

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

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March 11, 2018
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Our Lady of Fatima Parish
2010 12th Avenue
www.ourladyoffatimaaltoona.com
Rector Office Hours:
Monday – Friday 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Parish Office: 814-942-0371

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Our Lady of Fatima Mass Schedule
Sunday: 10:30 AM - Holy Days: 6:00PM
Rosary: 10:05 AM - Rosary: 5:40 PM

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Our Lady of Fatima Parish Administrator
Reverend Monsignor Robert C. Mazur

Parish Secretary
Carol Z. Smith

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Ellen Kelly

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Eucharist for the home bound - weekly:
Patty Flanagan 942-0371 for arrangements.

Our Lady of Fatima Church is open
Monday through Friday: 9AM - 6PM
for visits before the Blessed Sacrament.

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Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals will be held
at Our Lady of Fatima.

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the Cathedral. 944-4603

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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

MARCH 11, 2018

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT, FOLLOW PG.56 (YEAR A), FOR TODAYS MASS

A Prayer on Fasting
Peggy Rowe-Linn

The words you are about to read are the result of my contemplation on the topic of fasting during Advent, Lent or any other period when you want to offer small sacrifices to God for all the blessings he has bestowed upon us. Any one of them is a challenge for me.

Lord, please give me the courage to fast from anger, bitterness and resentment. Please replace those words, feelings and actions with kindness, sweetness and lightness of spirit. Let joy be my companion.

Lord, please give me the courage to fast from gossip.

Please let only sincere compliments and gentle words spill forth from my lips.

Lord, please give me the grace to fast from self-indulgence. Please replace avarice and selfishness with the graces of selflessness and charity towards others. Let moderation and love of others be my goal.

Lord, please give me the grace to fast from quarreling.

Please bless me with the grace and ability to be your peacemaker. Let peace dwell within me so others may see the light of your presence within me.

Lord, please give me the grace to fast from constant and chronic distractions that separate me from your desires for me. Please grace me with the ability to listen and be attentive to the needs of others and act upon those needs as you would have me act. Let nothing distract me from you.

Lord, please give me the grace to fast from false gods in this fast-paced, consumer-driven world. Please bless me with the ability to discern your will alone and to never lose sight that you, and you alone, are God.

Lord, please give me the grace to fast from all that is irreverent; gluttony, sloth, immodesty and impurity of any kind. Please bless me with the desire to seek only those things in life that are good and holy.

Lord, please give me the grace to fast from the need for me to be always right. Please bless me with the desire to seek and do what is right and just.

Lord, please give me the grace to fast from behavior that promotes my own self-interest. Please give me the grace to desire only your will for my life.

Lord, please give me the grace to fast from all that distracts me from you, as you—Father, Son and Holy Spirit are the passion of my soul.

Lord, give me the grace to stay focused on your path towards holiness.

Lord, please give me the grace to fast from all which you do not desire of me. Please bless me with the daily grace necessary and sufficient to be a saint.

MARCH 11, 2018
FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT; SECOND SCRUTINY, PG.56
10:30 AM

OUR LADY OF FATIMA MASS INTENTIONS

Readings: 1 Sm 16:1,6-7,10-13; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41
Today's Intention - Mary Wozniak

Readings: Ez 37:12-14; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45
March 18th, Michael J. Zaczek, Children

CATHEDRAL MASS INTENTIONS

March 12, Monday: Lenten Weekday

Readings: Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54
6:45 AM Joseph A. Moffa, Anniversary (Estate)
8:00 AM Grace and Albert Cowan (Skip Cowan)
12:00 PM Rose Himmelein (Minnie Yahner)

March 13, Tuesday: Lenten Weekday

Readings: Ez 47:1-9,12; Jn 5:1-16
6:45 AM Jim Davidson (Alianiello Family)
***8:00 AM David Conrad (Jim and Steph Kilcoyne)**
***12:00 PM Lois J. Riley (Helen Force)**

March 14, Wednesday: Lenten Weekday

Readings: Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30
6:45 AM Irene Kelly Wood (Son, Matt)
8:00 AM Eric Hockenberry, Sr., Birthday (Wife)
12:00 PM Sister Beverly-Health/Birth. (Mildred Mazur)

March 15, Thursday: Lenten Weekday

Readings: Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47
6:45 AM Michael Dionis (Cathedral Parish)
8:00 AM Rosemary Shay (Rita and Jerry Kibler)
12:00 PM Louise Talko (Diana Hencherick)

March 16, Friday: Lenten Weekday

Readings: Wis 2:1,12-22; Jn 7:1-2,10,25-30
6:45 AM Kryder & Elizabeth Miller (Irwin Family)
8:00 AM Maint. Dept., PSU-Altoona (M/M Bernard Behe)
12:00 PM Janet Tomlinson (Greg and Kathy Clemens)

