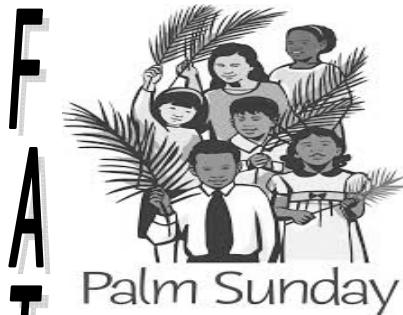


PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD



*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.*

MARCH 20, 2016

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Our Lady of Fatima Parish
2010 12th Avenue
www.ourladyoffatimaaltoona.com

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: 6:00PM
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:
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
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. Kudziel, 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 – 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

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10:00 AM	12:00 Noon	12:00 Noon
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12:00 Noon	5:30 PM	Saturday : 8:00 AM
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**JUBILEE
YEAR
OF
MERCY**

Liturgical Reflection... Final Week

This final week of Lent the Diocese cites the Corporal Work of Mercy to **bury the dead**.

As the Crucified Lord dies and is buried, we remember the burial of our sisters and brothers. Do you know someone who has recently lost a parent, a spouse, a family member or friend? Take time to comfort them with both your presence and your words. Grief is a painful human experience. Survivors adjust to life with the loss of someone they loved. We are there to walk with them through the mourning process. Kind words and serious prayer are wonderful gifts to those who bury their dead. This Holy week we remember that the dead and buried Christ rose on the third day. May we show God's mercy by bringing hope to those who grieve the loss of a loved one.

2016 Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 S. Logan Blvd., Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania 16648

OUT AND ABOUT.....

ST. BENEDICT PARISH MISSION, JOHNSTOWN...

St. Benedict Parish, Johnstown will hold a J-DAY Mission, **April 4-6, 2016**, beginning each night at 7:00 pm. Thomas Smith will share his valuable insights in an exploration of Loving the Lord and others, through Word, Worship & Works of Mercy. A gifted speaker, retreat director and author, Thomas is a repeat guest of EWTN and Catholic radio. He is the co-author of Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come, The Prophets: Messengers of God's Mercy, and an international presenter of the Great Adventure Bible Timeline. He has taught as an adjunct professor at the St. Francis School of Theology in Denver, and is the former Director Catholic Biblical School and the Denver Catechetical School. Come be inspired to build your life more fully on "Word, Worship, and Works of Mercy", as Thomas explores these three pillars of the spiritual life. No tickets are required; a love offering will be collected. For more information contact Deacon Michael Russo at 814 288-3036. All are welcome!

ST DEMETRIUS PARISH IN GALLITZIN...

Parish will hold its 40th Annual Roast Beef Dinner/Spring Festival on Sunday, April 3rd. It will feature games, baskets, a bake sale, and of course our delicious roast beef dinner. Location: Church hall (former St. Patrick building) at the top of Church Street. Time: 11:00 am to..? Tickets: Adults (eat-in or take-out) \$10.00; Children 6-12, \$6.00; 5 and under FREE.

ST JOSEPH PARISH IN WILLIAMSBURG...

Home made Potato/Cheddar Cheese & Homemade Easter Blend Kiebossa Sale—Wednesday March 23, 2016

(For Pick-up ONLY 3pm-6pm): \$6.50 per dozen for Pierogi; \$5.00 per pound for Kielbossa.

To place and order call Jim Foreso at 814-832-2139

Liturgical Reflection...Chrism Mass

The Local Church of Altoona-Johnstown will assemble on Monday of Holy Week, March 21, at 11:00 A.M. in the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament for the annual Chrism Mass. Bishop will gather with his college of priests assisted by his deacons with the assembled faithful from throughout the Diocese. Bishop will bless the Oil of the Catechumens, the Holy Oil of the Sick, and Sacred Chrism. These consecrated oils will be used for the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Orders and Anointing of the Sick; also, new altars will be consecrated with Sacred Chrism. Each parish community will take a portion of the three oils back to the parish for use in the appropriate liturgical celebrations. The entire diocesan family is invited to participate in this annual Liturgy.

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DIVINE MERCY NOVENA—OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH
Begins (Good Friday March 25) through (Sat after Easter—April 2)
3:00 pm daily



We are Easter people and Alleluia is our song!

