

Fatima Mirror

A weekly publication for the education and edification of parishioners and friends of Our Lady of Fatima Parish of the Catholic Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown in Altoona, Pennsylvania. Most Reverend Joseph V. Adamec, D.D. is the diocesan bishop. Father J.D. Zatalava, M.Div. is the pastor. Parishioners worship in the church building named after Saint Leo the Great, 2000 12th Ave. 16601. 814-942-0371.

Two Pearls of Great Price, Waiting to be Discovered



Saint Ignatius of Loyola

July 31

St. Ignatius was born in the family castle in Guip(izcoa, Spain, the youngest of 13 children, and was called Iñigo. When he was old enough, he became a page, and then a soldier of Spain to fight against the French. A cannon ball and a series of bad operations ended his military career in 1521. While St. Ignatius recovered, he read the lives of the saints, and decided to dedicate himself to becoming a soldier of the Catholic Faith. Soon after he experienced visions, but a year later suffered a trial of fears and scruples, driving him almost to despair. Out of this experience he wrote his famous "Spiritual Exercises". After traveling and studying in different schools, he finished in Paris, where he received his degree at the age of 43. Many first hated St. Ignatius because of his humble Lifestyle. (Page 2)

Saint Alphonsus Liguori

August 1

Bishop, Doctor of the Church, and the founder of the Redemptorist Congregation. He was born Alphonsus Marie Antony John Cosmos Damien Michael Gaspard de Liguori on September 27, 1696, at Marianella, near Naples, Italy. Raised in a pious home, Alphonsus went on retreats with his father, Don Joseph, who was a naval officer and a captain of the Royal Gallies. Alphonsus was the oldest of seven children, raised by a devout mother of Spanish descent. Educated at the University of Naples, Alphonsus received his doctorate at the age of sixteen. By age nineteen he was practicing law, but he saw the transitory nature of the secular world, and after a brief time, retreated from the law courts and his fame. Visiting the local Hospital for Incurables on August 28, 1723, he had a vision and was told to (p.2)

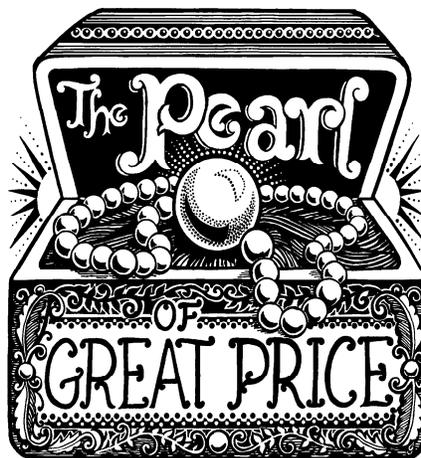


Ignatius

Despite this, he attracted several followers at the university, including St. Francis Xavier, and soon started his order called The Society of Jesus, or Jesuits. There are 38 members of the Society of Jesus who have been declared Blessed, and 38 who have been canonized as saints. He died at the age of 65.

Alphonsus

to consecrate his life solely to God. In response, Alphonsus dedicated himself to the religious life, even while suffering persecution from his family. His family agreed to become a priest but to live at home as a member of a group of secular missionaries. He was ordained on December 21, 1726, and he spent six years giving missions throughout Naples. In April 1729, Alphonsus went to live at the "Chiflese College," founded in Naples by Father Matthew Ripa, the Apostle of China. There he met Bishop Thomas Falcoia, founder of the Congregation of Pious Workers. This lifelong friendship aided Alphonsus, as did his association with a mystic, Sister Mary Celeste. With their aid, Alphonsus founded the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer on November 9, 1732. The foundation faced immediate problems, and he found himself with only one lay brother having left to form their own religious group. He started again, and in 1743 became the prior of two congregations, one for men and one for women. Pope Benedict XIV gave his approval for the men's in 1750. Alphonsus covered more than thirty thousand rural areas and writing. He had to accept the see of St. Agatha of Palermo but in 1762 had to resign. He covered more than thirty thousand women and four hundred indif-



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Alphonsus fed the poor, instructed families, reorganized the seminary and religious houses, taught theology, and wrote. His austerities were rigorous, and he suffered daily the pain from rheumatism that was beginning to deform his body. He spent several years having to drink from tubes because his head was so bent forward. An attack of rheumatic fever, from May 1768 to June 1769, left him paralyzed. He was not allowed to resign his see, however, until 1775. In 1780, Alphonsus was tricked into signing a submission for royal approval of his congregation. This submission altered the original rule, and as a result Alphonsus was denied any authority among the Redemptorists. Deposed and excluded from his own congregation, Alphonsus suffered great anguish. But he overcame his depression, and he experienced visions, performed miracles, and gave prophecies. He died peacefully on August 1, 1787, at Nocera di Pagani, near Naples as the Angelus was ringing. He was beatified in 1816 and canonized in 1839. In 1871, Alphonsus was declared a Doctor of the Church by Pope Pius IX. In liturgical art he is depicted as bent over with rheumatism or as a young priest.

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17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 26-27, 2008

MONEY MATTERS 16th in Ordinary Time (July 20)

248 people Celebrated Liturgy at O.L.F. Contributing \$1,904.30 of which \$204.00 accounted for "loose" cash.

Envelopes In Circulation 236 # Used 108 # Unused 128

**Our Lady of Fatima Pledge to
The 2008 Annual Catholic Appeal**

\$10,821.00

(\$ 531.00 short of goal)

O.L.F. HOAGIE DAY

WEDNESDAY... August 6, 2008

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Monday, August 4, by Noon

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR July 28 - August 3, 2008

Monday	07-28	08:00 AM	Frank Filipiak, Ed Kreuz	<i>Weekday</i>
Tuesday	07-29	08:00 AM	Harold Knob Jr., M/M Joseph A. Knott	<i>Martha</i>
Wednesday	07-30	08:00 AM	Debra Shuma, George Strobert	<i>Peter Chrysologus, bp, doctor</i>
Thursday	07-31	08:00 AM	Walter Bieniek, Frank Pleva	<i>Ignatius of Loyola, priest</i>
Friday	08-01	08:00 AM	John Bacza, M/M Richard Dixon	<i>Alphonsus Liguori, bp, doctor</i>
Saturday	08-02	04:30 PM	Sally Colledge, Husband, Pete	<i>18th Sun in Ordinary Time</i>
Sunday	08-03	09:00 AM	Pat Dennis, M/M Paul Cassarly	<i>18th Sun in Ordinary Time</i>
Sunday	08-03	11:00 AM	Denise Keagy, Carol Smith	<i>18th Sun in Ordinary Time</i>