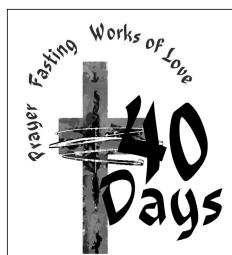


FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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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
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 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

OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH IS A RESULT OF THE MERGER BETWEEN THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCHES OF SS. PETER & PAUL AND ST. LEO THE GREAT IN 1995.

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 26, 2017



Cathedral Church Office: 814-944-4603

One Cathedral Square
Most Reverend Mark L. Bartchak, Bishop
Reverend Monsignor Robert C. Mazur, Rector

Rev. Father Dennis M. Kurdziel, Parochial Vicar
Christian Initiation Team: 944-4603
Catholics returning Home: 944-4603

Mail Ministry to Elderly, Homebound, Seriously Sick and Grieving - 944-4603

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Web: www.holytrinitycatholic.school
Altoona Campus (Pre-K thru Grade 4) - 381-7011
Hollidaysburg Campus (Pre-K thru Grade 4) - 695-6112
Middle School Campus (Grades 5 thru 8) - 942-7835

Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School:

Web: www.bishopguilfoyle.org – 944-4014

Directors of Religious Education:
Chris Laraia – Pre-K thru 8 - 312-7317
Jean Koury – 9 thru 12 – 949-2777

Religious Education Office: Sundays – 943-7424

Director of Music Ministry

Leslie C. Thayer, MM, CAGO
Music Ministry Office - 944-2044
E-Mail: ltaylor@dioceseaj.org

Reconciliation @ 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

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

FATIMA AFTER 100 YEARS ... Continued

HAS OUR LADY'S CALL FOR THE CONSECRATION OF RUSSIA TO THE IMMACULATE HEART BEEN ANSWERED? (cont'd)...
The following is excerpted and adapted from "Chapter 8: World Consecration and Triumph" in The Second Greatest Story Ever Told: Now is the Time of Mercy (Marian Press, 2015), by Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC:

Let there be revealed, once more, in the history of the world...the power of merciful Love!

—Pope John Paul II, Act of Consecration

John Paul II first made his own personal Marian consecration (as Karol Wojtyla) when he was 18 years old after reading the book, True Devotion to Mary, by St. Louis de Montfort. He later described that spiritual act of entrusting himself totally to Jesus through Mary as a "decisive turning point" in his life. In fact, after making his consecration, he never forgot it as he renewed it daily and placed it at the very heart of his personal spirituality. Perhaps the fact that he had lost his own biological mother at a young age contributed to the fervor with which he lived out this crowning of Marian devotion. What ever the reason the consecration touched him deeply, and he explicitly chose the Mother of God as his own adoptive mother, entrusting himself to her motherly care as he prayed:

Totus tuus ego sum et omnia mea tua sunt. Accipio te in mea Omni. Praebe mihi cor tuum, Maria. (I belong to tally to you, and all that I have is yours. I take you for my all. O Mary, give me your heart.)

When Wojtyla became a bishop, he adopted an shortened version of the above prayer as his Episcopal motto, "Totus Tuus" (Totally Yours), which appeared below his Episcopal coat-of-arms. That coat-of-arms, consisting of a golden cross with the letter "M" on the lower right, also emphasized his personal consecration to his mother, Mary, because it captured that iconic moment from the Gospel of John (John 19:26-27) when Jesus, dying on the cross, entrusts His mother to us ("Behold , your mother") and us to His mother ("Behold, your son"). When Wojtyla became Pope, he kept this same Episcopal Marian motto and coat-of-arms.

Seeing that Wojtyla had such an extraordinary Marian devotion, it's not surprising that this "most Marian Pope," as many have called him, would be the one to fully and successfully consecrate Russia to Mary's Immaculate heart. ...

First Two Attempts. Recall that after his election, Pope John Paul II very much had Divine Mercy on his mind. He'd been elected just six months after having worked for 10 year to get the ban lifted on the Divine Mercy message and devotion. Then, in his second encyclical letter, *Dives in Misericordia*, published in 1980, he had written at length about Divine Mercy and its importance for our time.

Of course, in the background of this mission of mercy was his deep devotion to Mary, the mother to whom he had entrusted his life, but suddenly, in 1981, after being shot on the anniversary of the first apparition of Our Lady of Fatima, was more deeply involved in his mission of mercy than he had realized. He clearly saw that she was no longer to remain in the background .

