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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
 March 17, 2019
*The LORD is my light and my salvation;
 whom should I fear?*
 — Psalm 27:1

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.

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Our Lady of Fatima Parish
 2010 12th Avenue
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 Rectory Office Hours:
 Monday – Friday 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM
 Parish Office: 814-942-0371



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

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

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL
 Web: www.holytrinitycatholic.school
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 Web: www.bishopguilfoyle.org – 944-4014

Our Lady of Fatima Parish Administrator
 Reverend Monsignor Robert C. Mazur
 Parish Secretary
 Carol Z. Smith

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: lthayer@dioceseaj.org
 Reconciliation @ Cathedral: 7:00 PM Wednesday
 12:30 PM Saturday

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

Our Lady of Fatima Church is open
 Monday through Friday: 9AM - 5PM Winter
 9AM - 6PM Summer

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

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

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

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.

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 17, 2019

STAND FIRM IN THE LORD

It is not hard to imagine, in this age of wars, evil groups bent on the destruction of humanity, and political follies, that the words of Saint Paul were so accurate, even for his time. It seems that the world never changes. Paul says, "Many . . . conduct themselves as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their end is their destruction . . . Their minds are occupied with earthly things" (Philippians 3:18, 19). The result is the destruction of innocent people and of the Earth itself. But Paul says to the Philippians, "our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we also await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ" (3:20). He will "change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body" (3:21). Note that he says "body" rather than "bodies." He is talking about the whole community of believers, who, following the example of Jesus and of Paul, will come into the glory of God. So "stand firm in the Lord" (4:1).

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

By now, many may have failed in Lenten discipline to some measure or another: the daily doughnut is simply too alluring, or a furtive puff on a cigarette irresistible. There is meaning even in the failure, though, a kind of reminder that we cannot save ourselves. Part of the power of Lent is that we do it together, and although individuals decide on different ways to keep it, it is fundamentally the same journey. We fall, we get up, we keep moving. The desire to "give something up" for Lent is an age-old impulse in the Christian heart. We get better at it over the years, and move more deeply into the meaning and message of acts of sacrifice; so there is no shame in stumbling, as long as we are not discouraged by the failure and give up. We are clearing space in our lives, after all, and some of the things we desire to give up are worth rooting out completely anyway.

What do we do with the space we have cleared out by our sacrifice? The Lenten question of giving up is balanced by the Easter question of our response to Christ's embrace of us in love: "What are you taking on for Easter?"

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IRELAND

No reptiles are found there [in Ireland], and no snake can live there; for, though often carried thither out of Britain, as soon as the ship comes near the shore, and the scent of the air reaches them, they die.

—Venerable Bede

AMBITIONS

Many ambitions are nipped in the budget.

—Anonymous

****CLASS - NEW LOCATION****

Sr. Marilyn Welch, CCW will be teaching Christian Prayer and Spirituality at the CCW Incarnation Center, Gallitzin beginning Wednesday, March 13th. This course is an introduction to the concepts of spirituality and the importance that prayer and spirituality play in daily life. Prayer traditions such as the Liturgy of the Hours, Lectio Divina, and various spiritual programs in the Church will be explored. This 8 week course will also be offered by Deacon Michael Russo at the St. Patrick School, Johnstown beginning Tuesday March 5th. The classes in both locations are held from 6:30-8:30 PM. Registration fee for this class is \$35 and \$20 for material costs. For more information and registration please contact Marybeth, Office of Adult Enrichment at (814) 361-2000. ALL ARE WELCOME

March 17, 2019
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
10:30 AM

March 17, 2019
Scripture Reflection

OUR LADY OF FATIMA MASS INTENTIONS

Readings: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Phil 3:17 - 4:1 [3:20 -4:1]; Lk 9:28b-36

Today's Intention-Mary Wozniak

Readings: 1 Sm 26:2,7-9,12-13,22-23; 1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38

Sun., March 24, Third Sunday of Lent

Grace Ruscito, Tom Byrne

Cathedral Mass Intention

February 18, Monday: Weekday

Readings: Gn 4:1-15, 25; Mk 8:11-13

6:45 AM Milt & Dottie Cupples (Patricia & Tom Forr)

8:00 AM Edward Flanagan Ann. (Patty & Bear McCloskey)

12:00 PM Janet Tomlinson (Joshua Walker)

February 19, Tuesday: Weekday

Readings: Gn 6:5-8, 7:1-15, 10; Mk 8:14-21

6:45 AM Peggy Joyce (Family)

8:00 AM Anna Mercer (Charles Angermeier Family)

12:00 PM M. Virginia Jones (Colette & T.J. Evangelisto)

February 20, Wednesday: Weekday

Readings: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Mk 8:22-26

6:45 AM Nicholas John Moffa (Estate)

8:00 AM George Strobert (McNelis All-Stars)

12:00 PM Msgr. Roy Kline (Joseph & Rebecca Clark Family)

February 21, Thursday: St. Peter Damian, Bp. & Dr.

