

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 07, 2017



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.*

October 1, 2017

Have in you the same attitude
that is also in Christ Jesus.

— *Philippians 2:5*

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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
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Ellen Kelly

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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

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Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 07, 2017

On October 7, the Roman Catholic Church celebrates the yearly feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. Known for several centuries by the alternate title of "Our Lady of Victory," the feast day takes place in honor of a 16th century naval victory which secured Europe against Turkish invasion. Pope St. Pius V attributed the victory to the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, who was invoked on the day of the battle through a campaign to pray the Rosary throughout Europe.

The feast always occurs one week after the similar Byzantine celebration of the Protection of the Mother of God, which most Eastern Orthodox Christians and Eastern Catholics celebrate on October 1 in memory of a 10th-century military victory which protected Constantinople against invasion after a reported Marian apparition.

Pope Leo XIII was particularly devoted to Our Lady of the Rosary, producing 11 encyclicals on the subject of this feast and its importance in the course of his long pontificate.

In the first of them, 1883's "Supremi Apostolatus Officio," he echoed the words of the oldest known Marian prayer (known in the Latin tradition as the "Sub Tuum Praesidium"), when he wrote, "It has always been the habit of Catholics in danger and in troublous times to fly for refuge to Mary."

"This devotion, so great and so confident, to the august Queen of Heaven," Pope Leo continued, "has never shone forth with such brilliancy as when the militant Church of God has seemed to be endangered by the violence of heresy ... or by an intolerable moral corruption, or by the attacks of powerful enemies." Foremost among such "attacks" was the battle of Lepanto, a perilous and decisive moment in European and world history.

Troops of the Turkish Ottoman Empire had invaded and occupied the Byzantine empire by 1453, bringing a large portion of the increasingly divided Christian world under a version of Islamic law. For the next hundred years, the Turks expanded their empire westward on land, and asserted their naval power in the Mediterranean. In 1565 they attacked Malta, envisioning an eventual invasion of Rome. Though repelled at Malta, the Turks captured Cyprus in the fall of 1570.

The next year, three Catholic powers on the continent – Genoa, Spain, and the Papal States - formed an alliance called the Holy League, to defend their Christian civilization against Turkish invasion. Its fleets sailed to confront the Turks near the west coast of Greece on October 7, 1571.

Crew members on more than 200 ships prayed the Rosary in preparation for the battle - as did Christians throughout Europe, encouraged by the Pope to gather in their churches to invoke the Virgin Mary against the daunting Turkish forces.

Some accounts say that Pope Pius V was granted a miraculous vision of the Holy League's stunning victory. Without a doubt, the Pope understood the significance of the day's events, when he was eventually informed that all but 13 of the nearly 300 Turkish ships had been captured or sunk. He was moved to institute the feast now celebrated universally as Our Lady of the Rosary.

"Turkish victory at Lepanto would have been a catastrophe of the first magnitude for Christendom," wrote military historian John F. Guilmartin, Jr., "and Europe would have followed a historical trajectory strikingly different from that which obtained."

JUST A THOUGHT...If we endeavor to pick up our rosaries at Sundown on Sat. Oct. 7th to pray the rosary for peace in our world, we may hopefully influence Our Blessed Lady to listen to our cries for peace.
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TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 1, 2017

10:30 AM

OUR LADY OF FATIMA MASS INTENTIONS

Readings: Ez 18:25-28; Phil 2:1-11; Mt 21:28-32

October 1, Twenty-Sixth Sunday in OT

Today's Intention — Hattie R. Zaczek

Readings: Is 5:1-7; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43

October 8, Twenty-Seventh Sunday in OT

Kelly Keagy, B/day 10/10, (Carol)

CATHEDRAL MASS INTENTIONS

October 2: The Holy Guardian Angels

Readings: Zec 8:1-8; Mt 18:1-5,10

6:45 AM Deceased Sisters IHM

***8:00 AM Colleen Sheehan, Birthday (Carol Smith)**

12:00 PM Pat Geis (Tillie Harris)

October 3, Tuesday: Weekday

Readings: Zec 8:20-23; Lk 9:51-56

6:45 AM Bill Crouse (Steve & Theresa Pelligrine)

***8:00 AM David Riley (Carol & Children)**

12:00 PM Adita Geriak (Stayer Family)