The message of The Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves us — all of us. And, he wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy.

The Divine Mercy message is one we can call to mind simply by remembering ABC:

A - Ask for His Mercy. God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins and asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and upon the whole world.

B - Be merciful. God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us.

C - Completely trust in Jesus. God wants us to know that the graces of His mercy are dependent upon our trust. The more we trust in Jesus, the more we will receive.

This message and devotion to Jesus as The Divine Mercy is based on the writings of Saint Faustina Kowalska, an uneducated Polish nun who, in obedience to her spiritual director, wrote a diary of about 600 pages recording the revelations she received about God's mercy. Even before her death in 1938, the devotion to The Divine Mercy had begun to spread. The message and devotional practices proposed in the *Diary of Saint Faustina* and set forth in this web site and other publications of the Marians of the Immaculate Conception are completely in accordance with the teachings of Church and are firmly rooted in the Gospel message of our Merciful Savior. Properly understood and implemented, they will help us grow as genuine followers of Christ.

Our Lady of Fatima Mass Intentions
Palm Sunday Of The Passion Of The Lord

Readings: Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14--23:56

March 20 - Palm Sunday 10:30 AM

INTENTION: BeBe Milliron

March 27, Easter Sunday The Resurrection Of The Lord

Readings: Acts 10:34,37-43; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9
10:30 AM Cass Mincin, Birthday (Ellen & Ray Kelly)

Cathedral Mass Intentions

March 21, Monday of Holy Week

Readings: Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11

6:45 AM Mary Hanley - Birthday Intention (Family)
8:00 AM Bishop Howard Carroll, Anniv. (Cathedral)
11:00 AM Chrism Mass

March 22, Tuesday of Holy Week

Readings: Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

6:45 AM M. Virginia Jones (John & Elaine Toomey)
8:00 AM Clementine Kawtoski (Prorok Family)
12:00 PM Pat Rabine (Pat Rhoa)

March 23, Wednesday of Holy Week

Readings: Is 50:4-9; Mt 26:14-25

6:45 AM John Casanave (Tom and Patricia Forr)
8:00 AM Jim and Peggy Mullan (Daughter, Skip)
12:00 PM David Conrad, Anniv. (Wife and Children)

THE THREE DAYS

March 24, Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper

Readings: Ex 12:1-8,11-14; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15
7:30 PM For the Poor

March 25, Good Friday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer

12:00 PM Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Readings: Is 52:13-53:12;Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1--19:42
7:30 PM Tenebrae

March 26, Holy Saturday

9:00 AM Office of Readings

8:30 PM Easter Vigil For the People of God

Readings: Gn 1:1-2:2; Ex 14:15--15:1; Is 55:1-11; Bar 9-15,32-4:4; Rom 6:3-11;Lk 24:1-12

March 27, Easter Sunday

Readings: Acts 10:34,37-43; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9
8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM (No 5:00 PM Mass)

MARCH 20, 2016

Scripture Reflection

Luke is a master storyteller, and his account of the Passion of Jesus is a tapestry of locations, images, conversations, and details that engage the listener in the drama of Jesus' final hours. Luke's account begins with the Last Supper. Throughout his Gospel account Luke presents Jesus' ministry as one of compassion. On his journey to the Cross Jesus stops to comfort the weeping "daughters of Jerusalem" and on the Cross he extends the promise of eternal life to one of the thieves. The last words of the story summarize Jesus' life: he willingly hands over his spirit; his whole self is offered to the Father.

Palm Sunday is a festive event in which the church commemorates and re-enacts Christ's entry into Jerusalem, a symbol of his kingship and victorious celebration. It is the beginning of the culmination of Jesus' life's work, both in the sense of its fulfillment and its end. It is also, as Jesus knew when he rode into Jerusalem, the entry into his death. As he approached Jerusalem, death approached him. But while this was a triumphal entry, the man for others alone comprehended the true import of his entry and why this victorious moment was a preparation for his death. It was a triumph still to be comprehended by those who followed after him and those who sang him into the city.