Readings: Gn 9:1-13; Mk 8:27-33

6:45 AM Michael & Ella Gibbons Family (Irwin Family)

8:00 AM Dick, Rick Cowan, Karen Dougherty (Family)

12:00 PM James Joseph Luther (William Tremmel)

February 22, Friday: The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

Readings: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Mt 16:13-19

6:45 AM Peter Lynam (Cathedral Parish)

8:00 AM William V. Bettwy (Tim & JoAnn Bettwy)

12:00 PM Wanda Watkins (Russ & Loretta Wharton)

February 23, Saturday: St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr

Readings: Heb 11:1-7; Mk 9:2-13

8:00 AM Joyce David (Mike and Sherry Byrne)

12:00 PM Herb Kutruff (Betty Ann Johnson)

Vigil: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: 1 Sm 26:2,7-9,12-13,22-23; 1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38

5:00 PM William and John Drass (Bart & Eileen Hmel)

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

Please pray for all of our parishioners, especially for those who have illnesses great and small and our seniors who are lonely and need comfort and care.

In today's Gospel, we encounter Jesus and a large crowd of Jews and non-Jews gathered on a plain in Galilee to hear him speak. He goes on to deliver the Beatitudes, which are, in fact, about trust in God who cares for those who suffer. Jesus also includes a matching series of "woes" that focus on those who have turned away from God by refusing to do their part in alleviating these sufferings.

Every culture develops false notions of righteousness; in this the world of first-century Judaism is not different from that of 21st-century Christianity. In Jesus' culture many assumed that wealth, prosperity, happiness and social inclusion were signs that a person's life was right in the eyes of God. Jesus insists that poverty, hunger, grief and exclusion are not signs of the absence of God's love.

Luke's Jesus insists, you rich might have a problem: Where did your money come from? Likewise, you who are satiated and overweight. Who grew your food? Who brought it to you and prepared it for you? Did they have enough to eat? You who laugh now, look around you! Do you think God is as entertained as you are by the world you have built? And you who everyone loves, what has happened to others who have shared similar fame? God does not see with human eyes, so call happy only those who live according to divine instruction.

Twenty first century society has a nearly inexhaustible supply of false righteousness against which to criticize. Woe to you well-educated, for you will find no work. And woe to you who lead sheltered lives, for you will not see Christ arrive among the outcasts. But happy you high-school dropouts; someday you will achieve your goals. Happy you drug addicts, someday you will be clean. Happy you migrants and refugees and you who have no place to call home. Rejoice and leap, for you will recognize the Son of Man, who when he came also found no place to lay his head.

- If you are experiencing difficulties, how does today's Gospel comfort you?**

AT HOME with the WORD 2019, Archdiocese of Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications, pg. 47. AMERICA MAGAZINE, "The Beatitudes remind us of our own false righteousness." Michael R. Simone, S.J., January 25, 2019.

FIRE CLASS for March 2019 Sunday March 24th 2:00-4:00

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION...

ALL Tenth Grade Candidates: Sunday March 17th Spring Session; We will meet in the Church for Evening Prayer at 6:15 PM. Our Spring Session will follow, in the Cathedral Hall until 8:15 PM.

ALL NINTH Grade Candidates: Sunday March 31st 2019 Spring Session; We will meet in the Church at 6:30 PM for the Evening Prayer, the Spring Session will follow in the Cathedral Hall until 8:15 PM.

Additional Dates for Sacrament Preparation...

First Communion session is scheduled for Wednesday, March 27, 2019. All sessions are held in the Seton Suite from 6:30 PM until 8:00 PM. All students MUST be accompanied by an adult. Please contact Chris Lاراia at 312-7317 if you will not be able to attend a session.

First Communion at the Cathedral will be on Sunday, May 5 at the 10:00 AM Mass. First Communion for Our Lady of Fatima Parish will be on Sunday, May 19th at the 10:30 Mass.

Saint Mary Hollidaysburg—Basket Bonanza Tickets 25 for \$5.00 Tickets will be sold in our Social Hall: March 23rd—10:00 AM to 6:00 PM; March 23rd—7:30 AM to 6:00 PM ; March 30th—10:00 AM to 6:00 PM; March 30th—7:30 AM to 6:00 PM: Drawing March 31st, in our Social Hall. Winner need not be present, winner will be notified. Light refreshments will be served.

Healing Mass, Monday, April 8, 2019, at 7:00 PM, at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament. Fr. Jonathan St. Andre TOR, will be the main celebrant. All are welcome, especially those in need of physical emotional, or spiritual healing, and those who support and care for them as well. Music for the Mass will be led by the Cathedral Prayer Group Music Ministry. For more information, call 814-941-3832.

Liturgical Reflection ...