October 4, Wednesday: Saint Francis of Assisi

Readings: Neh 2:1-8; Lk 9:57-62

***6:45 AM BeBe Milliron (John & Lisa Karl)**

8:00 AM Andrew Kurdziel (Family)

12:00 PM 65th Wedding Anniv. (Rita & Gerry Kibler)

October 5, Thursday: Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos

Readings: Neh 8:1-4,5-6,7-12; Lk 10:1-12

6:45 AM Michael V. Bell (Maureen & Dave Hanekamp)

8:00 AM Joseph Pagliaro, Anniversary (Family)

12:00 PM Delphina Rutolo, Anniversary (Family)

October 6, Friday: Saint Bruno, Priest; Blessed Marie Rose

Readings: Bar 1:15-22; Lk 10:13-16

6:45 AM Msgr. Paul Panza & Family

8:00 AM Patricia Marla (Patty & Bear McCloskey)

12:00 PM Joe Tomlinson (Gerri Rose)

October 7, Saturday: Our Lady of the Rosary

Readings: Bar 4:5-12,27-29; Lk 10:17-24

8:00 AM Joyce Rourke McNeal (Paul & Barb Caraciola)

12:00 PM Rose Ciavarella (Cathedral Parish)

Vigil: Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Is 5:1-7; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43

5:00 PM Edgar A. Johnston, Anniv. (Mother, Family)

Our Lady of Fatima asks us to:

"Pray the Rosary daily for Peace."

(especially on Oct. 7th @ Sundown) [see pg.3]

Remember Our Sick and Dying in your prayers.

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

OCTOBER 2017

Scripture Reflection

Matthew portrays Jesus as a rabbi who interprets the Law in creative and merciful ways and teaches by means of parables. Today's reading is taken from a section of Matthew's Gospel where the chief priests and elders question Jesus' authority. Jesus turns the question back on them. If they can explain the authority of John the Baptist, then Jesus himself will explain his authority. Their response, "We do not know," sets up the parable that follows.

In a parable unique to Matthew's Gospel, Jesus introduces two sons who say one thing and do another. When asked by their father to work in the vineyard, the first son replies, "I will not," but later relents and goes to the field. The second son responds oppositely. Jesus asks his interrogators, which son did the father's will?

The parable of the two sons develops several key themes of Matthew. First is the necessity of doing and not just saying. The first son at first rejects his father's order, but then changes his mind and does it. The second son says he will do what his father wants, but does nothing. Another key theme of Matthew is the need for repentance. Neither son acts as he should, but the first son repents, changes his mind, and fulfills the father's order. Jesus uses the parable to tell the leaders that there is still time for repentance. As with the first son in the parable, they have refused Jesus' invitation, but they can still repent. If they do not, they are warned, "Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you".

Something in us believes that how we live, and how we die does make a difference, even when all that surrounds us is giving way. This is why sinful people reconsider and choose to live by virtue, and why the virtuous rue their sin; why those who hesitate but then commit are well regarded, and why those who once made a commitment but then capitulate are not. And finally, it is why believers tell the story of Jesus again and again, even when we know its twists and turns like the ridges and crevices in the palms of our hands.

- When have you said no to God's ways but then relented and did what was right?

Living the Word, World Library Publications, 2007, pg 178-179; 2013, pg 183; 2016, pg182.

ORDER OF CELEBRATING MATRIMONY	<i>Surgical Reflection...</i> The sign of peace follows the Nuptial Blessing. This sign expresses peace and charity; the exchange should be confined as it is not a reception line. The Church encourages the reception of Holy Communion under both kinds at Mass celebrating Matrimony. Both the consecrated Bread and Wine can be offered to the bride and bridegroom, their parents, witnesses, relatives and friends who have gathered at this Mass. Formally commissioned Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion can help with the distribution of the Body and Blood of Christ in the absence of priests and deacons, perhaps family members who assist with the distribution of Holy Communion at their parish. Order of Celebrating Matrimony, Numbers 75 and 76. 2017, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 South Logan Boulevard, Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania 16648.
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The Joy of The Gospel... hosted by Bishop Mark Bartchak and the Vocations Endowment Committee. Held at St. Michael the Archangel Basilica in Loretto, Oct. 8th, at 2:00 PM. in conjunction with Columbus Day. Bishop Mark will celebrate Mass. Immediately following Mass, a dinner will be held in the Community Hall. Knights, along with their family members, friends and all parishioners are invited to this social celebration. Cost of the dinner is \$15.00 for adults and \$7.50 for children 12 years old and younger. Reservations must be made and paid in advance! Please call the office at 942-0371. Deadline for reservations is September 30th.

