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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.*

JANUARY 1, 2017

Our Lady of Fatima Parish
2010 12th 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
Secretary's Assistant
Ellen Kelly

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.

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

Preparation for Baptism, and Weddings will be held at
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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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**NOCTURNAL ADORATION
@ ST. ROSE OF LIMA
FRIDAY, JANUARY 6TH
FROM 8-11 PM**

***Dear Lord,
You gave us the greatest present of all, the gift of your Son. May we never
forget to unwrap the gift of Your Love and may we be willing to wrap others
in Your Love. Amen. Merry Christmas!***

**SOLEMNITY OF MARY
THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD
JANUARY 1, 2017**

10:30 AM

OUR LADY OF FATIMA MASS INTENTIONS

Readings: Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Today's Intention-Prosperity for Our Lady of Fatima Parish and Her Parishioners

January 8, The Epiphany Of The Lord

Readings: Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3,5-6; Mt 2:1-12

***10:30 AM Catherine Burr (Karen & Joe Hallinan)**

Cathedral Mass Intentions

January 2, Monday: Ss Basil and Gregory, Bish., Doc.

Readings: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28

6:45 AM Msgr. Paul D. Panza and Family

8:00 AM Mary Jean Dodson (M. A. & L. Wharton)

12:00 PM Danyll Rougeux (Linda and Frank Lang)

January 3, Tuesday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus

Readings: 1 Jn 2:29--3:6; Jn 1:29-34

6:45 AM Bill Crouse (Cathedral Parish)

8:00 AM David Conrad (Patricia Gressler)

12:00 PM Pat Rabine (Danette Lee)

January 4, Wednesday: Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

Readings: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Jn 1:35-42

6:45 AM Alberta Weaver, Ann. (Jim, Elaine & Fam.)

8:00 AM Dale & Virginia Pheasant (Nancy & Skip)

12:00 PM Kathleen Walcutt (Sibold Family)

January 5, Thursday: Saint John Neumann, Bishop

Readings: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Jn 1:43-51

6:45 AM Joseph A. Moffa (Estate)

***8:00 AM David Riley (Carol and Children)**

12:00 PM Andrea Crum (Jim and Lee McFee)

January 6, Friday: Saint Andre Bessette, Religious

Readings: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Mk 1:7-11

6:45 AM Eleanor Toth (M. & D. Moschella Fam.)

8:00 AM Michael Febbo (Cathedral Parish)

***12:00 PM Tom Byrne (Thomas and Patricia Forr)**

January 7, Saturday: Saint Raimont of Penyafort, Priest

Readings: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 2:1-11

8:00 AM Rose Ann Himmelein (Rita Adams & Fam.)

12:00 PM Bernard J. Joyce (Family)

Vigil: Mary, The Epiphany Of The Lord

Readings: Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3,5-6; Mt 2:1-12

5:00 PM Mary Patricia Grove

JANUARY 1, 2017

Scripture Reflection

Scripture scholars speculate that the blessing in today's reading from Numbers may be the oldest piece of poetry in the Bible. This threefold blessing pronounced over the people asks for the same thing using different phrases: that God's favor bring peace and well being upon God's beloved. It is a beautiful invocation at any time, but especially appropriate on the first day of a New Year.

The Gospel weaves together the twofold nature of Jesus' identity. The shepherds relate what their vision announced, that the child is a savior and Christ the Lord. While others are merely amazed by the news, Mary contemplates what the future holds for her son. In the wake of that revelation, Mary and Joseph take the child for the customary rite of circumcision and naming. He is named Jesus, as the angelic messenger of God had instructed Mary. Jesus, as son of God and son of Mary, is now ready to accept the mission of the Father. We, of course, know from the Gospel accounts how his life unfolded. But on this solemnity we stay with Mary, contemplating what this means for us who follow him in faith.

The world first received Jesus through Mary, but the task is not yet complete. The fullness of God's kingdom that Jesus preached has not yet become a reality. His disciples in the church are charged to bear him into the world. We have now become the point of continuity that Mary was in Luke's Gospel. When we give ourselves over to Christ's mission in big ways and small, we bring Christ into the world in new ways. Part of our discipleship is continuing to seek out Christ as he is already at work in the world, to let him surprise us with all the unexpected twists and turns of salvation history as it continues to unfold. If we seek him in the signs of the times, we can make his presence known to all whose slavery will end when his love appears. This is what Mary proclaimed when she became the mother of God, and this is the mission his disciples continue today following her example.

- **With Mary as model and the beginning of a New Year, who in your world needs Christ' Love?**
- **How can you bring Christ to them this New Year?**

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

Out and About...

ORDER OF CELEBRATING MATRIMONY

Liturgical Reflection ...

This Sunday we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother.

Today the Church acclaims Mary with her most ancient title, Mother of God. Mary showers her maternal love on her Son. The Order of Celebrating Matrimony (Number 3) states that the institution of Marriage itself and conjugal love are ordered to the procreation and formation of children. Children are thus truly the supreme gift of Marriage and contribute greatly to the good of the parents themselves. Motherhood and fatherhood are integral to married love.

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All ticket stubs must be returned by 5 PM today January 1st. We will publish winners in the bulletin this year.

Small Pockets of Prayer by Jeanne Hunt

Our fast-lane mentality is a deterrent to active prayer lives. I suggest we learn to combine prayer and work. This may seem a surprising combination. Prayer is often pictured as a kneeling activity. However, if we wait for knee time, we'll rarely connect the God. St. Benedict taught his monks to always be at prayer, to see every action as an opportunity to talk to God. Does God want us to keep the conversation going while driving car pool, walking grocery aisles, and stirring soup? YES!

Each day offers pauses when prayer fits perfectly. I call these "small pockets of prayer." We pick up the morning paper, notice the breathtaking sunrise and pause to praise the Creator. We're tied up in traffic, so we pray the rosary. We arrive early at the soccer field, turn off the car and talk with God. God offers us many pockets of prayer. These moments begin to infuse our schedule, and we start hearing God's invitation to create more: Once a week, eat lunch alone and pray, or skip the evening news and watch the night sky with God instead. God walks through the day with us. God listens and watches. Knee time is a rare commodity, yet three minutes here

and two minutes there add up. Looking for small pockets of prayer makes our entire day holy. Janie enters the grocery checkout line and sees the "coupon lady" ahead of her. Rather than move to another lane, Janie pulls out her daily reflection book; she reads and prays as she waits. For the first time in months she's relaxed and free of the constant guilt of too little, too late with God. She unloads her cart, praying, "Good and gracious God, I'm weary tonight as I head home to make supper. Give me renewed strength and a smile for my family. Amen." As she puts the bags in her car trunk she reflects on how praying on the run has changed her. She realized that God doesn't only wait for us in chapels; he loves to find us wherever we go. Jesus, sit down with me. I want to simply be with you. My heart needs nothing profound. I only want to know your presence here. Share this time with me and speak to my heart.

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January 1 Lk 2:16-21

Would the birth of Jesus have gone un-noticed if the shepherds had been "too busy" to travel to Bethlehem to spread the word about Him? The shepherds, the first missionaries, played a major role in human history. Every family is called to be missionary by "glorifying and praising God for all they have heard and seen."

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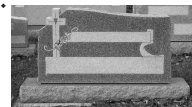
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