

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament honoring the 5th Apparition of Our Lady of Fatima will be held Wednesday, September 13, at our parish from 6 PM—8 PM.

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.

September 10, 2017
"If two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father."
—Matthew 18:19

Our Lady of Fatima Parish
2010 12th Avenue
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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

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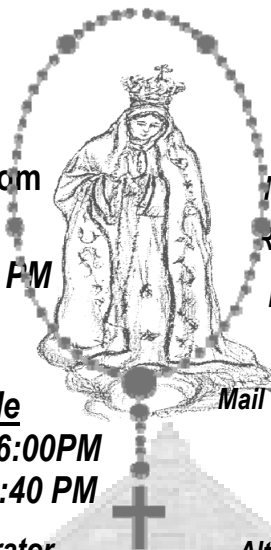
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Monday through Friday: 9AM - 6PM
for visits before the Blessed Sacrament.

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

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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

September 10, 2017
Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

GOD'S WATCHERS

In the ancient world watchmen were extremely important people. They kept communities safe, and were there to alert them to any impending danger or attack. Before locks, alarms, and security systems, watchmen were the protectors, the safety measure. So when the Lord charges Ezekiel as a watchman today, it is a weighty charge. So weighty, we learn, that if Ezekiel fails to sound the alarm for those around him and they perish in a state of wickedness, Ezekiel will be held responsible! This profound connection between God's will on earth and in heaven is repeated in today's Gospel, where Jesus instructs us that we are to be the security force, the watchers placed on alert that nowhere in the Body of Christ, the church, will there be any two members of the one Body who are not reconciled. Scripture tells us that Jesus reconciled all things in heaven and on earth through the blood of his cross. But we are given the mission to continue that reconciliation on earth as in heaven through our ceaseless efforts to be, as Paul would write, ambassadors of reconciliation. Let us not get too comfortable thinking that we are responsible only for keeping our own lives from the path of wickedness and disagreement. We are also held accountable for the lives of the members of Christ's body around us.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

On Good Friday, at the heart of the Triduum, the commemoration of the Lord's Passion is colored by sobriety and decorum, but this Thursday the mystery comes in a luminous celebration of Christ's victory. In its deepest origins, the Exaltation of the Holy Cross is the feast of a dedication of a church, since in the year 335 the Church of the Holy Sepulchre was dedicated on September 13, and on the following day the "true cross" discovered by St. Helena was brought outside to the faithful for veneration. It is a great feast of the Eastern Church, which often marks it by having the whole assembly prostrate themselves on the floor honoring the life-giving cross.

At the core of the tradition is the quest of Helena, mother of the Emperor Constantine, to acquire the cross and the nails of the Crucifixion from the ruins of Jerusalem. When she was satisfied that she had found them, thanks to the healing of a sick man whose body was placed on the cross, she had her son fund the building of the great basilica. The history of the relic is complicated, especially because it was carried off by invading Persians in the year 614 and "went missing" for fifteen years. Thursday's feast does not celebrate the relic, but rather the life-giving cross from which salvation flows. It's a good day to look around your house or office: Don't those walls look bare without a cross? What better day to remedy that?

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HATE NOT

I will permit no one to narrow and degrade my soul by making me hate them.

—Booker T. Washington

PATIENCE

If you are patient in one moment of anger, you will escape a hundred days of sorrow.

—Chinese proverb

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
September 10, 2017
10:30 AM

OUR LADY OF FATIMA MASS INTENTIONS

Readings : Ez 33:7-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20

***All Students of Our Lady of Fatima**

Readings: Sir 27:30—28:7, Rom 14:7-9, Mt 18:21-35

September 17th, Twenty-Fourth Sunday in OT

***Chuck Hennigan (Colleen Douglass)**

CATHEDRAL MASS INTENTIONS

September 11, Monday: Weekday

Readings: Col 1:24-2:3; Lk 6:6-11

6:45 AM Nancy Sassana Mignogna (Estate)

8:00 AM Bernie Frederick (Mary Lysinger)

12:00 PM Denise Kessler (Patty & Bear McCloskey)

September 12, Tuesday: The Most Holy Name of Mary

Readings: Col 2:6-15; Lk 6:12-19

6:45 AM Bill Crouse (Frank & Dawn Steinbugl)

8:00 AM Rose Himmelein (Tillie Harris)

12:00 PM Betty McCabe (Debra Machak)

September 13, Wednesday: St. John Chrysostom, Bp. & Dr.

Readings: Col 3:1-11; Lk 6:20-26

6:45 AM M/M Wm. Moyer (Francis & Christina Dambeck)

8:00 AM Kay A. Seidel-Lint (Annie Plutko)

***12:00 PM Tom Byrne (Lorraine Shuma)**

September 14, Thursday: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Readings: Nm 21:4-9; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

6:45 AM Msgr. Paul Panza, Anniv. (Cathedral Parish)

***8:00 AM Jerry Smith (Joe & Patty Pufka)**

12:00 PM M. Virginia Jones (Randy & Jean Koury)

September 15, Friday: Our Lady of Sorrows

Readings: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Jn 19:25-27

6:45 AM Marian Clemens (Joe Wiedemer)

8:00 AM Barbara Barrett (Larry & Barb Savino)

12:00 PM Poor Souls

September 16, Saturday: Saints Cornelius & Cyprian

Readings: 1 Tm 1:15-17; Lk 6:43-49

8:00 AM Joe Tomlinson (Bob Martcho)

12:00 PM Herbert Kuttruff (Joe Eckels)

Vigil: Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Sir 27:30-28:7; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

5:00 PM James J. Adams, Anniv. (Family)

Remember Our Sick and Dying in your prayers.

