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Our Lady of Fatima Parish
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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
Patty Flanagan 942-0371

Our Lady of Fatima Church is open
Monday through Friday: 9AM - 6PM
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
*Pleaded That we pray the Holy Rosary
before Sunday Mass and
privately from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm
daily.*

The Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament
One Cathedral Square
Altoona, Pa 16601

Cathedral Church Office: 814-944-4603
Most Reverend Mark L. Bartchak Bishop
Reverend Monsignor Robert C. Mazur, Rector

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

Altoona Central Catholic School:
Pre-K thru Grade 5 381-7011

Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School:
Web: www.bishopguilfoyle.org – 944-4014

Directors of Religious Education:

Chris Laraia – Pre-K thru 8 - 946-3475

Jean Koury – 9 thru 12 – 949-2777

Religious Education Office: Sundays – 943-7424

Confessions @ 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

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2015
 10:30 AM

Intention: Mike and Ann Billy



ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL
 Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown

Assessed = \$15,100 Amount Pledged to date = \$12,165
 Shortfall (at present) = \$2,935.

Christian Initiation—Inquiry Sessions

Are you interested in the Catholic Church? Do you know someone who might be interested in seeking information about our Catholic faith? Today, the Cathedral Christian Initiation Team will meet in the Seton Suite at 11:00 AM with all those seeking information on the Catholic Church. No commitments are made at this time. This is the an Inquiry Session to discuss aspects of our faith with anyone who might be thinking of joining the Catholic Church.

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 A
 Sinner

Liturgical Reflection...

General
 Instruction
 of the
 Roman
 Missal

In keeping with the Church's traditional practice and with what the altar signifies, the table of the altar, that is, the top mensa, should be of natural stone.
 In the Dioceses of the United States of America, wood which is dignified, solid, and well-crafted may be used, provided that the altar is structurally immobile. As to the supports or base for supporting the table, these may be made of any material, provided it is dignified and solid. In building new churches, it is preferable for a single altar to be placed, one that in the gathering of the faithful will signify the one Christ and the one Eucharist of the Church. General Instruction of the Roman Missal, Numbers 301 and 303.2015, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 South Logan Boulevard, Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania 16648.

Witness of Mercy of Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney.

Bishop Mark Bartchak and the Vocations Endowment Committee are hosting a special celebration for Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney. Bishop Bartchak will celebrate Mass at 2:00 PM, on October 11, 2015 at the Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel in Loretto. Following Mass there will be as dinner held in Our Lady of Loreto Community Hall. All Knights, along with their family members, friends and all parishioners are invited to this special celebration. Cost of Dinner in Advance is \$15.00-Adults and \$7.50 for children 7 yrs old and under. Mail check and a list of individual names with a check to: William Stasko, CPA, 8 Entrance Drive, Johnstown, Pa 15905
 Deadline for reservations is September 30, 2015

ROSARY RALLY OCTOBER 10, 2015 -2 PM
 HERITAGE PLAZA, ALTOONA

Bishop Bartchak has approved that all local parishes make an announcement at all weekend Masses concerning the Rosary Rally. The information is on Our Lady's Peace Plan from Heaven flyers that are to be placed in church vestibules. Information cards are being passed out through our Rosary group to the public. Please contact rbfrdrck@aol.com for additional information. Thank you in advance for your support.

Happy Birthday:
 10/03 Emma Summers
 10/04 Ethan Ronan

Wedding Anniversaries :
 09/29 Melinda and Joe Summers

MONEY MATTERS

(Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 20, 2015)

168 people Celebrated Liturgy at O.L.F. contributing \$ 1,249.60 of which \$ 176.10 accounted for non-envelope contributions.

