pillar of iron, a wall of brass against the land. Today's Gospel follows that of last Sunday when Jesus read from the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. The listeners' response is ambiguous. First they speak favorably about him, but soon the mood changes and they expel him from the town. They take offense when he reminds them of their history of faithlessness to the Word of God. After all, he is one of them; how dare he chastise them? By recounting this story near the beginning of Jesus' ministry, Luke alerts us to the opposing reactions that Jesus' message and mission will receive as he continues to preach the Word of God in their midst.

The scripture to which Jesus refers announces the ultimate age of fulfillment. It provides a glimpse into the kind of Messiah that Jesus will be, namely one who will refashion society for the sake of the oppressed. Here Jesus insists that God even goes beyond the confines of Israel into the territory of the Gentiles. This filled the people in the synagogue with fury. To think that the prophetic promise of fulfillment would be extended to the Gentiles was, in their estimation, pure blasphemy. In indignation, they rose up against Jesus. They drove him outside the city limits and sought to cast him down, but he escaped unscathed. The lot of the prophet is a dismal one.

**• It is difficult to speak the truth. Sometimes we are heard; many times we are not.**

Living the Word, Laurie Brink and Paul Colloton, World Library Publications, 2015, page 52.

Living the Word, Dianne Bergant and James Wallace, World Library Publications, 2012, page 51.

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**Nocturnal Adoration**  
**February 5th, 2016**  
**St. Mary's Altoona**  
**8-11 PM**

## **Saint Blase**

**St Blase, Bishop of Sebaste**



St. Blase was a native of the city of Sebaste, in Armenia, and in his younger days applied himself to the study of philosophy, in which he made considerable progress; he afterwards studied medicine with great success. The science of the saints, however, and a desire to improve in the love of God, occupied his principal attention, whereby being inflamed with an ardent charity towards the poor, he went frequently to relieve them in their sickness. Upon the death of the bishop, his fellow citizens unanimously elected him their pastor, by reason of his extraordinary virtues and great learning.

He accepted the office, as being unwilling to resist the will of God, which appeared to manifest in his election to be mistaken; but in the government of his church he lost not that spirit of holy retirement which he had had from his youth. He therefore retired to Mount Argeus, without the city, and dwelt in a cave there. During our saint's residence in this place the Lord was pleased to manifest his sanctity by honoring him with the gift of miracles, and numerous crowds of persons used constantly to come to him for the cure of their bodily diseases as well as of their spiritual maladies. Even the most ferocious animals are said to have proceeded to his cave to be relieved. If they found the saint in prayer, they would patiently wait until he was done; nor would they depart until they had received his blessing.

**FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**10:30 AM**

*INTENTION: Denise Keagy*

**PRAYER TO SERVANT OF GOD DEMETRIUS GALLITZIN**

O God, light of the faithful and shepherd of souls, who sent Servant of God Demetrius Gallitzin to serve God's people in the Allegheny Mountains, feeding your sheep by his words and forming them by his example, pour out your Spirit to sow seeds of truth in people's hearts and to awaken in them obedience to the faith.

May the Gospel continue to be preached and the Sacraments bring power and grace to the faithful. By the example of this man of faith, Demetrius Gallitzin, may your people advance in the path of salvation and love.

Confident of your faithfulness to us, we humbly ask you, our God, to grant us the favor of (name your intention).

May Christ's saving work continue to the end of the ages, and may we feel a more urgent call to work for the salvation of every creature.

We pray this, as did your priest Demetrius Gallitzin, through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

*Kindly send information about granted favors to:  
The Cause for Servant of God Demetrius Gallitzin  
The Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown  
927 Logan Blvd., Hollidaysburg Pa. 16648*

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**FROM THE VOCATIONS DIRECTOR:**

***Consider This:***

*We currently have 58 active Diocesan Priests in our diocese (under the age of retirement of 75). We have 88 churches in our diocese. At the present moment we have 6 men preparing to become priests for our diocese. If these men all persevere they will be ordained by the year 2023. However, by that same year at least 14 of our active priests will reach the age of retirement. That is a net loss of 8, which does not take into account extraordinary circumstances like unexpected deaths, etc. These are the numbers we face in our diocese, and everyone will be affected by the dwindling number of diocesan priests here in Altoona-Johnstown. Ultimately, a call to priesthood is God's grace, but we need to cooperate with that grace! All clergy and laity must be challenged to do vocational work in their own ministries and parish communities and not rely on others to do it for them!*

*If we are not actively seeking new vocations to the priesthood, how do we expect these numbers to change for the better?*

**Happy Birthday:**

02/03 Joe Robuck, David Smith

02/05 Adam Kasun

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