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January 27, 2019

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor.

— Luke 4:18a

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

Eucharist for the home bound - weekly:
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9AM - 6PM Summer

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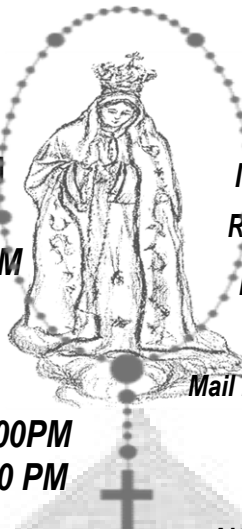
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Our Lady of Fatima

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



Feast day February 8



St. Josephine
Bakhita
1868-1947
The Lord has loved
me so much: we must
love everyone... we
must be
compassionate!

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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

Feast Day February 8th Saint Josephine Bakhita's Story

For many years, Josephine Bakhita was a slave but her spirit was always free and eventually that spirit prevailed.

Born in Olgossa in the Darfur region of southern Sudan, Josephine was kidnapped at the age of 7, sold into slavery and given the name Bakhita, which means fortunate. She was resold several times, finally in 1883 to Callisto Legnani, Italian consul in Khartoum, Sudan.

Two years later, he took Josephine to Italy and gave her to his friend Augusto Michieli. Bakhita became babysitter to Mimmina Michieli, whom she accompanied to Venice's Institute of the Catechumens, run by the Canossian Sisters. While Mimmina was being instructed, Josephine felt drawn to the Catholic Church. She was baptized and confirmed in 1890, taking the name Josephine.

When the Michielis returned from Africa and wanted to take Mimmina and Josephine back with them, the future saint refused to go. During the ensuing court case, the Canossian Sisters and the patriarch of Venice intervened on Josephine's behalf. The judge concluded that since slavery was illegal in Italy, she had actually been free since 1885.

Josephine entered the Institute of St. Magdalene of Canossa in 1893 and made her profession three years later. In 1902, she was transferred to the city of Schio (northeast of Verona), where she assisted her religious community through cooking, sewing, embroidery, and welcoming visitors at the door. She soon became well loved by the children attending the sisters' school and the local citizens. She once said, "Be good, love the Lord, pray for those who do not know Him. What a great grace it is to know God!"

The first steps toward her beatification began in 1959. She was beatified in 1992 and canonized eight years later.

Reflection

Josephine's body was mutilated by those who enslaved her, but they could not touch her spirit. Her Baptism set her on an eventual path toward asserting her civic freedom and then service to God's people as a Canossian Sister.

She who worked under many "masters" was finally happy to address God as "master" and carry out everything that she believed to be God's will for her.