Immediately after coming to these realizations, John Paul thought of consecrating the world and Russia to Mary's Immaculate Heart, and he soon began composing an act of consecration for this purpose. Less than a week after the shooting, in a recorded address to the pilgrims in St. Peter's Square, he repeated his own personal consecration to Mary, saying, "To you, Mary, I repeat, *Totus tuus ego sum.*" (I am totally yours.) Then, less than a month after the shooting, on June 7, 1981, the Solemnity of Pentecost, the Pope prayed the Act of Consecration of the world and Russia. Because he was still recovering from his wounds, again, his prayer had to be recorded and then broadcast for the people. Since few bishops were present, this first attempt at the consecration of Russia did not completely fulfill Our Lady's request at Fatima. No Matter. John Paul would attempt to make the consecration two more times.

The second attempt came on the one-year anniversary of the shooting May 13, 1982, during a pilgrimage to Fatima. Unfortunately, the Pope's written invitation to all bishops of the world to join him for this consecration arrived too late, and so they were not able to participate. Therefore, again, it did not fulfill Our Lady's request. Nevertheless, the consecration on that occasion was deeply significant because, through it, John Paul began to make explicit the connection between, through it, John Paul began to make explicit the connection between Fatima (especially with regards to Marian consecration) and Divine Mercy.

Now we've already seen how the Fatima messages themselves allude to this connection with the angel's words about "designs of mercy" and Sr. Lucia's last vision that included the words, "grace and mercy," but in 1982, John Paul made this connection much clearer. He did this especially during his homily at Fatima when he explained the meaning of a personal consecration to Jesus through Mary.

The homily's context is the widespread, "almost apocalyptic" evil of our time, an evil that "menaces," that is "spreading," and that gathers "like a dark cloud over mankind." The Pope confesses that this evil causes "trepidation" in his own heart. Despite this, he finds hope in "a Love more powerful than evil" that no "sin of the world can overcome." This love he identifies as "merciful Love." Copyright © 2016 Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception of the B.V.M. All rights reserved.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 26, 2017

10:30 AM

OUR LADY OF FATIMA MASS INTENTIONS

1 Sm 16:1,6-7,10-13; Eph 4:8-14; Jn 9:1-41
Today's Mass Intentions - Catherine Burr

April 2, Fifth Sunday of Lent

Readings: Ez 37:12-14; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45
***10:30 AM Michael J. Zaczek, Ann. (Carol Smith)**

Cathedral Mass Intentions

March 27, Monday: Lenten Weekday

Readings: Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54
***6:45 AM George D Barry (Green/Tayler/Maryl/Barrys)**
8:00 AM Lori Crilley (Pam Leisure and Family)
12:00 PM Josephine Hicks, Anniv. (Jacqueline)

March 28, Tuesday: Lenten Weekday

Readings: Ez 47:1-9,12; Jn 5:1-16
6:45 AM M. Virginia Jones (Tom and Patricia Forr)
8:00 AM Catherine Fronauer (Davidson Family)
12:00 PM Pat Rabine (Carol Galioto)

March 29, Wednesday: Lenten Weekday

Readings: Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30
6:45 AM Alan Bell (Maureen and Dave Hanekamp)
***8:00 AM David Riley (Carol Riley)**
12:00 PM Pat Geis (Robert DeRose)

March 30, Thursday: Lenten Weekday

Readings: Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47
6:45 AM Jack Swope, Birthday (Wife, Patty)
8:00 AM Louise Hallinan (Family)
12:00 PM Jim Davidson (Mary Caporuscio)

March 31, Friday: Lenten Weekday

Readings: Wis 2:1,12-22; Jn 7:1-2,10,25-30
6:45 AM Isabel Conrad, Birth. (Kathy Oakes)
8:00 AM Barbara Barrett, Birth. (Pat Thalbauser)
12:00 PM Edgar L. Johnston, Ann. (Wife & Family)

Lenten Lunch: 11:00 AM - 1:30 PM

April 1, Saturday: Lenten Weekday

Readings: Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53
8:00 AM Bill Seidel (Jim and Elaine Weaver)
12:00 PM Millie Boyle (Rose Family)

Vigil: Fifth Sunday of Lent

Readings: Ez 37:12-14; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45
5:00 PM Dolores Snyder, Anniversary (Family)

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

MARCH 26, 2017

Scripture Reflection

Just as, in last Sunday's Gospel, Jesus relieved the woman's thirst with living water, today he gives the man born blind his sight---and the light of faith. God works through Jesus to transform the human condition, bringing healing for body and spirit. Many witness his works---the crowds and the religious leaders---but not all come to faith.

