

# Our Lady of Fatima Bulletin

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Scripture Reflection

*Is 35:4-7a ☩ Jas2:1-5 ☩ Mk:7:31-37*

## SEPTEMBER 6, 2015

How can people be upset about a lion being killed, even if it was lured out of a protected area and slaughtered? A lion? There are babies being killed throughout the country, the world even, and people are upset about animals? Why is Planned

Parenthood not at the top of the news? But what about human lives after conception, do these lives matter at all? Do #BlackLivesMatter? Do the lives of migrants drowning in the Mediterranean matter to anyone?

Expressing moral outrage over animals and their environment need not be at odds with defending the lives of innocent babies in the womb whose lives are brutally ended or with neighbors whose lives are at risk daily from racism, manifested in numerous ways, but most clearly in white supremacist rhetoric that leads even to the mass murder of black Christians praying in the quiet of a church. One can act on behalf of migrants making their way to Europe on the flimsiest of vessels and still speak out about the incarceration rate in U.S. prisons.

This passage from the Gospel according to Mark recounts Jesus's ministry in the area of the Decapolis, an area east of the Sea of Galilee, in which Greek and Semitic cultures mingled. He heals a deaf-mute man. While this is a miracle story portraying Jesus as the compassionate healer, it also foreshadows God's new creation where all will be restored. Additionally, the story shows how Jesus warned his disciples to hear and not to be deaf to his message, and to proclaim the Kingdom and not be mute.

We must cry out for the oppressed, weep for the loss of innocent life and act, but we must never forget to pray in hope. God has not forgotten and God will not forget. Our hope for justice is an inkling of God's will, "who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous. The Lord watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin"

**Catholic social teaching directs believers to have a "preferential option to the poor." There are poor here in Altoona, in our country, and throughout the world. What are you doing for these brothers and sisters?**

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**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2015**

**10:30 AM**

*Today's Intention: Zeralda Geis, Daughter Rachael and Family*

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(Sunday, September 13, 2015, 10:30 AM, Intention: Francis Buck, Cathy Madden)



**ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL**  
**Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown**

Assessed = \$15,100 Amount Pledged to date = \$12,115  
Shortfall (at present) = \$2,985. (No Change)

**Paying off the \$2,985. ACA Debt would be a wonderful gesture on our part as Fr. Zatalava enjoys his retirement. OLF has always met her goal since he has been our Pastor. - Staff**

**Mass Intentions..**

Mass Intentions here at Our Lady of Fatima will be fulfilled at the Sunday 10:30AM Mass. Mass Intentions will be fulfilled also at the daily Masses at the Cathedral. Mass times are 6:45AM, 8:00AM and Noon. If you have a preference for Mass time, please let the OLF Parish Office know. Daily Mass Intentions will be posted in future bulletins.

**Mass on Monday, September 7th..**

Tomorrow is Labor Day and a national holiday. Mass is at 9:00 AM at the Cathedral. In the Diocese it is the anniversary of the dedication of the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament which was formally dedicated on September 7, 1931. The Mass on Monday will be for the Dedication of the Cathedral. Bishop Bartchak will celebrate this anniversary Liturgy. All are welcome.

**Weekly Bulletin..**

The Parish bulletin will always contain a reflection on some aspect of the Sunday readings.

**Happy Birthday:**

09/08 Kevin Byrne, Ryan James Jones  
Kathy Kasun

09/09 Brandon Pendergrast

09/10 Linda Burr, Elizabeth Clark

09/13 Nicole Seymore

09/14 Patty Gaeto, Sara Quinlan, Mary Wall

Annual Blue and White Mass  
Sept. 12, 2015  
5:00 PM

At the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, Altoona.  
This mass is to honor all elected officials, doctors, nurses,  
and safety personnel

**Wedding Anniversaries :**

09/09 Dana and Ron Smith

09/14 Nancy and Ed Ptak



*Our Lady of Fatima  
Pleaded That we pray the  
Holy Rosary At O.L.F. before  
Sunday Mass and  
privately from 9:00 am to  
6:00 pm daily.*

*Lord  
Jesus  
Christ  
Son  
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Have  
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Sinner*

**MONEY MATTERS**

**(Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 30, 2015)**

237 people Celebrated Liturgy at O.L.F. contributing \$ 1,782.16 of which \$ 325.41 accounted for non-envelope contributions.

