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O.L.F. Year For Catholic Devotions June 2011 - June 2012

September is dedicated to the devotion of The Seven Dolors of The Sorrowful Mother

A Lifetime of Service, A Moment of Thanks

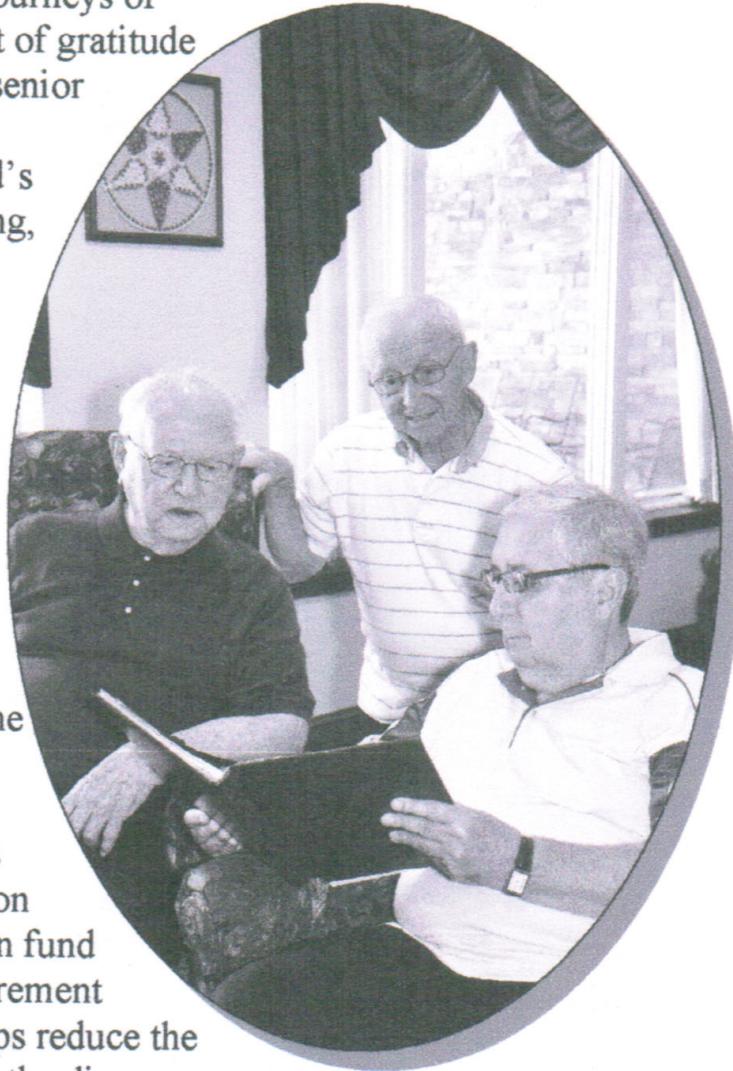


**Diocesan Priests Medical & Retirement
Special Collection • September 24 & 25**

As Catholic Christians on journeys of faith, we owe a vast amount of gratitude to our currently active and senior priests for their lifelong commitment in serving God's People through their teaching, divine worship and pastoral leadership.

Each year the diocese and parishes face the challenge of adequately supporting our priests in both their retirement and in their health care. A retired priest in this diocese receives a very modest amount from the diocesan pension plan.

Our charitable contributions through this special collection will be added to the diocesan fund for the priests' Medical Retirement Plan. Your personal gift helps reduce the amount that all parishes and the diocese allocate to this cause annually.



From left: Monsignor Roy F. Kline, Father Carl A. Spishak, Monsignor Paul D. Panza

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Public Service Runs in the Family

Brian and Matthew Starr are Altoona "First Responders" who wore their uniforms to Mass last Sunday to help OLF remember in prayer the heroes of 9-11. Not pictured is their sister Kristina who was on duty with AMED at the time our parish "Blue Mass" was being celebrated. The three "First Responders" are the children of Dr. Peter and Mrs. Catherine Starr. Pete is a former Altoona Chief of Police and is currently a professor in St. Francis' Criminology Program. Kristina is engaged to AMED EMT Adam Duraso. Brian's AASD son, Nick, talks about a future in law enforcement.