The man born blind is one of those strong figures in John's Gospel. Like the woman at the well, we never learn his name but we come to know his heart. His speech is straightforward, whether speaking to his neighbors, the Pharisees, or Jesus. You can hear the gradual dawning of faith as he responds to those around him, from the simple "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see" to "He is a prophet," to his answer to Jesus' question about having faith in the Son of man standing before him, "I do believe, Lord".

"Who sinned?" In the ancient world, sickness was believed to be the manifestation of sin. In the case of the man born blind, the likely culprits would be the man's parents. But Jesus counters that not all sickness derives from sin, and in fact in this case, the man's blindness will lead not only to physical sight but spiritual vision as well. The sin of the Pharisees remains because they are confident in their own righteousness.

Though we might think of healing physical blindness as a great miracle, the Gospel of John seems to be saying that it is spiritual blindness that truly needs to be overcome, and it is the healing of spiritual blindness that is the greatest miracle. Our union with Christ gives us light to distinguish truth from falsehood, right from wrong, light from darkness. His light helps us see beyond mere appearance and pre-conceptions into the heart. Are we willing to see as God sees? Turn to the light and ask the Divine Physician to open your eyes.

- **How has seeing with faith made life easier?**
- **How has it made life more difficult?**

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Out and About...

ORDER OF CELEBRATING MATRIMONY

Liturgical Reflection...

The Church believes in the indissolubility of the marriage bond. Jesus Christ restored the original order of creation that was disturbed by sin. Christ himself gives the strength and grace to live marriage in the new dimension of the Reign of God. It is by following Christ, renouncing themselves, and taking up their crosses that spouses will be able to live the original meaning of marriage and live it with the help of Christ. This grace of Christian marriage is a fruit of Christ's cross, the source of all Christian life (Catechism of the Catholic Church Number 1615).

2017, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 S. Logan Blvd., Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania 16648

4rd Sunday of Lent (March 26)

May you be a light in the darkness of your world by generously sharing your time, talents, and material resources in a manner that is pleasing to the Lord.

- 03/28 Nicole Wall
- 03/29 Tom Levine
- 03/30 Fran Moses
- 03/31 Megan Sral



What is amazing about the teachings on tithing in the Old Testament is not that God demands a tithe but that God does not demand it all back, since it all belongs to God. Behold the graciousness and generosity of God, who wants people to be able to have life, and live it to the full. Not, however, at the expense of forgetting to whom it all belongs. Ben Witherington III in Jesus and Money.

"Apple Dumplings for your "Palm Sunday Breakfast and or Brunch" @ \$4.00 each. Fill out the pew sheet or call the rectory @ 942-0371 or e-mail your order to: olfoff10@hotmail.com. Deadline is Wed, March 29. Pickup is Wed, Apr. 5th before Palm Sunday.



THE DIOCESE OF ALTOONA-JOHNSTOWN

**Has a full-time opening for the following position:
Director of Stewardship and Development**

This position provides leadership, strategic direction and coordination of all stewardship and fund development initiatives. Qualifications include a Bachelor's degree in related field and five years' experience in non-profit fundraising, stewardship, development, and marketing.

To view job description and additional qualifications, go to www.dioceseaj.org. Resumes must be submitted by April 03, 2017 to 927 South Logan Boulevard, Hollidaysburg, PA 16648; Attn: Human Resources

March 2017 Contributions		
March 19, 2017	Env Used	67/149
Weekly	1833.25	
Cmas Club	20.00	
Votives	56.00	
Children's	2.00	
Music	5.00	
Shrine	0	
Init. Off.	5.00	
Fuel	0	
Ash Wed.	100.00	
Catholic Reg.	24.00	
Parking Lot	250.00	
Blk. & Ind. Coll.	20.00	
<u>Easter Dec.</u>	<u>125.00</u>	
Total Dep	2440.25	

Easter Bake Sale and Basket Giveaway...

The Friar's Nook Gift Shop located at 793 Monastery Road, Hollidaysburg, will be holding an Easter bake sale Wednesday, April 5th – Saturday, April 8th. The bake sale will include Franciscan inspired Easter bread and cookies. While supplies last, so stop in early! Also, please stop now through April 8th to enter for a chance to win The Friar's Nook Easter Basket Giveaway. The basket is a value of over \$200.00, and includes a gift certificate, books, religious items, candy and much more. Please call 695-3802 with any questions.