March 17, Saturday: Saint Patrick, Bishop

Readings: Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53
8:00 AM Bernie Garcia (Chip and Bob Klesiewicz)
12:00 PM George Sheedy (John and Alice Joyce)

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)

MARCH 11, 2018
Scripture Reflection

In the man born blind, Jesus sees both a person and an opportunity to make the works of God visible through him. Ordinary clay saliva, and washing heal the man's physical blindness. His openness frees him to do as Jesus asked and so he gains physical sight. As the story unfolds, he also gains insight into who Jesus was: naming him prophet, from God, and Son of Man. He also gains the courage to speak truth to the Pharisees, blinded by seeing only what they wanted to see. By their refusal to look into the heart and really see Jesus and the healed blind man, those choose to be blind. To sin one must know that something is wrong and choose to do it.

Part of the irony of the story is that it is the man's neighbors who are really the blind ones. It is they who cannot see beyond their presumptions and prejudices and truly perceive the blind man. Moreover, they cannot truly see Jesus, saying that they know that he is a sinner. As Jesus heals the man's physical blindness, he is also trying to heal the blindness of the bystanders by giving them the eyes of faith, so they can see what the blind man now sees: that if Jesus were not from God he would not be able to do anything.

Our union with Christ give sunlight to distinguish truth from falsehood, right from wrong, light from darkness. His light helps us see beyond mere appearance and preconceptions into the heart. Are we willing to see as God sees? Or does fear of rejection or change keep us blind, like the man's parents and the Pharisees? When we look into the heart, we see others and ourselves as God does, people of light and darkness, whose darkness when named, can be healed. Turn to the light and ask the Divine Physician to open your eyes. 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.

- How has blindness kept you in the dark and unable to see the works of God?

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

Please Remember Our Sick and our Shut-ins in your Daily prayers.

FIRE CLASS MARCH ... *Sunday March 11th we will attend Evening prayer in the Cathedral at 6:30 PM -- Sunday march 25, class @ 6:15 PM

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Liturgical Reflection...

Our sins go before us always. We must seek forgiveness that comes from God alone. Lent is our annual retreat to seek the strength to turn away from sin and live in the grace of God's love. It is part of Catholic life to pray for our dead. God is the one to judge us. We seek the Lord to be merciful and loving in judgment of our deceased. At the Funeral Mass we pray, "O God, whose nature is always to forgive and to show mercy, we humbly implore you for your servant (who has died)..." Jesus Christ died on the cross for the forgiveness of our sins. We seek that forgiveness for our faithful departed.

Roman Missal, Masses for the Dead, I. For the Funeral, A, *Outside Easter Time*.

2018, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 S. Logan Blvd., Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania 16648

March 11

John 3:14-21

Today's gospel speaks of light and darkness. Often a parent is deliberately "left in the dark." Darkness can be comforting for it makes no demands on us. Light can be disturbing for it forces us to take action. Parents walk a delicate balance of when to "sit in the dark" and when to "turn on the lights."

4th Sunday of Lent – (March 11) Second Scrutiny

I was blind and now I see," says the beggar in today's Gospel. We, too, were blind before we were baptized. But through Baptism, we were able to see the light that is Jesus Christ. May we be the light in the darkness of our world today through the wise use of our time, talents, and treasure.

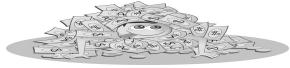
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11	575	Stitt, Miriam	\$ 50.00
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13	387	Leighty, Gladys	\$ 50.00
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20	133	Flanagan, Stephen	\$ 50.00
21	230	Roberts, Dominick	\$ 50.00
22	915	Carlin, Christal	\$ 100.00
23	615	Pufka, Joe & Patty	\$ 50.00
24	973	Cooney, Donna	\$ 50.00
25	659	Querry, Daniel	\$ 50.00
26	659	Querry, Daniel	\$ 100.00
27	710	Marshman, Becky	\$ 50.00
28	816	Smith, Carol	\$ 50.00

IF YOU DON'T PLAY!





Our Easter/Christmas Flower Offering serves three purposes. First, it allows our parishioners to remember their families, friends and loved ones, living and deceased, by placing their names in our Easter bulletin. Second, it defrays the cost of our decorations during the Easter/Christmas Season. Third, those who have purchased a memorial may take the flowers home to plant sometime after Easter/Christmas. The decorations themselves keep getting more expensive with each season. We try to limit the purchases according to

what we receive from the memorials. The greenhouses we deal with give us discounts on a few items if they can. At Christmas we were a little over our budget. We are asking you to increase your donation for the decorations to \$15.00 per Family or individual names. If you cannot afford the \$15.00 we will still accept the \$10.00 memorial purchases. Please be as generous as you can. Envelopes are on the heating units.

PALM SUNDAY APPLE DUMPLING/BROWNIE SALE...