Happy Birthday:

- 9/19 Maestro Richard Kuiawa
9/20 Emma Kowalski
9/22 Patty McCloskey
9/23 Bill Bravin
Jill Watters

Happy Wedding Anniversary:

- 9/23 Dickie and Marcilee Bradford

**Your Last Chance to Order
Call 942-0371**

Wednesday, September 21, 2011

Everybody's Favorite

Our Famous Stuffed Shells

3 Stuffed Shells, 2 meatballs, Salad & Roll

\$7.00



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MONEY MATTERS

Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (September 11, 2011)

211 people Celebrated Liturgy at O.L.F. contributing \$ 2,395.95 of which \$ 239.00 accounted for visitor contributions.

Envelopes In Circulation 209

Used 92

Unused 117

Drawing Deeper Faith from the New Words of Mass

How personal is your relationship with Jesus during the Catholic Mass? The entire Mass is an encounter with the True Presence of Christ, and it should change us: We should be healed by it. We should feel loved and become more fully loving as a result of it. Our hearts should become more peaceful. Our tendencies to sin should be transformed into greater strength to resist sin. A true encounter with Christ makes a difference.

This is what Mass is designed to do. It begins with the gathering song as the priest and other liturgical ministers process down the aisle. From the start, Jesus becomes present to us in the people who surround us, but recognizing this is not easy.

That's because many of us think of Mass as a private experience. But it's not! It's a communion – a coming together to become one in community by increasing our personal and communal union with Christ.

We enter the church as individuals and leave as the earthly Body of Christ. Every part of Mass builds up to this communion, and the changes in the Mass help make this more real.

We enter the church as sinners; sin – because it's unloving – separates us from one another and from God. So, early in the Mass we experience Jesus as we seek forgiveness in the Penance Rite.



The restoration of unity grows in the Liturgy of the Word if we actively listen to Christ's Holy Spirit speak to us in the scriptures and during the homily. And then the process reaches its source and summit in the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

In the communion line, we walk up to Jesus to receive him fully in the Eucharist. We take this action as individuals, responsible for our own conversions, saying, "I am not worthy...", and we return to our pews as a community united to Christ.

In John 6:51-58, Jesus says: "Those who feed on me will have life because of me." What kind of life? Jesus gives us his body and blood so that we become one with him in his entirety – all of his humanity and all of his divinity. He wants us to be healed by his love. He wants us to receive his strength when we endure trials. He wants to give us his life.

Participating in Mass should transform our life into his. The changes in the words of Mass can help with this.

Conscious involvement in all parts of the Mass is an encounter with the True Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, which transforms us into the Eucharist. We can leave church more able to be Christ for others, giving everyone we encounter the opportunity to be nourished by the True Presence of Jesus within us.



APOSTOLIC PENITENTIARY, Roma, Italia.

The Apostolic Penitentiary, formerly called the Supreme Tribunal of the Apostolic Penitentiary, is one of the three tribunals of the Roman Curia. The Apostolic Penitentiary is chiefly responsible for issues relating to the issuance and governance of indulgences.

Rome, 8 March 1996

The *Enchiridion Indulgentiarum [assures us that] a **plenary indulgence** is granted to the faithful that devoutly recite the Marian Rosary (even just the one fourth part of it) in a church or oratory [with the Blessed Sacrament present.]

From the same quoted text it is clear that in no way may it be excluded from the above-mentioned grant [of a plenary indulgence] the recitation of the Rosary in front of the Blessed Sacrament, both when reserved in the tabernacle and when exposed.

Furthermore, this practice is praiseworthy because whilst our Lord Jesus Christ truly present is adored, also the most Blessed Virgin Mary is invoked with prayers which are essentially biblical (the Our Father, the Hail Mary in its first part, and the Mystery of salvation).

Therefore, the faithful do an excellent thing in continuing such a pious custom in churches.

Yours faithfully,
Fr Luigi De Magistris, Regent

How to get an Indulgence:

1967, Pope Paul VI issued the apostolic constitution Indulgentiarum Doctrina, which established new norms for the use of indulgences. This document introduced the classification of indulgences as partial or plenary.

Partial indulgence: Granted by the Church to "the faithful who at least with a contrite heart perform an action to which a partial indulgence is attached." These individuals "obtain, in addition to the remission of temporal punishment acquired by the action itself, an equal remission of punishment through the intervention of the Church."