March Weekly Co-op Winners

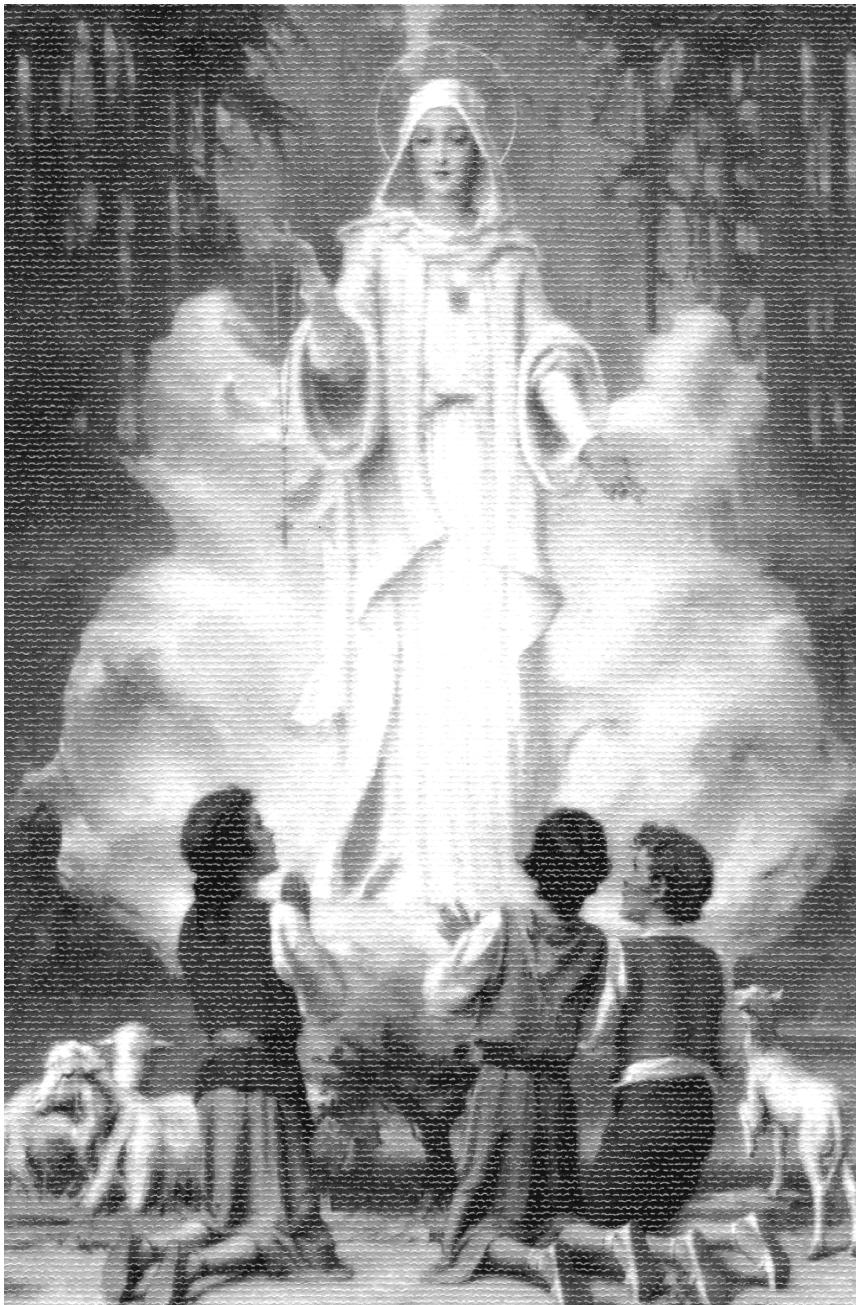
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17	745	Carper, Jonathan	\$50.00
18	093	Eckenrode, John	\$50.00
19	747	Baronner, Francis	\$50.00

TODAY, MARCH 26 @ 3:00 PM!...

The Shroud of Turin Talk will be held at St. Benedict Parish, 2310 Bedford Street, Johnstown, Sunday March 26, 2017 at 3:00PM. In 2013 Bill Wingard established "Shroud Talks" to present the history and science of the Shroud of Turin and tackle the biggest mystery...Is the Shroud the actual burial cloth? Personal research coupled with the knowledge and help of the original photographer, Barrie Schwortz, for scientific evaluation in 1978 make for a powerful and comprehensive presentation that will not disappoint. You are invited to hear the talk and see the full size replica of the Shroud of Turin. Attendees are encouraged to bring their cameras. No tickets are required; a love offering will be collected. For more information, contact Deacon Michael Russo at (814) 288-3036 or email: michael.russo@atlanticbb.net. All are welcome!

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