2017 ALTOONA PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY RALLY, HERITAGE PLAZA, 11TH AVE., 14th St. ALTOONA
Join in the praying of the Rosary on the 100TH Anniversary of the "Miracle of the Sun" at Fatima on Saturday, October 14th, 2017 at NOON at the Heritage Plaza, 11th Ave. and 14th Street, Altoona. This event is celebrated in over 20,000 cities around the world on this same day. Invite a friend. We will be praying for our nation, veterans and troops. Go to www.anf.org.

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time (October 1)

If we give ourselves to God and let him use our talents to humbly serve others instead of ourselves, we will be amazed at His results. Not only will our lives be changed, but so too will the lives of others.

October 1 Mt. 21:28-32

In today's gospel Jesus asked, 'What is your opinion?' Why do we think our opinion is dogma or fact? An opinion is only how we perceive a situation or how we feel comfortable doing something. Don't argue over or become divided by "your opinion."

Pet Blessing and Pastry Sale ...Franciscan Friars, TOR, Saturday, Oct. 7th
at The Friar's Nook Gift Shop, 793 Monastery Road, Hollidaysburg, begins at 10:00 AM. Event will be held rain or shine!

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Shrine	20.00
All Saints	10.00
All Souls	20.00
Prst Med/Ret coll	243.00
Total Dep	2095.25

2017 Catholic Ministries Drive

Goal	\$10973.
Pledged to date	9470.
Short fall	\$1503.



Happy Birthday!

10/04	Ethan Ronan
10/07	Britney Bradford
10/07	Colleen Douglass
10/10	Frances Good
10/10	Kelly Keagy

NOCTURNAL ADORATION... St. John, Lakemont, Friday, Oct. 6th, 8-11 PM. OLF is Group 2 and scheduled for 9-10 PM. You may go at anytime, if unable to go with our group.

AMERICA NEEDS FATIMA ROSARY RALLY: On Saturday, October 14th at Noon at City Hotel Park at 10th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue in Tyrone, PA you are invited to pray for peace and for help for our nation as part of the 2017 Public Square Rosary Crusade. Each year, the Public Square Rosary Crusade sponsored by America Needs Fatima hold thousands of rosary rallies in cities all across the country. This year the goal is 20,000 rosary rallies. In the historic year of the Fatima Centennial, we ask God to save America through the Rosary of His Most Holy Mother. Rosary and prayers will be led by Father Jozef Kovacic, pastor of Saint Matthew Parish in Tyrone, PA. All those in attendance can provide prayer intentions. Chairs will be provided and refreshments will be served after the rally. This rally was initiated and organized by Sarah Zakrzewski, a junior at Bishop Guilfoyle High School, who will serve as the rally captain. If you have questions or need directions please contact her at 632-3070.

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9/18	203	Sean Summers	\$100
9/19	338	Amelia Seiler	50
9/20	346	C. Douglass	50
9/21	653	Dennis Daversa	50
9/22	969	Ken Lauer	50
9/23	760	John Valentino	50
9/24	177	Kevin Byrne	50

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OF
OUR
LADY
OF
FATIMA'S
FIRST
APPARITION
COVA DA IRIA, PORTUGAL



OUR LADY URGES US TO PRAY AND OFFER SACRIFICES
BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE!

JUNE 29, 2017
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*Centennial of the Apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima
by scheduling*

*Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction
for two (2) hours
on the remaining dates of the original Apparitions:*

*Sixth and last Apparition
Friday, October 13th.*

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*Each holy hour will start with praying of the rosary for Peace in the World as Our Lady
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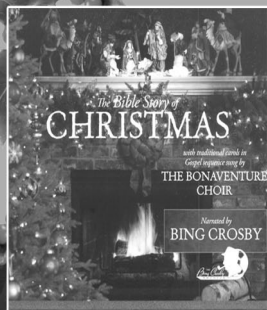
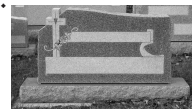
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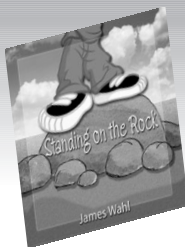
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