# Envelopes In Circulation      175                      # Used                      77                      # Unused                      99

Collection One Year Ago = \$ 1,830.00

**BULLETIN INSERTS:** Liturgy Office, The Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, 2015  
**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**SEPTEMBER 6, 2015**

*Liturgical Reflection...*

Monday, September 7, is a special day of prayer in the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown. It is a Day of Prayer for **Human Rights and Equality**. Please join the Local Church in praying the following:



O God, who gave one origin to all peoples,  
fill all hearts with the fire of your love  
and kindle in them a desire  
for the just advancement of their neighbor,  
that, through the good things which you richly bestow upon all,  
each human person may be brought to perfection,  
every division may be removed,  
and equity and justice may be established in human society.  
Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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*Liturgical Reflection...*

*General  
Instruction  
of the  
Roman Missal*

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal gives particular directives for the celebration of Mass. It is noted that the cross adorned with the figure of Christ crucified is carried in the opening procession. This cross may be placed next to the altar to serve as the altar cross. It is desirable that such a cross should remain near the altar even outside of liturgical celebrations, so as to remind the faithful of the saving Passion of the Lord. The cross bearing the figure of the Crucified is a traditional piece of art in Catholic life.  
General Instruction of the Roman Missal, Numbers 117, 122, and 308.

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*Liturgical Reflection...*



This Friday, September 11, is the anniversary of the terrorist attacks on American soil. May those who survived be consoled with the knowledge of God's love. May the innocent victims know the peace of the Risen Lord. May nations work together for an end to the plague of terror and the birth of peace among all God's nations and religions. Bishop Bartchak will gather in the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament on Saturday, September 12 at 5:00 P.M. for the **Blue and White Mass** to honor the military, firefighters, police officers, doctors, nurses, and emergency medical technicians who serve our communities. All are welcome.

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# Out and About . . .

## **ATTENTION PARISH AND CHURCH VOLUNTEERS!!**

Due to the new Pennsylvania State Mandates on Youth Protection, all current or future volunteers at the parish **MUST** obtain new clearances.

**Please call Chris Laraia at 312-7317 for more information.**

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PRE K-11**

Registration for 2015-16 for all students, both current and new, will be held after all Masses at Cathedral only, on Saturday/Sunday, August 29-30 in the Seton Suite. New members are asked to bring a copy of the student's Baptismal Certificate.

*.St. Matthew parish, Tyrone has a group registered for the papal trip with 4 people in a room. Unfortunately, several of the group are now able to complete the amount of walking required. The group will sell their reservations for \$400.00 (original \$589) If you are interested please call the parish office 814-684-1480 parish secretary Debbie Zakrozwski or email at: [stmatthewtyrone@gmail.com](mailto:stmatthewtyrone@gmail.com).*

St. Mary's Church in Altoona is restarting it's Cub Scout Pack #25. Call Cub Master 505-4676, if you have any questions. There is a \$35.00 fee to enroll.

**Outdoor Masses from now to the end of summer are on Sundays at 7:00 PM at the Our Lady of the Alleghenies Shrine in Loretto.**

**We still have some co-op tickets in the back of the church, please buy or sell them to help our parish.**



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**Our Lady of Fatima Parish**  
**Beginning Sunday, September 6, 2015**  
**Administration from the Cathedral**

Sunday Mass at Our Lady of Fatima: 10:30AM  
Holy Day Mass at our Lady of Fatima: 6:00PM

Baptisms, Weddings, and Funerals at Our Lady of Fatima

**Our Lady of Fatima Church will be open daily: 9:00AM - 6:00PM**

Our Lady of Fatima Church Office: 8:00AM-2:00PM (Monday through Friday)

Saturday Vigil at Cathedral: 5:00PM; Sunday: 8:00AM; 10:00 AM; Noon, and 5:00PM  
Holy Day Vigil at Cathedral: 5:30PM; Holy Day: 8:00AM; Noon; and 5:30PM

***All church envelopes from Our Lady of Fatima given at the Cathedral will be deposited in the account of Our Lady of Fatima Parish.***

Weekday Masses at Cathedral: 6:45AM; 8:00AM; and Noon (Monday through Friday)  
8:00AM and Noon (Saturday)  
One Daily Mass on Holy Day at 9:00AM

Confessions at Cathedral: 7:00PM - Wednesday  
12:30PM - Saturday

Religious Education continues at Cathedral: Pre-K through 11  
Sacramental Formation continues at Cathedral: First Reconciliation  
First Communion  
Confirmation

Sacramental Formation at the Cathedral: Baptismal Prep  
Marriage Prep  
Christian Initiation

Devotions at Cathedral: Miraculous Medal Novena: 7:45AM - Monday  
Rosary: 6:00PM - Wednesday  
Charismatic Prayer: 7:00PM - Monday

Liturgy of Hours within Exposition and Benediction of Blessed Sacrament: 6:30PM - Sunday  
Advent and Christmas; Lent and Easter Seasons

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