EUCCHARISTIC

ADORATION

Plan to spend quality time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament this Lent. Pope Saint Paul VI said the faithful “should not omit making visits during the day to the Most Holy Sacrament, as a proof of gratitude, a pledge of love, and a debt of the adoration due Christ the Lord who is present in it.” The contemplation of Jesus present in the Most Holy Sacrament, as a communion of desire, powerfully joins the faithful to Christ, as is splendidly evident in the example of so many saints. Unless there is serious reason to the contrary, a church in which the Most Holy Eucharist is reserved should be open to the faithful for at least some hours each day, so that they can spend time in prayer before the Most Holy Sacrament.

Instruction on the Eucharist, Chapter VI, Number 135.

2019, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 S. Logan Blvd., Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania 16648

2018 Contributions for Income Tax Purposes.

I hope to have them completed as soon as possible.

Collection for MARCH 10, 2019 \$ 2225.00

BIRTHDAYS: 3/20 - Ryan Baranik; 3/22 - Chase Keagy, 3/24 - Aggie Baronner; 3/26 - Helen Watters



OUR LADY URGES US TO PRAY THE HOLY ROSARY

FOR

PEACE AND OFFER

SACRIFICES BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE!



Out & About for March 2019



LENTEN FISH DINNERS- BEST IN TOWN!

Our Lady of Lourdes will be having their famous Lenten Fish Dinners every Friday during Lent beginning March 8 and including Good Friday, April 19. Baked or hand dipped fried haddock, fresh cut FF or homemade mac & cheese, homemade stewed tomatoes, coleslaw or applesauce, homemade dessert and drink/coffee. Adults \$10.50 and children twelve and under \$7.50. Take out begin at 3:30 and eat in 4:30-7:00PM. We are known for having the BEST FISH DINNER IN TOWN!

ADULT ENRICHMENT CLASSES The 8 week class Christian Prayer and Spirituality is being offered at two locations. Deacon Michael Russo will be teaching Tuesdays from 6:30-8:30 PM beginning March 5th at St. Patrick School, Johnstown. Sr. Marilyn Welch, CCW will be teaching Wednesdays from 6:30-8:30 PM beginning March 13th at St. Catherine of Siena, Duncansville. The 10 week class Church History is being offered at Most Holy Trinity, Huntingdon beginning Tuesday, March 5th from 6:30-8:30 PM. This class is being taught by Deacon Donald Gibboney. Classes may be taken for ongoing formation credit. Registration and book fees, registration forms, and class information are available online at www.dioceseaj.org/lay-ecclesial-ministry/ or by contacting Marybeth at (814) 361-2000. All are welcome to attend.

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Garvey Manor



BASKET BINGO

Sunday March 31, 2019

2:00 - 5:00 PM

Proceeds benefit Residents of Garvey Manor & Our Lady of the Alleghenies

Space limited pre-registration recommended required.

Call 695-5571 for information

Parish Mission Presents Inspirational Speaker Dr. John Bergsma

St. Benedict Parish, 2310 Bedford St. Johnstown, will be hosting Dr. John Bergsma March 31, April 1-2 from 7:00-8:30 PM each evening. This event is open to all in the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese. A Full Professor of Theology at the Franciscan University of Steubenville, Dr. Bergsma served as a Protestant pastor for four years before entering the Catholic Church in 2001. Dr. Bergsma has a PH.D. in Theology from the University of Notre Dame, specializing in the Old Testament and the Dead Sea Scrolls. In his presentations, Dr. Bergsma will be exploring how Sacred Scripture supports Catholic teaching, how the Bible leads us to the Eucharist and how as Catholics we can better understand the New Testament. Tickets are not required. A love offering will be taken. For more information please contact Deacon Michael Russo at 814-288-3036 or by email at michael.russo@atlanticbb.net.

Shoe Collection Drive

SAINT VINCENT DePAUL Financial Needs Office is conducting a shoe drive fundraiser to raise funds to support our citizens in need of financial support. We will earn funds based on the total weight of the pairs of gently worn, used and new shoes collected, as Funds2orgs will issue a check for the collected shoes. The monies earned will be used to support our citizens in need. Funds2orgs works with micro-entrepreneurs in helping them create small businesses in developing countries such as Haiti. It's a win-win for everyone. We will have a box available for collection of these shoes at the back of your church starting Sunday Feb. 10th until March 30th. By donating your gently worn, used and new shoes, you can make a difference in peoples' lives around the world. Thank you and may God reward you richly for your generosity.

Lenten Fish Luncheons at Cathedral starting on Ash Wednesday and Fridays of Lent except Good Friday. Menu includes a Fish Sandwich, your choice of macaroni and cheese, pierogie, French fries or Haluski for \$8.00 (includes drink). Serving from 11:00 AM to 1:30 PM or till sold out. Call in take-out orders of ten or more.

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