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| <p style="text-align: center;">JANUARY 27, 2019 THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 10:30 AM</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">JANUARY 27, 2019 <i>Scripture Reflection</i></p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">OUR LADY OF FATIMA MASS INTENTIONS Readings: Neh 8:2-4; 1 Cor 12:12-30; Lk 1:1-4; 4; 14-21 Today's Intention-Denise Keagy Readings: Jer 1:4-5,17-19; 1 Cor 12:31-13:13; Lk 4:21-30 Sun., February 3rd, FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Ronald Geis, (Family)</p> | <p>In Luke's Gospel, Jesus is foremost a prophet. God had a message for human society, and Jesus was the herald of God's Kingdom. Luke relates many of the same miracles one finds in Matthew and Mark, but the most memorable parts of his Gospel are actually not the actions of Jesus but his words.</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Cathedral Mass Intentions</p> <p>January 28, Monday: Saint Thomas Aquinas Pr. and Dr. Readings: Heb 9:15, 24-28; Mk 3:22-30 6:45 AM Kenneth Lytle & Donna Lytle Civils (Skip Cowan) 8:00 AM Jim Davidson (Cathedral Finance Council) *12:00 PM Lois Riley, Anniversary (Family)</p> <p>January 29, Tuesday: Weekday Readings: Heb 10:1-10; Mk 3:31-35; 6:45 AM Dec. Michael & Ella Gibbons Family (Irwin Family) 8:00 AM Steve Flanagan (Wiedemer Family) 12:00 PM Tom Sutton (Pat Rhoads)</p> <p>January 30, Wednesday: Weekday Readings: Heb 10:11-18; Mk 4:1-20 6:45 AM Tom Byrne (Tom and Patricia Forr) 8:00 AM David Baronner (Mike and Sherry Byrne) 12:00 PM Walter Mazur, Anniversary (Family)</p> <p>January 31, Thursday: Saint John Bosco, Priest Readings: Heb 10:19-25; Mk 4:21-25 6:45 AM Joe Tomlinson (Joe and Patty Pufka) 8:00 AM Carrie Kibler Detwiler (Mom and Dad) 12:00 PM Mary Kay Billman (Janet & Michele Belsey) 5:30 PM Alice Winkler (Cathedral Parish)</p> <p>February 1, Friday: Weekday Readings: Heb 10:32-39; Mk 4:26-34 6:45 AM Loretta Batkiewicz (Jane Davidson) 8:00 AM Barbara Byers (Liz & Leslie Ventre/Mary Leamer) 10:00 AM Catholic Schools Week (Holy Trinity Catholic) 12:00 PM Bob Smithmyer (Wife)</p> <p>February 2, Saturday: The Presentation of The Lord Readings: Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 8:00 AM Herbert Kuttruff (Tomassetti Family) 12:00 PM Ray Plummer (Bernie and Louise Joyce)</p> <p>Vigil: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Readings: Jer 1:4-5,17-19; 1 Cor 12:31-13:13; Lk 4:21-30 5:00 PM M. Virginia Jones (Mary Lysinger Family)</p> | <p>The kingdom of God that Jesus revealed was hidden in plain sight. The essential component of Jesus' messianic mission was to draw attention to this. Luke found a foreshadowing of this in the prophecy of Isaiah, which Jesus quotes in the Gospel. Liberty for captives and healing for the broken in body and spirit were the distant goal; the first step was proclaim that such things were even possible. For many, faith was a dying ember, inspiring only the faintest wisp of hope. Jesus recognized quickly that his first responsibility was to reignite that faith in the hearts of many.</p> <p>Jesus proclaimed this message with boldness, and it led to the transformation of many. This boldness fascinated Luke, who identified it as key to the ministry of both Jesus and the Apostles. Speaking the good news with boldness did reignite the faith of many. Simply reminding people of God's ancient promises aroused excitement and hope.</p> <p>The right word at the right moment can change a life. The right response to a devastating crisis can renew an entire world. This Sunday's Gospel offers a challenge to today's disciples, it is to remember the power of bold speech. Although we may need new words to communicate the message, Jesus' own experience shows us that God's ancient promises have an enduring power to inspire faith and excite hope. Divine grace remains active, but it requires someone with a living faith to be fully effective.</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Jesus, Son of the Living Father, Have Mercy on Me a Sinner.</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do you proclaim God's promises with boldness? |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Please pray for all of our parishioners, especially for those who have illnesses great and small and our seniors who are lonely and need comfort and care.</i></p> | <p>AMERICA MAGAZINE, "Jesus revealed God's kingdom was hidden in plain sight." Michael R. Simone, S.J., January 11, 2019.</p> |

THIS WEEK---Thursday, January 31, 2019
Relic Pilgrimage of Saint John Vianney's Incorrupt Heart

The Shrine of Ars, France, has entrusted to the Knights of Columbus the major relic of Saint Jean Vianney's incorrupt heart for a national tour of the United States from November 2018 through June 2019. The Knights of Columbus will provide this special opportunity to venerate a major relic of the patron of parish priests, whose holiness and integrity is a model for clergy and laity alike.

The reliquary holding Father Vianney's heart will be in the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, Altoona, on Thursday, January 31st. Veneration will occur throughout the day from 7:30 A.M. through 7:30 P.M. The regular daily Mass schedule will be observed: Masses at 6:45 A.M., 8:00 A.M., and Noon. Bishop will be the main celebrant at a concelebrated Mass at 5:30 P.M.

