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Twenty-Eighth Sunday in O. T.
Oct 13, 2019

If we have died with [Christ Jesus] we shall also live with him; if we persevere we shall also reign with him.

— 2 Timothy 2:11-12a

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.



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.

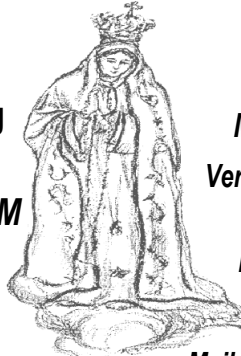
Our Lady of Fatima Church is open
Monday through Friday: 9AM - 5PM
for visits before the Blessed Sacrament.

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

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Reconciliation @ Cathedral: 7:00 PM Wednesday
12:30 PM Saturday

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Confirmation

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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 12:00 Noon
10:00 AM 12:00 Noon
12:00 Noon 5:30 PM Saturday: 8:00 AM
5:00 PM 12:00 Noon

The Most Essential Thing by Richard Rohr

The most powerful, most needed, and most essential teaching is always Love. Love is our foundation and our destiny. It is where we come from and where we're headed. As St. Paul famously says, "So faith, hope, and love remain, but the greatest of these is love" (1 Corinthians 13:13).

My hope, whenever I speak or write, is to help clear away the impediments to receiving, allowing, trusting, and participating in a foundational Love. God's love is planted inside each of us as the Holy Spirit who, according to Jesus, "will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you" (John 14:26).

Love is who you are. When you don't live according to love, you are outside of being. You're basically not real or true to yourself. When you love, you are acting according to your deepest being, your deepest truth. You are operating according to your dignity. For a simple description of the kind of love I am talking about, let's just use the word out-flowing. This will become clearer as we proceed.

All I can do is remind you of what you already know deep within your True Self and invite you to live connected to this Source. John the Evangelist writes, "God is love, and whoever remains in love, remains in God and God in them" (1 John 4:16). The Judeo-Christian creation story says that we were created in the very "image and likeness" of God—who sets the highest bar for this kind of outflowing love (Genesis 1:26-27). Out of the Trinity's generative and infinitely flowing relationship, all of creation takes form, mirroring its Creator in its deepest identity.

We have heard this phrase so often that we don't get the existential shock of what "created in the image and likeness of God" is saying about us. If this is true, then our family of origin is divine. It is saying that we were created by a loving God to also be love in the world. Our core is original blessing, not original sin. Our starting point is "very good" (Genesis 1:31). If the beginning is right, the rest is made considerably easier, because we know and can trust the clear direction of our life's tangent.

We must all overcome the illusion of separateness. It is the primary task of religion to communicate not worthiness but union, to reconnect people to their original identity "hidden with Christ in God" (Colossians 3:3). The Bible calls the state of separateness "sin." God's job description is to draw us back into primal and intimate relationship. "My dear people, we are already children of God; what we will be in the future has not yet been fully revealed, and all I do know is that we shall be like God" (1 John 3:2).

Henceforth, all our moral behavior is simply "the imitation of God." First observe what God is doing all the time and everywhere, and then do the same thing (Ephesians 5:1). And what does God do? God does what God is: Love. God does not love you if and when you change. God loves you so that you can change!

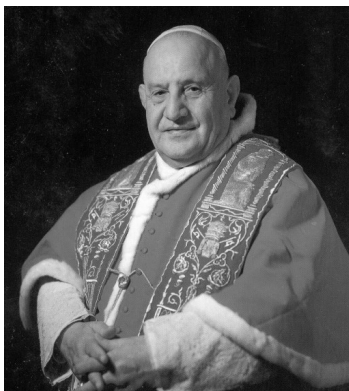
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"Consult not your fears but your hopes and your dreams. Think not about your frustrations, but about your unfulfilled potential. Concern yourself not with what you tried and failed in, but with what it is still possible for you to do.

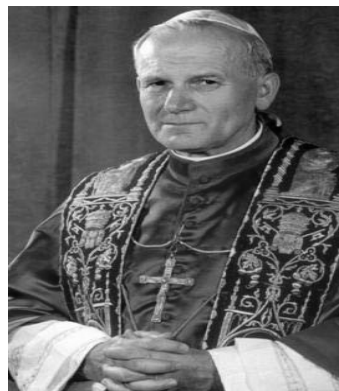
St. John XXIII



October 11 & October 22

Feast days of Saints

John XXIII & John Paul II



"Deepen your knowledge of Jesus which ends loneliness, overcomes sadness and uncertainty, gives real meaning to life, curbs passions, exalts ideals, expands energies in charity, brings light into decisive choices. Let Christ be for you the Way, the Truth, and the Life."