Why should it even have been this way? Msgr. John P. Meier writes that "as a person lives, so that person dies... Jesus' message and praxis consisted of radical love for God and neighbor, of humble service and sacrifice for others, even for enemies. This message was based on total confidence in and surrender to the God who was coming in his kingdom as Father. Jesus' acts of healing, exorcising, pursuing the lost sheep, eating with sinners, declaring sins forgiven, teaching the crowds and disputing with opponents were all concrete expressions of his service of love. Jesus was indeed the 'man for others' whose whole life interprets his death--and vice versa" (*New Jerome Biblical Commentary*, 1326).



2016 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

DIOCESE OF ALTOONA-JOHNSTOWN

**GOAL FOR 2016 = \$13,948.00
PLEDGED TO DATE = \$3,450.00
OF PLEDGES = 24**

Connie Angeski	Karen Conrad	Thomas A. Hofer	Lorraine Shuma
Anthony Bruno	Carol Corle	Joseph P. Ianniello	Thomas A. Smith
Vincent Burr	Colleen Douglass	Genevieve Musto	Michael Wall
Michael A. Byrne	Eileen R. Edwards	John G. Noonan	Patricia Wall
Howard C. Colledge	Tina Helsel	Carol Riggleman	2 anonymous
Frieda Conrad	Charles Hennigan	James R. Riley	

GRANT AWARDED....

The Board of Directors of the Independent Catholic Foundation for the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown has awarded a grant to the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown to be used for the ongoing formation of Permanent Deacons. Since ongoing formation is mandated by the National Directory for the Formation, Ministry, and Life of Permanent Deacons in the United States, receiving this grant enables the Office of the Permanent Diaconate to expand the budget for ongoing formation thus reducing the personal expense for the deacon and his family.

In a letter to Deacon Michael Russo, Director of the Office of the Permanent Diaconate, Mr. William Hiergeist, Executive Director of the Independent Catholic Foundation, shared the following message for all deacons and their wives:

"We at the Independent Catholic Foundation know that you are doing tremendous work to support ministries in our Diocese. We appreciate your dedication and hope this grant will help you to continue your work. We are pleased to support you and your worthwhile mission."

Please remember the Board of Directors of the Independent Catholic Foundation in your prayers.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

CATHEDRAL OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

March 20 Sunday Palm Sunday: Blessings of Palms on front Portico
 Saturday Vigil: 5 pm; Sunday 8 am; 10 am; Noon; and 5 pm

March 21 Monday
 Chrism Mass; 11 am; Bishop Bartchak presiding

March 23 Wednesday
 Living Stations; 10 am; Altoona Central Catholic Students

March 24 Holy Thursday: 7:30 pm; Mass of the Lord's Supper

March 25 Good Friday: 9:00 am: Morning Prayer - Bishop Bartchak presiding
Noon: The Passion of the Lord - Bishop Bartchak presiding
7:30 pm: Tenebrae - Bishop Bartchak presiding

March 26 Holy Saturday: 9:00am: Office of Readings

March 26 Easter Vigil: 8:30 pm; - Bishop Bartchak presiding

March 27 Easter Sunday: Masses at 8 :00 am; 10:00 am; and Noon
 ** (NO 5 PM MASS) **

OUR LADY OF FATIMA

March 20 Palm Sunday Of The Passion of the Lord 10:30 am
Blessing of Palms on front Portico (if rain - in Vestibule), All will process inside for Mass.

Divine Mercy Novena -
 March 25 - April 2 -
 (Good Friday through Sat. after Easter) @ 3 pm daily.

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament inclusive. (No benediction)

March 26 Holy Saturday -
 Blessing of the Easter Baskets @ 1:30 pm

March 27 Easter Sunday - Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord; 10:30am

A new member of our parish will be received into FULL UNION with the Church at this Easter Mass.

Remaining Communal Penance Service - Lent 2016

The season of Lent is a time for Catholics to seek God's healing and forgiveness through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The following is a schedule of Communal Penance Services at various Blair County parishes in the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown.

Saint Mary, 312 Clark Street, Hollidaysburg – March 20 at 4:00 p.m.

Happy Birthday:

03/22 Chase Keagy
 03/23 Dr. Joseph Clark
 03/24 Aggie Baronner
 03/26 Helen Watters
 03/28 Nicole Wall
 03/29 Tom Levine

Wedding Anniversary:

03/28 Marianne and Tom Hofer

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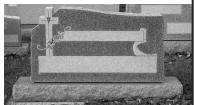


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