

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
 March 24, 2019
 The LORD secures justice
 and the rights of all the
 oppressed.
 — Psalm 103:6

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.

ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD



MONDAY, MARCH 25

Our Lady of Fatima Parish
 2010 12th Avenue
www.ourladyoffatimaaltoona.org
 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: 6:00 PM
 Rosary: 10:05 AM - Rosary: 5:40 PM

Our Lady of Fatima Parish Administrator
 Very Reverend Alan E. Thomas, VG
 Parish Secretary
 Carol Z. Smith

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
 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.



Cathedral Church Office: 814-944-4603
 One Cathedral Square

Most Reverend Mark L. Bartchak, Bishop
 Very Rev. Alan E. Thomas, VG, Administrator
 PH: 814-742-7075, Allison, Secretary

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

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 and Grieving - 944-4603

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 Chris Laraia – Pre-K thru 8 - 312-7317
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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

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

MID-LENT CHECK-IN

God says to Moses, "This is what you shall tell the Israelites: I AM sent me to you . . . The LORD, the God of your [ancestors], the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob" (Exodus 3:14, 15). As Jesus would later say, God is not a God of the dead, but of the living, and so we believe that the dead will one day rise. At this midpoint of Lent, we pause to consider how our repentance is leading us to the Resurrection, to our reunion with the great "I AM." Part of our repentance involves working to secure justice for all and helping our neighbor to live in God's ways. We encourage each other and nurture each other, like the compassionate gardener of today's Gospel, who tells the owner of the orchard that he will nurture the tree, fertilize it, and perhaps it will bear fruit.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Hollywood has given us an image of Moses slipping off his shoes before a burning bush. God has just called Moses by name, and so that Moses doesn't miss the meaning of this breakthrough in human history, God requires that all barriers to the experience be eliminated. If you've ever tried to maneuver barefoot across hot sand, or pick your way along a rocky beach, you know how sensitive feet can be.

Within the Church, there are religious orders with a custom of going barefoot, not merely to show poverty, but to be an outward sign of a desire for connection with creation, a desire to go through life alert to what God is doing. In early days, when reconciliation was a once-in-a-lifetime possibility, penitents often went barefoot for a long period of time as a sign of their conversion. Even today, people follow an ancient practice of slipping off their shoes to walk in the procession to the cross on Good Friday. It is striking that the first use of our newly-scrubbed feet from Holy Thursday night is to walk resolutely in the footsteps of Christ to the cross.

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STRENGTH TO SPLIT ROCKS

Do you know that oftentimes a root has split a rock, when suffered to remain in it? Give no judgment to the seed of evil, seeing that it will break up your faith.

—St. Cyril of Jerusalem

HURDLING

God's grace within me and God's strength behind me can overcome any hurdle ahead of me.

—Anonymous

SPRINGTIME

Came the Spring with all its splendor, All its birds and all its blossoms, All its flowers, and leaves, and grasses.

—Longfellow, *Hiawatha*

****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 24, 2019
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
10:30 AM

March 24, 2019
Scripture Reflection

OUR LADY OF FATIMA MASS INTENTIONS

Readings: Ex 3:1-8a,3-15; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9

Today's Intention-Grace Ruscito

Readings: Jos 5:9a,10-12; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sun., March 31, Fourth Sunday of Lent

Ronald Geis, Family

Cathedral Mass Intention

March 25, Monday: The Annunciation of the Lord

Readings: Is 7:10-14; 8:10 Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

6:45 AM Dorothy Stephens (Leonard & Kathy Oakes)

8:00 AM M. Virginia Jones (Collette & TJ Evangelisto)

12:00 PM Joe Tomlinson (Randy and Jean Koury)

March 26, Tuesday: Lenten Weekday

Readings: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Mt 18:21-35

6:45 AM Jim Davidson (Ken & Donna Wojcik)

8:00 AM Patricia Geis (Cathedral Parish)

11:00 AM FUNERAL MASS BISHOP JOSEPH ADAMEC, DD, STL

March 27, Wednesday: Lenten Weekday

Readings: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19

6:45 AM John Bauer (Bill and Linda Raia & Family)

8:00 AM Josephine Hicks, Ann. (Daughter, Jacqueline)

12:00 PM Charles Hennigan, Ann. (Wife and Family)

March 28, Thursday: Lenten Weekday

Readings: Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23

***6:45 AM Mary Delozier (Eileen Edwards)**

8:00 AM Bea Mannion (Robert and Sue Baranik)

12:00 PM Dick Cowan (Wife, Skip Cowan)

March 29, Friday: Lenten Weekday

Readings: Hos 14:2-10; Mt 12:28-34

6:45 AM Leroy and Irmira Helfrich (Family)

8:00 AM Carrie Kibler Detwiler (Mom and Dad)

12:00 PM Thomas and Mary Irwin (Children)

March 30, Saturday: Lenten Weekday

Readings: Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14

8:00 AM Isabel Conrad, Birth. (Leonard & Kathy Oakes)

12:00 PM Louise Hallinan (Family)

Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Lent

Readings: 1Sm:16 1, 6-7, 10-13; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41

5:00 PM Edgar L Johnston, Anniv. (Wife & Family)

Please Note:

There will be no NOON MASS on March 26 due to Bishop Joseph V. Adamec Funeral Mass.