St. John Paul II

OCTOBER 13, 2019
TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
10:30 AM

October 13, 2019 Scripture Reflections

OUR LADY OF FATIMA MASS INTENTIONS

Readings: 2 Kgs 5:14-17; 2 Tm 2:8-13; Lk 17:11-19
Today's Intention - Chuck Hennigan

OCTOBER 20, TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN O.T.

Readings: Ex 17:8-13; 2 Tm 3:14-4:2; Lk 18:1-8
Carol Riley, Robin Phelan

Cathedral Mass Intention

October 14, Monday: St. Callistus I, Pope & Martyr

Readings: Rom 1:1-7, 1; Lk 11:29-32

6:45 AM Msgr. Paul Panza(Ann Plutko & Family)

12:00 PM Herb Kutruff (Skip Cowan & Family)

October 15, Tuesday: St Teresa of Jesus, Virgin & Doctor

Readings: Rom 1:16-25; Lk 11:37-41

6:45 AM Leroy & Irma Helfrich (Estate)

12:00 PM Sally Colledge (Pete Colledge & Family)

October 16, Wednesday: Sts. Hedwig, Margaret Mary

Readings: Rom 2:1-11; Lk 11:42-46

6:45 AM Sheila Wojick (McNelis All Stars)

12:00 PM Dan Minielli & John Bauer (Their Wives)

October 17, Thursday: St Ignatius Of Antioch

Readings: Rom 3:21-30; Lk 11:47-54

6:45 AM Kryder & Elizabeth Miller(Tom & Mary Irwin)

12:00 PM Loretta Batkiewicz (Dr. Frank & MaryAigner)

October 18, Friday: Saint Luke Evangelist

Readings: 2 Tm 4:10-17; Lk 10:1-9

6:45 AM Helen Lesko (M/M Francis Dambeck)

12:00 PM Joseph A. Keirn (Mom & Dad)

October 19, Saturday: Sts. John de Brebeuf, Isaac Jogues

Readings: Rom 4:13, 16-18; Lk 12:8-12

8:00 AM Edward Hallinan (Family)

12:00 PM Barbara Byers (Greg & Sandy Dulla)

Vigil: Twenty-Ninth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Readings: Ex 17:8-13; 2 Tm 3:14-4:2; Lk 18:1-8

5:00 PM Marti Stefanon (Bob & Kathy Ford)

Today's readings offer two examples of people whose lives were transformed through miraculous healings and return to give thanks. In the First Reading, the leper, Naaman, is an army commander who was healed of his disease. Despite his initial reluctance, he followed the prophet Elisha's instructions and bathed in the Jordan River seven times. Instead of returning home, he first sought out Elisha to thank him and offer him a reward. Elisha declined his gift but allowed Naaman to take home some earth to build a shrine to the God of Israel. Naaman found faith as well as healing.

In a similar way, in the Gospel, Jesus heals ten lepers (nine Israelites and one Samaritan) but only one returns to give Jesus thanks, "Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?" Not only does this foreigner, a Samaritan, find healing, he finds faith.

In both readings, a foreigner returns to give thanks. In both readings, their healing leads to thankfulness that generates faith. Their physical healing is an external manifestation of their spiritual healing. Jesus deliberately drew attention to the faith of this Samaritan to illustrate that faith and salvation in Jesus Christ extend beyond the borders of Israel to all people. As Paul states in the Second Reading, "The word of God is not chained."

Faith, salvation, thanksgiving, all are intimately connected in today's readings as they are in the Eucharist that we celebrate.

- While imprisoned, Paul says that the "word of God is not chained." What does he mean?

CATHEDRAL MASS CHANGE

The 5:00 PM Mass on Sunday, October 27th will be celebrated at Our Lady of Fatima Church, due to the Vienna Boys Choir Concert. Please make note of this.

AT HOME with the WORD 2019, Archdiocese of Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications, pg. 135.

*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.

October 13

28th Sunday

Luke 17:11 –19

Everyone needs “A Round Tuit.” The lepers in today’s gospel probably meant to thank Jesus. Excited about being cured they didn’t get ‘around-to-it.’ We get caught up in our own interests and fail to appreciate what we have or to say what is in our hearts. This week get yourself a “Round Tuit.”