Envelopes In Circulation 176 # Used 60 # Unused 116

Collection One Year Ago = \$ 2,311.76

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**TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 27, 2015**

Readings: Nm 11:25-29; Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43,45,47-48

Mass Intentions

September 28, Monday: Saint Wenceslaus, Martyr

Readings: Zec 8:1-8; Lk 9:46-50

6:45 AM Dick Huber (John Conti)

8:00 AM Bernard and Ruby Doyle, Wed. Ann. (Family)

12:00 PM Tom Cawley, Birthday (Bob & Jean Jones)

September 29, Tuesday: Ss. Michael, Gabriel, Raphael

Readings: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Jn 1:47-51

6:45 AM Edward Manna (Cathedral Parish)

8:00 AM Barry and Brian Elmers (Aunt Skip)

12:00 PM George Seidel (Friend)

September 30, Wednesday: Saint Jerome, Priest, Doc.

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

6:45 AM Eleanor Toth (Camilla Palazzi)

8:00 AM Pat Rabine (Dave and Karen Rhoa)

12:00 PM John Vogel, Birthday (Madeline Vogel)

October 1, Thursday: Saint Therese of the Child Jesus

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

6:45 AM In Prayer and Thanksgiving (Grove Family)

8:00 AM Beverly Fabian (M/M Paul Kowalski)

12:00 PM Don Tomlinson, Anniversary (Wife, Janet)

October 2, Friday: The Holy Guardian Angels

Readings: Bar 1:15-22; Mt 18:1-5, 10

6:45 AM Dolores Burtnette (Gretchen Packard)

8:00 AM Hattie Zaczek, Birthday Ann., (Children)

12:00 PM Edgar A. Johnston, Anniversary (Mother)

October 3, Saturday: Weekday

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

8:00 AM Helen O'Leary (Mary M. Kline)

12:00 PM Rob Beiswenger (Dr. & Mrs. Greg Sweeney)

Vigil: Twenty-Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time

Readings: Gn 2:18-24; Heb 2:9-11; Mk 10:2-16

5:00 PM George Seidel, Birthday (Family)

Our Lady of Fatima Mass Intention

October 4, Sunday: Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Gn 2:18-24; Heb 2:9-11; Mk 10:2-16

10:30 AM Colleen Sheehan, Birthday, Carol Smith

SEPTEMBER 27, 2015

Scripture Reflection

Today we are asked to reflect on what is essential in our lives. Who must we become spiritually and what must we do to "enter into life"? In the reading from Numbers, the Lord came in a cloud which, along with fire, was the manifestation of God's earthly presence with the people during the Exodus. He took some of the spirit given to Moses and shared it among the people. Some questioned why it was bestowed on Eldad and Medad, who had not been among the seventy elders. But the spirit was given according to divine design, not human plans. This spirit prompted all of them to prophesy—that is, to speak for God.

The Gospel from Mark's account tells about those who act in God's name by healing and driving out demons. As the passage begins, John thinks that those who are not part of the disciples' company should not act in Jesus' name. But Jesus reminds them that actions reveal who is connected to him, and true connection and action will be rewarded. However, whatever causes sin should be eliminated. Jesus is not speaking literally; he is not suggesting that one cut off hands or feet, or pluck out an eye. Rather he asks us to consider what is essential to lead us to life and what is non-essential.

Today's first reading and Gospel show how God's generosity is often met with jealousy. Recognizing the strain of leading the chosen but grumbling people through the Wilderness, God tells Moses to gather seventy elders. A couple of others, Eldad and Medad, whose names had been on the list, had missed the meeting. The spirit came to rest on them as well, so they began prophesying in the camp. In today's Gospel, Jesus attempts to counter the disciples' misconception about who can claim allegiance to Christ.

Like Joshua in the first reading, John is resentful because someone not of their group is driving out demons in Jesus' name, and so evidencing the same power that Jesus had shared with them. Jesus counters their parochialism. By exorcising demons in Jesus' name the man was not only unlikely to speak ill of Jesus but was also undoubtedly causing many others to speak favorably of Jesus. So the question is, where is the love of the disciples directed: to themselves or to Jesus? If their love is for Jesus, then they will foster the inclusivity that promotes the service of others where Jesus is met. Nurturing more people's gifts for ministry will lead to more people being served.

• **Do you admire people who are genuinely close to the Lord? Are you ever jealous of them? Why do these people bother you?**

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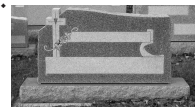
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