*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.

Today the readings from Cycle A are proclaimed at Mass . Our elect (seeking Baptism, and Eucharist) and our Candidates (seeking Confirmation) celebrate the First Scrutiny. They are to name their thirsts as they stand with the woman at the well. We, too, are to name our thirsts.

A canticle from Isaiah sings that we shall draw water joyfully from the well-springs of salvation (Isaiah 12:3). Water bookends our readings and our lives of faith. The Israelites grumble in their thirst. Moses cries out to God in exasperation. God gives people water from a rock . An extraordinary event made known that the Lord was in their midst.

Jesus gave a Samaritan woman more than water by ordinary means--dialogue and presence. The story is not ordinary. Why? Jews considered Samaritans to be less than human. Men did not speak to women in public. But Jesus spoke to this Samaritan woman in a public place. His request, "Give me a drink," put himself in need of her and began a conversation that satisfied her deeper thirst for God and acceptance. Jesus suggests that the woman should ask him for water and he would give her living water. Though she failed to understand at first, her quest for water leads her to recognize Jesus as the messiah. Transformed, she returns to the people that she tried to avoid and shares her experience. She led the people she tried to avoid to Jesus. Their encounter with him transformed them. They came to know that the Savior, the Lord, was in their midst.

Today's readings point out that water is a natural and spiritual gift. As Moses strikes the rock, God gives life to the Israelites by providing water for them to drink. In the encounter with the Samaritan woman at the well, Jesus promises life giving water, the gift of eternal life. At Easter, we celebrate the life received in the waters of Baptism.

- **How does the water of Baptism continue to quench your thirsts ?**

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

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION...

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 Laraia at 312-7317 if you will not be able to attend a session. OLF First Communion practice will be held at the same time as the Cathedral students.

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.

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.

Carmelite Community of the Word Opportunities for Enrichment

Overnight Retreat April 12 - 13, 2019: What the "People of the Passion" teach us about Jesus Today As we journey through Lent to Holy Week, this retreat offers the opportunity to reflect on 7 people who witnessed the death of Jesus. Retreat begins on Friday evening at 7 PM; ends on Saturday at 3 PM. and will include presentations on the theme, guided prayer opportunities and time for quiet personal reflection. Donation: \$40/person or \$60/married couple. Includes overnight accommodations, meals and all materials. Pre-registration with donation is required by April 8.

Sessions will be held at Carmelite Community of the Word Incarnation Center, 394 Bem Rd., Gallitzin, PA.

To register, get directions, or for more information, call 814-886-4098.

Liturgical Reflection...

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration is a hallmark of Catholic piety. All are encouraged these Lenten days, and throughout the year, to spend time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. Pope Saint John Paul II said that "adoration of the Most Holy Sacrament is an important daily practice and becomes an inexhaustible source of holiness." Believers place themselves in the divine presence of the Lord who suffered and died for our salvation when praying before the Holy Sacrament. This is the source of our spiritual nourishment as we pray before the holy bread that has become the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ. *Instruction on the Eucharist, Chapter VI, Number 136. 2019,*

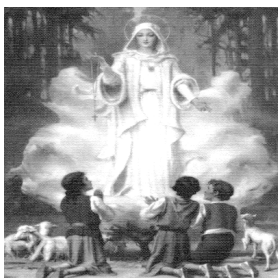
2019, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 S. Logan Blvd., Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania 16648

2018 Contributions for Income Tax Purposes.

I hope to have them completed as soon as possible.

Collection for MARCH 17, 2019 \$ 1184.10

BIRTHDAYS: 3/27 - Bernard Fabian; 3/30 - Mary (Fran) Moses; 3/31 - Megan Sral



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.

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.

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

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

Holy Trinity Summer Preschool

The Holy Trinity Catholic School is very excited to be offering Summer Preschool this year at both of our elementary locations. As we need to begin to purchase materials and supplies for the program, we are asking anyone that may be interested to call the Altoona location at 381-7011, or the Hollidaysburg location at 695-6112. The details are as follows:

Time: 8:00 Am to 3:00 PM each day. Classes begin

June 17. (Themed weeks)

\$125.00 a week per child.

Ages 3-5 (Must be potty trained).

Highly qualified teachers and an aide. Must pack a lunch.

Bring a change of clothes.

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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