

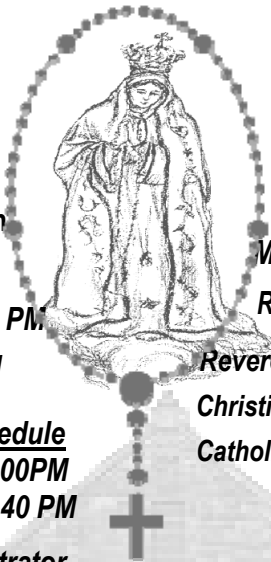
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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JULY 24, 2016

Our Lady of Fatima
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before Sunday Mass and
privately from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm daily.



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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
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12:30 PM Saturday

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First Communion

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Marriage Prep

Christian Initiation

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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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July 24 Luke 11:1-13

Today's gospel began with Jesus "praying in a certain place." He prayed where he was, among his friends. Pausing to pray in our homes, a parent "gives a good gift" to their children teaching them to turn to the Lord as a partner and friend.

Happy Birthday

Birthday and Anniversary Notes

0727 Linda Ronan
 07/28 Abigail Gensamer
 07/31 Baylee Scalice

As mentioned in the announcements Our Lady of Fatima is running short of funds to pay bills. We have decided to stop mailing Birthday and Anniversary Cards. The cost of the stamps, envelopes and paper for the cards is getting prohibitive.

May we devote ourselves to fulfilling God's will on earth by prudent use of our resources.

We will still publish Birthdays and Anniversaries in the Bulletin each week and remember you in prayer. We will have to save funds to pay the 2016 ACA, if we do not make goal by December 31.

MONEY MATTERS

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (July 17, 2016)

103 people Celebrated Liturgy at O.L.F. contributing \$1,886.50 of which \$ 82.00 accounted for non-envelope contributions.

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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 24, 2016

Our Lady of Fatima Mass Intention

Readings: Gn 18:20-32; Col 2:12-14; Lk 11:1-13

Mass Intention = Bill Conrad, Anniversary

July 31, Sunday: Eighteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Readings: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23; Col 3:1-5,9-11; Lk12:13-21

*10:30 AM Caroline Denise Keagy, First Birthday, Aug 5th

Cathedral Mass Intentions

July 25, Monday: Saint James, Apostle

Readings: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Mt 20:20-28

6:45 AM No Mass

8:00 AM Angela Cronin Chadwick (G. & K. Clemens)

*12:00 PM Lois Riley (Maureen and Michael Schroch)

July 26, Tuesday: Saints Joachim and Anne

Readings: Jer 14:17-22; Mt 13:36-43

6:45 AM Genevieve Hallinan (Family)

8:00 AM No Mass

*12:00 PM Paul Rose, Anniversary (Rose Family)

July 27, Wednesday: Weekday

Readings: Jer 15:10,16-21; Mt 13:44-46

6:45 AM No Mass

8:00 AM Brian and Barry Elmers (Skip Cowan)

12:00 PM Betty McCabe (Brooks and Karen Smith)

July 28, Thursday: Weekday

Readings: Jer 18:1-6; Mt 13:47-53

*6:45 AM George Dean Barry (The Goulionis)

8:00 AM No Mass

12:00 PM Pat Rabine (Bob and Chris Laraia)

July 29, Friday: Saint Martha

Readings: Jer 26:1-9; Jn 11:19-27

6:45 AM No Mass

8:00 AM Dave Lysinger, Sr., Birthday (Mary & Family)

12:00 PM Michael Zurilla, Birthday (Family)

July 30, Saturday: Saint Peter Chrysologus, Bishop

Readings: Jer 26:11-16,24; Mt 14:1-12

8:00 AM Andrea Crum (Connie Novak)

12:00 PM Deacon John Rys (Deacon/Mrs. J. Janosik)

Vigil: Eighteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Readings: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23; Col 3:1-5,9-11; Lk12:13-21

5:00 PM Fred Martynuska, Anniversary (Family)

*Jesus, Son of the Living Father
Have Mercy on me, a sinner*

JULY 24, 2016

Scripture Reflection

Today's readings explore the dynamics of prayer.

When the disciples ask Jesus to teach them to pray as he prays, they want to know what comes from his heart when he goes off by himself to pray. They know the traditional Jewish prayers, like the psalms, but they want to learn the prayer that comes from his heart as he prays before the Father.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church outlines five different forms of prayer: prayer of blessing and adoration, prayer of petition, prayer of thanksgiving, prayer of praise, and prayer of intercession (No. 2625-2643). These forms of prayer, in the Bible and in our lives, often intermingle more than one form of prayer, so that one sees together, for example, prayer of praise and petition, thanksgiving and blessing, intercession and petition. And this is what we find in Luke's Gospel. Chapter 11 offers forms of petitionary prayer, but there are also aspects of intercession, praise and thanksgiving.

Humility in prayer need not lead us to hold back with reserved and measured requests. The parable encourages us; if we have something to ask of God, we need to ask boldly. The friend in the gospel is persistent, unrelenting, annoying, demanding, forceful, overbearing, and a little harassing. The prayer of the brazen friend is a prayer of petition, and it is indeed unrelenting. This is what Jesus' parable proposes as the sort of prayer we ought to offer: ceaseless, demanding, forceful.

We are not friends who annoy God, but persistence in prayer must become our practice. Persistence in prayer indicates that we know to petition God without ceasing because only God can meet our deepest needs. Prayer places us in the presence of God. Persistent prayer helps us discern God's will in our lives. We are to pray often.

- Examine your prayer.
- Does anything need to change?
- Does your prayer bring you closer to God?