Confessors will be available for confessions throughout the day. Father Vianney was renowned for his gift as a confessor in the Sacrament of Penance. This holy priest undertook a life of heroic penance and prayer to draw his people away from sin and closer to God. Known for his wise spiritual counsels and the gift of reading hearts, he soon became a "prisoner" of the confessional, hearing confessions for up to eighteen hours a day. Thousands came from across Europe and beyond to seek this holy confessor. Pilgrimage to the Altoona Cathedral on this day will allow all to seek sacramental forgiveness in Christ.

At Bishop Bartchak's request the Apostolic Penitentiary has granted permission to receive an Indulgence attached to the pilgrimage to the relic of Saint John Vianney. An indulgence is the remission of temporal punishment for sin, in response to prayers or good works. It is God, through the Church, who remits the temporal punishment. Receiving the indulgence requires; first, celebrating the Sacrament of Penance leading to a genuine conversion of heart; second, receiving Holy Communion while fully participating at Mass; third, venerating the holy relic of Saint John Vianney; and fourth, praying for the intentions of the Holy Father, Pope Francis, by reciting the Apostles' Creed, Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory be.

Throughout the morning and afternoon, school children and adults will be able to venerate this first class relic of Saint John Vianney. The Knights of Columbus will stand as honor guards. Plan to be present this last day of January to venerate the relic of a holy parish priest. It will be an opportunity for grace and a special day to pray for vocations to the priesthood – a particular priority for the Knight of Columbus.

January 27 Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

In today's gospel Jesus was "praised by all" except at home in Nazareth where the "eyes of all were intently on him." Acceptance can be hard to find at home due to unreal expectations.

Jesus challenges us to "proclaim liberty" to anyone "oppressed" or "captive" by our expectations.

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A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (January 27)

In today's first reading, the ancient Israelites are asked to rejoice in the Lord for his abundant food, and to give a portion to those who had nothing. As Christian stewards, we are called to do the same.

The U. S. Bishops' Pastoral on stewardship reinforces today's reading from 1 Corinthians: "Because its individual members do collectively make up the Body of Christ, that body's health and well-being are the responsibility of the members — the personal responsibility of each one of us. We all are stewards of the Church" (Our Sunday Visitor, *ibid.*, page 28).

Liturgical Reflection...

For several centuries, the traditional Forty Hours Devotion has been celebrated in parishes as a time of renewal and prayer. In the early 1500s at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Milan, Italy, Forty Hours Devotion began probably as a commemoration of the forty hours that Christ's body lay in the tomb between his death and resurrection. By the 1700s the form of the devotion was codified for the churches of Rome. Forty Hours Devotion was first approved for the diocese of Baltimore in 1857 and extended to all the dioceses of the United States in 1868. The Second Vatican Council encouraged the practice of solemn annual exposition in every parish.

Eucharistic

Adoration

Our Lady of Fatima Notes...

ARISE

Our Lady of Fatima will begin a journey of prayer and reflection during the season of Lent. For six weeks you will be invited to gather in small groups to break open scripture and discuss how to live the faith in our daily lives. If you were unable to join the ARISE process in the fall, give some serious thought to joining a small group this Lent.

Additional Dates for Sacrament Preparation...

First Communion sessions are scheduled for Wednesdays, February 27 and March 27, 2019. All sessions are held in the Seton Suite from 6:30 PM until 8:00 PM. All students MUST be accompanied by an adult. Please contact Chris Laraia at 312-7317 if you will not be able to attend a session. First Communion for Our Lady of Fatima Parish has not been scheduled to date.

F.I.R.E. Classes...

F.I.R.E. Next class is today, January 27, from 2:00 PM until 4:00 PM in the Cathedral Hall.

Dates for Ecumenical Services

Today, Sunday, January 27, 2019, Bishop Gregory of Nyssa of the Orthodox tradition will host an ecumenical service at Christ the Saviour Cathedral, 300 Garfield Street, Johnstown, Pennsylvania. The service begins at 3:00 PM. Bishop Mark Bartchak will be in attendance. All are invited to participate in this prayer.