Plenary indulgence: "It is necessary to perform the work to which the indulgence is attached and to fulfill three conditions: sacramental confession, Eucharistic Communion, and prayer for the intentions of the supreme pontiff. It is further required that all attachment to sin, even to venial sin, be absent."

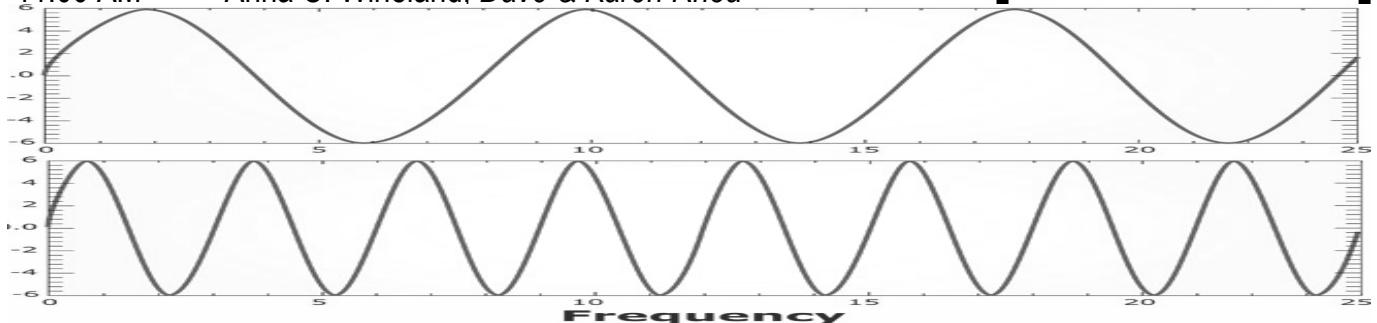
The conditions may be performed "several days before or after the performance of the prescribed work." The document also established that a single confession may suffice for several plenary indulgences. Praying for the pope's intentions can be satisfied by saying a prayer of one's own which notes, "all men who walk this earth daily commit at least venial sins."

Our Lady of Fatima Pleded That we pray the Holy Rosary Daily

At O.L.F. before each Mass and privately from 8:30am to 7:00pm

Mon. 9/19	<u>A Day of Prayer for Victims of Cancer</u>
Feast	St. Januarius, bishop & martyr
8:00 AM Mass	Fr. Anthony Pollack, Kevin & Jane Byrne
Tues. 9/20	<u>A Day of Prayer for Victims of Heart Diseases</u>
Feast	St. Andrew Kim Tagon, St. Paul Chong Hasang, martyrs
8:00 AM Mass	Francis Kasun, Barbara & Lee Crist
Wed. 9/21	<u>A Day of Prayer for Victims of Arthritis</u>
Feast	St. Matthew, apostle
8:00 AM Mass	Victoria Niewola, Tom & Pat Byrne & Family
Thur. 9/22	<u>A Day of Prayer for Victims of Nervous Disorders</u>
Feast	Weekday
8:00 AM Mass	Ryan Summers, Aunt Jeanne & Family
Fri. 9/23	<u>A Day of Prayer for Victims of Emotional Disorders</u>
Feast	St. Pio of Pietrelcina, priest
8:00 AM Mass	Lucy Kwok, Catarana Wong
Sat. 9/24	<u>A Day of Prayer for Victims of Diabetes</u>
Feast	Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Times
4:30 PM Mass	Theresa Bruno, Family
Sun. 9/25	<u>A Day of Prayer for Victims of Addictions</u>
Feast	Twenty-Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Times
9:00 AM Mass	Living & Deceased members of Our Lady of Fatima
11:00 AM	Anna C. Wineland, Dave & Karen Rhoa

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A non-parishioner who is a frequent visitor to Our Lady of Fatima having heard our public address system functioning at sub par levels - which happens pretty often - was no doubt moved by the verse from Romans Chapter 10 which reads “Consequently, **faith comes from hearing** the message, and the message **is heard through the word** about Christ.” He asked the pastor if any thought was being given to improving this mechanism of Faith Outreach. He was informed that experts were trying to design us a high quality system that we could actually afford. He asked if he could help start off the fund raising campaign. The pastor said, of course. The man sat down and cut a check. As he handed it over he asked: “will this help?” Trying to play it cool the pastor immediately folded it without looking and said: “I’m sure it will.” The check was cut for \$3,000.00.