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- JER 3:15 I will appoint over you shepherds after my own heart, who will shepherd you wisely and prudently.
- PS 110:4 The LORD has sworn and will not waver: "Like Melchizedek you are a priest forever."
- HEB 6:20 where Jesus has entered on our behalf as forerunner, becoming high priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.
- HEB 7:3 Without father, mother, or ancestry, without beginning of days or end of life, thus made to resemble the Son of God, he remains a priest forever.
- HEB 7:17 For it is testified: "You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek."
- HEB 7:21 but he with an oath, through the one who said to him: "The Lord has sworn, and he will not repent: 'You are a priest forever'"--

(As parishioners pray together for our priests by making the Novena to St. John Vianney.)

Sacrament of Holy Orders

As to Orders. The supreme task which Christ had to fulfill was his priestly work of atonement which he completed as mediator between God and man. By the union in himself of humanity and divinity Christ is by nature the mediator. As a man from among men, Christ is our mediator with the Father; yet he is also capable of offering a worthy sacrifice to God because, by virtue of the union of his human nature with the Second Person of the Godhead, his human actions have infinite value. In this fullest sense, the priesthood belongs to Christ alone.

But if Christ wished to live on and continue his work in the Church, the first thing he had to do was to provide for the continuance of his sacerdotal and mediatory function. Above all, if Christ wished to renew the sacrifice of the Cross throughout the ages and all over the world as the sacrifice of the New Law in the Holy Mass, he had to allow other men to share in his priesthood. For if there is to be a true sacrifice, there must be a priesthood ordained and authorized by God from whose hands God will accept the sacrifice.

All attacks on the priesthood of the Catholic Church thus go back to denial that the Holy Mass is a true sacrifice, entrusted by Christ to his Church, and ultimately to denial of any visible Church to which Christ entrusted his work as mediator and redeemer. So the attacks of Wycliffe, the Reformers and the "liberal" historians regarded the setting up of an official priesthood as the result of the evolution of Christian life in the early Christian communities.

The priesthood is ordained in the first place for the offering of sacrifice and therefore for the solemnization of the Church's formal worship. The arrangements for these celebrations demand also a corresponding ministry and thus graded ministers to the altar. This grading of the ministry goes in part back to direct institution by Christ, but in part was introduced by the Church.

The degrees of order - the four minor and three major orders with the highest of all, that of Bishop - signify an order of rank in the mediation of grace. It must be distinguished from the other order of rank which concerns jurisdiction, magisterium and pastorate. The latter are not essentially linked with the powers of mediation of grace, but in the concrete order established by God there are close relationships between the two kinds of power. For example, the fact that the power of forgiving sins exists in the Church does not, in itself, say anything about who has this power. But in the divine order, only a priest can have it.

Besides the conflict about the fact of the sacrament of order, its institution by Christ and its hierarchical structure, it has always been a principal concern of the Church to raise the priesthood to the high moral level suitable to its sublime duties. In the West, a most important stem in this direction was the insistence on celibacy. But as we are concerned here solely with doctrinal matters, documents on this are not given.

THE CHURCH THUS TEACHES

Order is a true sacrament instituted by Christ who ordained the Apostles at the Last Supper. It is administered by the laying on of hands and the key phrases of the ordination preface. Only a Bishop can validly ordain. Order is a purely ecclesiastical concern. The effect of the sacrament of order is to impart the Holy Spirit and to impress an indelible character, which permanently distinguishes those in orders from the laity. The laity also has a part in Christ's priesthood, but in another manner. The office of Bishop is above the priesthood (which in turn is above the diaconate) and gives special powers of consecration. To the priesthood belong the celebration of Holy Mass and the power of forgiving sins. Conditions for the valid reception of order are baptism and being of the male sex.



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Liturgical Reflection...

Ask and you will receive. Seek and you will find. Knock and the door will be opened to you. Know that the Father in heaven gives the Holy Spirit to those who ask him. Jesus urges his disciples to persist in prayer. We pray that God's will be done. The advice of the Lord is to be persistent in prayer. His encouragement is to remember that God is a Father who loves his children. God shows mercy and kindness to all. When we persist in prayer, we become enveloped in the Lord's kindness, understanding, and mercy. Grounded in prayer, we are grounded in the mercy of God.

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

YEAR OF MERCY SUMMER ROAD TRIPS!

What better way to spend a summer afternoon as a "pilgrim" visiting three churches celebrating their 200th Anniversary founded by our own saint-in-progress, Servant of God, Reverend Demetrius Gallitzin. Plan to take a Sunday drive to Holy Name, Ebensburg, St. Patrick, Newry, and St. Thomas the Apostle, Bedford, the designated sites for the Holy Doors of the Jubilee of Mercy.

Prayer times have been scheduled at all three churches on July 24, August 14 and August 28. Prayers will be led in half hour intervals from 1:00 PM- 4:00 PM, beginning at 1:30PM. You may even want to include a visit to St. Michael of the Archangel Basilica, Loretto the site of the tomb of Father Gallitzin to top off your day! An added bonus is an opportunity to grow spiritually and gain a Plenary Indulgence of the Church during this special time.

Ramblings of a Retired Mind

—I was thinking about how a status symbol of today is those cell phones that everyone has clipped onto their belt or purse. I can't afford one. So, I'm wearing my garage door opener.

—I also made a cover for my hearing aid and now I have what they call blue teeth, I think.

—I thought about making a fitness movie for folks my age. I'll call it "Pumping Rust."

—I've got that dreaded furniture disease. That's when your chest is falling into your drawers!

—Employment application blanks always ask who is to be notified in case of an emergency. I think you should write, "A Good Doctor!"

—I was thinking about how people seem to read the Bible a whole lot more as they get older. Then it dawned on me. They were cramming for their finals! As for me, I'm just hoping God grades on the curve.

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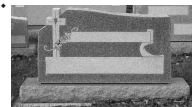
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