Bishop Guilfoyle Raffle

The annual raffle at Bishop Guilfoyle High School will be held February 6th at halftime during the Girls Basketball Game in the BG gym. Cathedral Parishioners from our Catholic high school will be selling tickets at the doors this weekend, January 26 and 27, after all the Masses at the Cathedral doors. Each ticket costs \$5.00. Prizes include: 1st Prize \$10,000.00; 2nd Prize: \$1,500.00; 3rd Prize: \$1,000.00; and five 4th Prizes of \$100.00. Help our BG students sell their raffle tickets. Thank you.

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Family Ritual

Write a letter of thanks to someone who has loved you. It could be a parent, grandparent, godparent, favorite relative, a mentor, etc. Tell them how they have made an impact on your life and thank them for their gift of love to you.

Say a prayer for them and to God for He surely is the one who has loved you the most.♥♥



OUR LADY URGES US TO PRAY THE HOLY ROSARY

FOR

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SACRIFICES BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE!

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January 15, 2019

Dear *Mayr. Mazur,*

On behalf of Citizens Concerned for Human Life, I would like to thank you and your parishioners for assisting us with the March for Life fundraiser.

Our records reflect that your parish contributed \$ 162.³⁴ to aid and assist us in paying for the buses and the materials procured in the preparation for the March.

We are taking two buses from the Altoona/Hollidaysburg area this year to join the thousands of marchers from across the country.

We are encouraged by the numbers participating in the March this year and pray for an end to this tragic chapter in our country's history.

Once again, thank you for all of your efforts and the efforts of your parishioners.

Very sincerely yours,



R. Thomas Forr, Jr.

RTF/p

January 27, 2019

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

TIME

The holidays are well behind us; the year stretches out ahead. And what sort of year will it be? To judge by the words of Jesus in today's Gospel, it will be "a year acceptable to the Lord." And Jesus surely didn't mean only the next three hundred sixty-five days facing his listeners at that time.

When Jesus announced the "arrival" of God's favor, it was a message for all time, for every year. Similarly, we read today in Nehemiah how the people gathered with solemnity to hear God's word as though for the first time. They listened, and then fell to the ground and wept. But the prophet said, "Today is holy . . . do not be sad, and do not weep."

The "year acceptable to the Lord" is this year. The day that is "holy" is this day. The time to listen is now. What sort of year will you have? What sort of day? God's help is always here. What you do with each day can be holy and acceptable to the Lord if you but listen to and act on God's word.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Saturday's feast of the Presentation is a day for the blessing of candles. Why does liturgy require candles? In the first years of the church, worship was often at night, and candles and torches were carried from place to place within the worship space as needed. Candles were also a mark of festivity and hospitality when people gathered for prayer in homes, and later on in large buildings with thick walls and dark corners. But even after gaslight and electricity, candles were kept.

Part of the reason has to do with the warm, clean light of a candle's flame. Candles are a good sign of the partnership of God and creation: wax made by bees, gathered and fashioned by human hands into something beautiful and useful. In order for the light to shine, the candle surrenders itself, almost as if it is pouring itself out so that the light can flood into the world. The candle of baptism, placed into our hands, and carried again and again, speaks silently of that same wisdom. If you would save your life, you must lose it. You must pour your life out like Christ so that you may be filled with the light of his love.

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LOVE IN OUR WORKS

Our Lord does not care so much for the importance of our works as for the love with which they are done.

—Teresa of Ávila

BROKEN BRIDGES

When we cannot forgive, we break the bridge over which we must pass if we would ever reach heaven; for everyone has need to be forgiven.

—George Herbert

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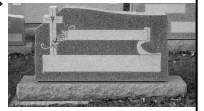
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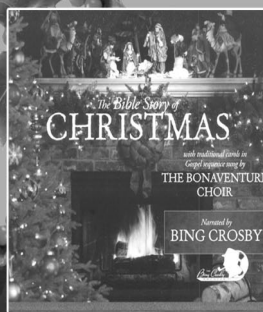


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