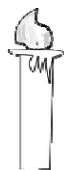


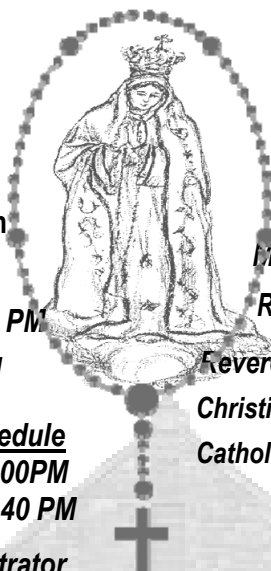
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before Sunday Mass and
privately from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm daily.*



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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
Reverend Monsignor Robert C. Mazur

Parish Secretary
Carol Z. Smith
Secretaries Assistant
Ellen Kelly

Eucharist for the home bound - weekly:
Natty Flanagan 942-0371 to make arrangements.

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

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

10:30 AM

Intention: Jack Douglass



ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL
Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown

Assessed = \$15,100 Amount Pledged to date = \$12,495

Shortfall (at present) = \$2,605. December 31st is the deadline for this years goal.

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Remember, Advent is not a mas parties and Christmas music. son begins on Christmas Eve. The brate) Christmas. It helps to think of appropriate than parties.



time to celebrate CHRISTMAS with Christ- According to Catholic Tradition the Christmas Sea- Advent Season is a time to prepare for (not cele- Advent as a mini Lent. Penitential acts are more

*CHRISTMAS MASS AT OUR LADY OF FATIMA WILL BE CELEBRATED AT
10:30 AM ON DECEMBER 25TH.
IF AT ALL POSSIBLE FOLKS SHOULD MAKE IT A POINT TO CELEBRATE
HOLY MASS IN OUR OWN PARISH.*

Happy Birthday:

12/01 Frank Prorok
12/03 Barbara Joan Raichle
12/04 Butch Carper
12/06 Gretta Levine

Wedding Anniversaries:

12/06 Linda and Dan Stitt

*Nocturnal Adoration is on Friday, December 4th
At Our Lady of Lourdes Parish
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From 8-11 PM.*

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YEAR OF

MERCY

Liturgical Reflection...

This new liturgical year the weekly liturgical reflections will look closely at God's mercy. Beginning this December 8th, Pope Francis has named this to be a Year of Mercy. As one of the prayers at Mass this Friday of the First Week of Advent proclaims "...come, we pray, to our rescue with the protection of your mercy." As we prepare to celebrate the anniversary of the Savior's birth and as we ready ourselves to greet the Lord when he comes again we place ourselves completely within the divine mercy of God.

2015, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 South Logan Boulevard, Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania 16648.

Concert Under the Done at the Cathedral: Advent of Christmas Concert Sunday, December 13, 2015 at 7:00 PM

MONEY MATTERS —

Due to time constraints with our publisher, Money Matters will continue at a later date.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

NOVEMBER 29, 2015

Readings: Jer 33:14-16; 1 Thes 3:12-4:2; Lk 21:25-28,34-36

Cathedral Mass Intentions

November 30, Monday: Saint Andrew, Apostle

Readings: Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22

6:45 AM John Capouellez, Sr., Anniv. (Family)

8:00 AM Jim Mullan, Birthday (Nancy and Skip)

12:00 PM M. Virginia Jones (Jim & Mary Ellen Kelly)

December 1, Tuesday: Advent Weekday

Readings: Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24

6:45 AM Bill Crouse (Friends)

***8:00 AM Ray McCall (Theresa Heasley)**

12:00 PM Margie McConnell (Christian Mothers)

December 2, Wednesday: Advent Weekday

Readings: Is 25:6-10; Mt 15:29-37

6:45 AM Annie Hanlin (Terry and Jeanne Hanlin)

8:00 AM Cowan Famly: Living & Deceased (Skip)

***12:00 PM Ernie Tomassetti (Mike & Sherry Byrne)**

December 3, Thursday: Saint Francis Xavier, Priest

Readings: Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27

6:45 AM Msgr. Thomas Madden (Estate)

8:00 AM Donna Lytle Civils, Birth. (Nancy & Skip)

12:00 PM Joseph Hallinan, Birth. (Wife & Family)

December 4, Friday: Saint John Damascene, Doctor

Readings: Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31

***6:45 AM Bernadette Weakland (Eileen Edwards)**

8:00 AM Larry & Irmira Helfrich (Estate)

12:00 PM Francis Lytle (Joe & Judi Nocito)

December 5, Saturday: Advent Weekday

Readings: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35-10:1,5,6-8

8:00 AM Kitty Sullivan (J. & E. Weaver Family) - Crypt

12:00 PM Jim Roland (Linda Himes Family)

Vigil: Second Sunday of Advent

Readings: Bar 5:1-9; Phil 1:4-6,8-11; Lk 3:1-6

5:00 PM Rita Dittsworth (Family)

Our Lady of Fatima Mass Intention

December 6, Sunday: Second Sunday Of Advent

Readings: Bar 5:1-9; Phil 1:4-6,8-11; Lk 3:1-6

***10:30 AM Lois Riley (Carol Riley)**

NOVEMBER 29, 2015

Scripture Reflection

While the season of Advent is filled with remembering, recalling Christ's first coming as an infant, when divinity became incarnate, it is also a time of anticipation, as we reflect on and await Christ's second coming. But Advent is not only a celebration of the past and an eager expectation of the future; it is a season that asks us to meditate on the present and delight in Christ's presence with us now. It is this very season that concentrates our hearts, minds and souls on Christ in order to make present the days that have already been and the days that are surely coming.