Our Lady of Fatima is having an Apple Dumpling/Brownie sale. Apple dumplings come in regular or sugar free at \$5.00 each. Brownies are Chocolate Chunk Peanut Butter @ \$6.50 per (9 pack). Pieces are oversized. Sign up sheets are in the pews and on the back tables. Deadline for orders is Friday, March 16 at noon. Pickup is Friday, March 23rd at Our Lady of Fatima Rectory, 2010 12th Avenue. Please call 942-0371 or e-mail: olfoff10@hotmail.com to place your order.

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Has an opening for a part-time Advancement Coordinator responsible for introducing and instilling a mission-based culture of philanthropy at Holy Trinity Catholic School

To view job description and qualifications, go to www.dioceseaj.org. Resumes must be submitted by March 16, 2018 to 933 South Logan Boulevard, Hollidaysburg, PA 16648; Attn: Jo-Ann

THE ANNUAL NOVENA IN HONOR OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS...

Monday, March 12 thru Tuesday, March 20. Sacred Heart Church, 6th Avenue & 20th Street; Solemn Opening Mass on Monday, March 12 @ 7:00 PM; Bishop Mark L. Bartchak, Celebrant and Homilist PH: 943-8553 with any questions. A complete schedule will be available on the first night of the Novena, in the parish bulletin and at our website: www.sacredheartaltoona.org.

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March 4, 2018	Env used	63/150
Weekly		1595.05
Christmas Club		98.00
Easter		0
Votives		53.00
Children's		7.00
Shrine		55.00
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Fuel		0
Register		0
Init Offering		0
Ash Wednesday		5.00
<u>Easter Flowers</u>		<u>20.00</u>
Dep. For Week		1868.05

Fostering Sibling Relationships

Family meals together—The strongest families eat dinner together just about every night. Only something significant keeps them from being together for the evening meal.

Church every Sunday—Like meals, regular church attendance strengthens families and acts as an anchor for the family.

Vacations—Getting out of town to have fun together is important for making memories and leaving the stress of daily life behind.

Individual time with each child—Parents who take time separately with each child can decrease the rivalry that comes when children need to compete for their attention.

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ANGEL FUND 2018

Consider giving a gift now that will enrich the life of a young camper in the Summer of 2018!

Camp Zacchaeus Grades 4-9 and Camp Timothy Grades 10-12 (and newly graduated seniors 2018)

We are looking for people, groups, parishes or organizations to sponsor a child to attend

Camp Zacchaeus 2018 or Camp Timothy 2018 through the **Angel Fund**.

We will accept full or partial sponsorships of any amount to help cover the cost of camp – **(100 PERCENT of the funds collected through Angel Fund donations are dispersed to needy campers!)** If you are interested in sponsoring a child, or for more information, please contact Francine Swope at the Diocesan Youth Ministry Office

(814)317-2646, or mail your contribution directly to:

Camp Zacchaeus or Camp Timothy Angel Fund, 933 S. Logan Boulevard, Hollidaysburg, PA 16648.

Become an Angel Fund sponsor and help send a needy child to camp to experience a wonderful faith-filled week in the great outdoors!

DIOCESAN SUMMER CAMP OPPORTUNITIES 2018

Registrations for our diocesan summer camps, Camp Timothy (Grades 10-12 and newly graduated seniors) and Camp Zacchaeus (Grades 4-9) and are being accepted. Camp "Z" and Camp "T" offer our young people an opportunity to supercharge their faith in a wonderful outdoor setting of faith, fun and friendship!

Due to the generosity of many of the faithful in our diocese there are Angel Fund scholarships available to help offset the cost of camp for any family who is eligible. Every year we have had a pool of donors that continue to support the Angel Fund. We have been very blessed that we have never had to turn any down any family that wanted to send their child to Camp Zacchaeus or Camp Timothy. We do not want ANY child to miss camp because of financial concerns. Scholarship forms are available through the Youth Ministry Office.

DATES: Camp Timothy – June 17-21 Camp Zacchaeus – Week 1-July 22-27 and Week 2-July 29-Aug 3

**For more information or an application, contact Francine Swope in the Youth Ministry Office (814)
317-2646.**

Prayer and Luncheon for Widows and Widowers throughout our Diocese

Remember your loved ones on **Wednesday, March 21 with Mass at 11:00 am.** Theme of the day: "New Beginnings." All spouses will be mentioned and remembered at Mass. Luncheon to follow. Widows and widowers throughout the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese are invited to attend. Sponsored by the Diocesan Family Life Office and hosted by the Immaculate Conception Church, 1640 New Germany Road, Summerhill. **Reservations required by March 15. A \$5 donation is suggested. Contact the Family Life Office at 814-886-5551 or familylife@dioceseaj.org.**

OUR LADY OF FATIMA TRAVELING STATUE ...