Stewardship Reflections

Only one leper acknowledged Jesus as the source of his cure and returned to thank him. The happiness that God wants for us starts with our recognition that everything in life is a gift from Him. His gifts bring us happiness only when we use our time, talents and abilities, and possessions gratefully and generously. Let us give thanks to our generous God for all the blessings we receive each and every day. “Everyone must give according to what he or she has inwardly decided; not sadly, not grudgingly, for God loves a cheerful giver.” (2Corinthians 9:7)

SaveAround coupon books are here! The books are half the size with more variety of coupons and only \$20. a book. If you are traveling check out the website and get them for where you are going! Sample in the vestibule.

INDOOR YARD SALE - Saturday, October 19, 2019 - 8 AM-1 PM - **Saint Mark’s Recreation Hall** - 416 6th Avenue Rear, Altoona. The Kitchen will be open. If you would like to rent a double table for \$15, get in touch with Sally Young at 515-1404.

“Arise Together in Christ” Session 3” begins Tuesday, October 8th at 6:30 PM at the Rectory conference room. Please come and enjoy talking about **“In the Footsteps of Christ”**. No need to signup now, just show up on Tuesday. We would love your company. If you decide not to return, we ask no questions. Most of the folks that were here in lent enjoyed themselves and are returning! Please come.

Religious Ed PK-8 Donations of tissues, paper towels, hand sanitizer/wipes, and Lysol cleaning products are needed with the start of the season. Please help if you can.

F.I.R.E

Sunday October 27th, our High School Students will be serving a hot meal to those less fortunate in the church basement from 1:30 PM to 2:30 PM. (This will replace our evening FIRE Class).

Confirmation Prep Fall Session

All 9th Grade students seeking Confirmation there will be Confirmation Prep class on Sunday October 13, in the Cathedral Hall from 6:15-7:30 PM.

Catholic Ministry Drive Goal = \$9,271.00 - Report for EOM Aug, 2019. - We received \$5425.00 in one time gifts and pledges. Still owing is \$3,846.00

Sept. 29th Weekly Collection \$1463.20

BIRTHDAYS: Stanley Krish 10/19; Seth Leap.

YOUTH PROTECTION PROGRAM

A live Safe Environment Training session will be held on October 19th from 8:30 AM -12:30, at St Rose of Lima Parish Hall, 5514 Roselawn Avenue, Altoona PA 16602. Training begins promptly at 8:30 AM. To register visit: Virtsonline.Org or call Justin Kirkland at 814-317-2606 or email: jkirkland@dioceseaj.org.

Visit Historic Churches

Father Aron Maghsoudi will be sponsoring a daytrip to visit five historic ethnic parishes in Cleveland, Ohio on Sunday October 27th. They include architecturally significant churches that serve German, Irish, Hungarian, Slovenian, and Polish communities. The bus has pick up locations in Duncansville, Central City, Boswell, and Latrobe. The cost per person is \$50.00. For more information or to register for the trip please call the parish rectory at 814-754-5224. All are welcome.

Blessed is the Leader

***Blessed is the leader who knows Where to go,
Why to go there and How to get there.***

***Blessed is the who knows no discouragement,
Presents no alibi.***

***Blessed is the leader who knows how to lead
Without being dictatorial.***

***Blessed is the leader who develops leaders
while leading.***

***Blessed is the leader who leads for the good
of the most concerned, and not for personal
gratification.***

***Blessed is the leader with a head in the clouds
and feet on the ground.***

***Blessed is the leader who considers
leadership an opportunity to serve.
Amen***

Be Thankful!

***It is easy to be thankful for the
good things.***

***A life of rich fulfillment comes to those who
are also thankful for the setbacks.***

Gratitude can turn a negative into a positive.

***Find a way to be thankful for
your troubles
and they can become your blessings.***

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Family Ritual

**World Mission
Sunday: October 27**

***All people are God's people. Some don't
have enough to eat, wear, etc.***

***Make an annual family donation to your
brothers and sisters through a twinning
project in your parish, diocese, or through
your parish's mission collection.***

***Perhaps your annual yard sale earnings or a
percentage of your family budget could be
given.***

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BIBLE STUDY

***Let sleep find you holding your Bible, and when
your head nods let it be resting on a sacred page.***

—St. Jerome

NOTHING BUT GOD

***I need nothing but God, and to lose myself in the
heart of God.***

—St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

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