The season of Advent is shaped by two distinct threads in the tapestry of Scripture readings: God's promise to bring forth a Messiah and the people's preparations for the Messiah, both as an infant and as the Lord returning at the end of time. Throughout the Advent readings we see God's promise unfolding for the people of Israel. Jeremiah said, "The days are surely coming," when God would "cause a righteous branch to spring up for David: and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land." God's promise will be for the entire house of Israel. A sense of imminence looms over Jeremiah's prophecy, as does the mystery of its fulfillment.

The cosmic predictions of Jesus are serious and foreboding; they get our attention. Scripture scholars tell us that this is not literal language, but a figure of speech that communicates a profound spiritual message. This style of prophetic preaching awakens us to God intervening in human affairs. The coming of the Son of Man will indeed transform the world and its peoples. How shall we prepare for such an astonishing event? Jesus tells us to be vigilant---not because God intends to frighten or destroy us, but because God has great things in store for those whom God redeems.

• As you prepare for the coming of Christ this Advent, what can you do and how can you pray to help you be vigilant to the presence of God in our midst?

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REMINDER .. ALL 11TH GRADE STUDENTS CONFIRMATION SESSION I

Sunday, 11/29/2015 – ALL 11th Grade Confirmation students will meet in the Cathedral for Evening Prayer at 6:30 PM followed by a one hour class in the Cathedral hall.

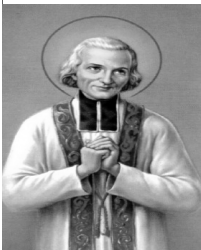
The Parish Family of Our Lady of Fatima will celebrate Christmas Mass on Christmas Day at 10:30 AM.

We are asking all member of the Parish to please do whatever they can to join Our Parish Family on Christmas Day. Remember, "The parish that prays together stays together".

Decorating for Christmas will take place on December 20th after the 10:30 AM Mass. Enclosed are Christmas flower envelopes. Donation is \$10.00 for each person being memorialized. They may also be found on the heating units and in the back of the church. Please help us to make this Christmas one that Our Infant Jesus would be proud of.

HOLY ROSARY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

During the Advent Season, (beginning today) the Holy Rosary will be prayed on Sunday Mornings at 10:00 AM for the intention of increasing the number of Diocesan Priests for the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese and especially for Our Lady of Fatima. 1) We will invoke the prayer of St. John Marie Vianney. 2) We will then pray the Holy Rosary.



Prayer to St John Marie Vianney

St. John Marie Vianney, your life was a complete offering to God for the service of all; we pray that through the power of the Holy Spirit we may all respond today, with courage to the challenges of our personal vocation.

You were an assiduous adorer of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. Help us to approach the Holy Eucharist with faith and reverence, so that we may enjoy his abiding presence in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

You were a friend of sinners. You always reminded them: "Your sins are just like grains of sand in front of the great mountain of the mercy of God." Loosen the bonds of fear that prevents us to approach the mercy of God: help us to be truly sorrow for our sins. Help us to discover the true face of God who always waits for the return of the prodigal son.

You were always a help to the poor: "My secret is simple; it is to give all and to keep nothing for myself." Teach us to share with those who are in need, help us to be free from our attachments to money and to all false riches.

You were a loving child of the Blessed Mother, "your most lasting affection." Teach us to turn to her with simplicity and the confidence of a child. You are now the example of pastors of the world. Let your pastoral charity lead the pastors of our times to discover the bond that unites all without discrimination of persons; give them the love for the Church, the passion for the apostolate, and the strength in the face of many difficulties.

Inspire our young people to understand the grandeur of the priestly ministry and the joy to embrace the call of the Good Shepherd.

Holy Cure of Ars, intercede for us. Obtain for us what we ask for in faith, especially the fruitfulness for the Priests (**we ask for a holy priest to be assigned to Our Lady of Fatima parish**), you are the humble and faithful pastor, ever faithful in the service of God and all. Amen.

2) Pray the Holy Rosary.

You do not know when the Lord is coming



First Sunday of Advent

THE WAITING GAME

Every Sunday, after the Lord's Prayer, we hear the words of an Advent prayer: "We wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ." In Latin, these words are *Expectantes beatam spem et adventum Salvatoris nostri Jesu Christi*. We see our own words "expectant" and "advent" in them. Another way to say this might be "We are expectant, in joyful hope, at the advent of our Savior, Jesus Christ." Mothers and fathers know that being expectant, while it is a time of joyful hope, is not always an easy time. It is a mistake for us to think that our waiting in joyful hope for the coming of Christ can be a passive, uninvolved time. Quite the contrary! Like expectant parents, we must constantly be working to make sure everything is ready for the important arrival! As Isaiah prays to the coming Lord: "Would that you might meet us doing right, that we were mindful of you in our ways!" (Isaiah 64:4).

WATCHING, NOT WAITING

In the Gospel, Jesus moves us from passive waiting to the attitude of waiting in its active form—watchfulness. It is possible, when we are merely waiting, to occupy ourselves with other things. What Jesus tells us today is that we must be occupied with the work of the master; we must be alert, we must be met by him upon his return doing right and being mindful of him in our ways. Paul consoles us that this vigilant watchfulness need not tire us out, for Christ himself has enriched us and strengthened us to remain firm in our expectation, our joyful hope. It is in this way that we wait and watch for the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, when he is revealed to us in glory.

Today's Readings: Isaiah 63:16b–17, 19b; 64:2–7; Psalm 80:2–3, 15–16, 18–19; 1 Corinthians 1:3–9; Mark 13:33–37

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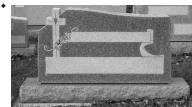
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