IS AVAILABLE TO VISIT YOUR HOME FOR FAMILY ROSARY, PRAYERS, AND NOVENAS. PLEASE PLACE HER STATUE IN A QUIET, RESPECTFUL PLACE WHERE YOUR FAMILY, RELATIVES AND FRIENDS MAY PRAY TO HER FOR YOUR INTERCESSIONS WITHOUT INTERRUPTION. SHE WILL BRING JOY AND A PEACEFUL CALM TO YOUR HOME AND GIVE YOU MANY BLESSINGS.

ALL WE ASK IS THAT YOU PRAY THE ROSARY DAILY THAT OUR LADY OF FATIMA WOULD INTERCEDE AND BRING A PRIEST TO OUR PARISH TO LIVE ON

SITE AND ADMINISTER TO OUR PARISHIONERS NEEDS; AND ANOTHER ROSARY FOR PEACE IN THE WORLD PER OUR LADY'S REQUEST. PLEASE CALL THE RECTORY @ 942-0371 OR E-MAIL: olfoff10@hotmail.com YOUR REQUEST, AND CAROL SMITH WILL ARRANGE DIRECTLY TO RESERVE OUR LADY OF FATIMA STATUE FOR YOU.





**OUR LADY URGES US TO PRAY THE HOLY ROSARY FOR
PEACE AND OFFER
SACRIFICES BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE!**

ST. PATRICK'S BREASTPLATE

St. Patrick's Breastplate is a popular prayer attributed to one of Ireland's most beloved patron saints. According to tradition, St. Patrick wrote it in 433 A.D. for divine protection before successfully converting the Irish King Leoghaire and his subjects from paganism to Christianity. (The term breastplate refers to a piece of armor worn in battle.)

More recent scholarship suggests its author was anonymous. In any case, this prayer certainly reflects the spirit with which St. Patrick brought our faith to Ireland! St. Patrick's Breastplate, also known as *The Lorica of Saint Patrick* was popular enough to inspire a hymn based on this text as well. (This prayer has also been called *The Cry of the Deer*.)

I arise today

Through a mighty strength, the invocation of the Trinity,
Through belief in the Threeness,
Through confession of the Oneness
of the Creator of creation.

I arise today

Through the strength of Christ's birth with His baptism,
Through the strength of His crucifixion with His burial,
Through the strength of His resurrection with His ascension,
Through the strength of His descent for the judgment of doom.

I arise today

Through the strength of the love of cherubim,
In the obedience of angels,
In the service of archangels,
In the hope of resurrection to meet with reward,

In the prayers of patriarchs,
In the predictions of prophets,
In the preaching of apostles,
In the faith of confessors,
In the innocence of holy virgins,
In the deeds of righteous men.

I arise today, through

The strength of heaven,
The light of the sun,
The radiance of the moon,
The splendor of fire,
The speed of lightning,
The swiftness of wind,
The depth of the sea,
The stability of the earth,
The firmness of rock.

I arise today, through
God's strength to pilot me,
God's might to uphold me,
God's wisdom to guide me,
God's eye to look before me,

God's ear to hear me,
God's word to speak for me,
God's hand to guard me,
God's shield to protect me,
God's host to save me

From snares of devils,
From temptation of vices,
From everyone who shall wish me ill,
afar and near.

I summon today

All these powers between me and those evils,
Against every cruel and merciless power
that may oppose my body and soul,
Against incantations of false prophets,
Against black laws of pagandom,
Against false laws of heretics,
Against craft of idolatry,

Against spells of witches and smiths and wizards,
Against every knowledge that corrupts man's body and soul;
Christ to shield me today
Against poison, against burning,
Against drowning, against wounding,
So that there may come to me an abundance of reward.

Christ with me,
Christ before me,
Christ behind me,
Christ in me,
Christ beneath me,
Christ above me,
Christ on my right,
Christ on my left,
Christ when I lie down,
Christ when I sit down,
Christ when I arise,

Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,
Christ in every eye that sees me,
Christ in every ear that hears me.

[Note that people sometimes pray a shorter version of this prayer just with these 15 lines about Christ above. The conclusion follows below.]

I arise today

Through a mighty strength, the invocation of the Trinity,
Through belief in the Threeness,
Through confession of the Oneness
of the Creator of creation.

When St. Paul referred to putting on the "Armor of God" in his letter to the Ephesians (6:11) to fight sin and evil inclinations, he could have been thinking of prayers just like this one! We may not wear combat gear in our daily lives, but St. Patrick's Breastplate can function as divine armor for protection against spiritual adversity.

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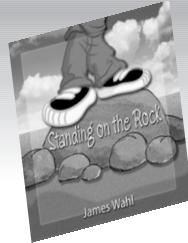
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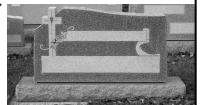
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