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

*Our Lady of Fatima asks us to:
"Pray the Rosary daily for Peace."*

SEPTEMBER 10, 2017
Scripture Reflection

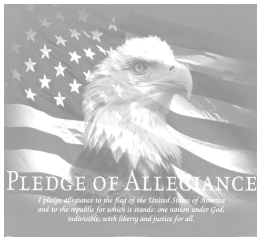
Today's readings remind us of our shared responsibility in humanity's journey to holiness. In the First Reading, God appoints Ezekiel to be a sentry or lookout for Israel. Ezekiel is told that his destiny depends on the energy he puts into convincing people to change their wicked ways, whether or not they repent. Of course, conversion is only possible if we are open to hear God's voice.

The term church describes a group of God's people who share a common purpose, history, set of values and sense of family. In teaching his disciples to bring their disputes to such a community, Jesus drew on well-developed traditions of Second Temple Judaism. Examples of these traditions also appear in the Dead Sea Scrolls. Throughout Israel's war-torn history, internal strife threatened national cohesion. Techniques of conflict resolution formed a significant part of Israel's religious inheritance. Those who bound their life to Israel's law knew that ties of affection in the local assembly could sort out nearly any dispute. Among their fellow people of God, aggrieved parties had their best chance of sympathy; among people they trusted, they could be vulnerable and open to correction.

Trust in God's love grounds Jesus' assurance that God grants the request of any two Christians who agree. In the context of divine love, any Christian who joins with another to continue Christ's mission will find a rich supply of grace. God is at work, enabling the church to reconcile the estranged, to restore ties of affection among people and to pray for the realization of God's dreams.

All of today's readings speak of the importance of right relationship and personal responsibility. Saint Catherine of Siena said, "Speak the truth in love." That's how God treats us, even when we turn away from God. Speak from the desire that the other will change, not to destroy them. It requires being caring rather than judgmental--- again, like God treats us. Speak in the way that you would want someone to speak to you. Love your neighbor as yourself.

- When has speaking the truth in love led to change or healing?



Liturgical Reflection...

Tomorrow marks the sixteenth anniversary of the terrorist attacks on American soil. Many lives were lost, many were injured, and still many continue to mourn that painful September day. Take time for special prayer: participate at Mass, pray the rosary, read scripture, take time before the Blessed Sacrament and silently reflect on God's love. Ask the Blessed Mother, patroness of our country, to intercede that peace prevail among the nations and for an end to terrorism and violence. God bless our country and all the peoples of the world.

2017, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 South Logan Boulevard, Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania 16648.

ORDER OF CELEBRATING MATRIMONY

Liturgical Reflection ...

When celebrating the Sacrament of Matrimony with Mass, the order of the rite is: Liturgy of the Word, the Celebration of Matrimony, and the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Once the celebration of Matrimony is completed, the preparation of the altar and gifts follows. The rite suggests that the bride and bridegroom may bring the bread and wine to the altar. Other possibilities would be family or friends. The couple can ask their godparents to bring up the gifts. Once all is ready on the altar, Mass proceeds in the usual manner. Order of Celebrating Matrimony , Number 70.

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A SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR HURRICANE HARVEY RELIEF will be taken up today with the second collection. All monies will go to CATHOLIC CHARITIES USA, which is already assisting in the areas affected by this storm.

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (September 10)

Am I my brother's keeper? All three readings today suggest the answer is "yes" for the Christian steward. We will be rewarded by the Lord if we follow his directives.

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Our shortfall is now \$2548. WE can make this goal!
Please pray about giving and give what you can!

September 10 Mt. 18:15-20

The key word in today's gospel is "listen." We cannot change another person; not alone not with others and not with a whole church. All we can do is state our position and "if he listens to you" then he/she can take the steps necessary to change themselves. Change comes from within.

HATE HAS NO HOME HERE ...Monday, September 11, there is an interfaith walk for peace, beginning at 11AM at Agudath Achim Synagogue and ends at Heritage Plaza at 12 PM. The "Walk for Peace" is to promote peace, harmony and love in our community . See poster on bulletin board for more information.

St. Demetrius Parish in Gallitzin will hold its annual Chicken BBQ Dinner and Mini-Bazaar Sunday September 24th, in the parish Activity Center (rear 616 Church St.) in Gallitzin. Dinners for Adults: \$10.00; Children 6-12: \$6.00; Children aged 5 and under: free. Takeouts: \$10.00. A flea market will also be featured, as well as baked goods, games, and baskets. Dinner will be served from 11 a.m. until - ?

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Total Dep		1730.35

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Goal	\$10973.
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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:*

Wednesday, September 13th, and
Friday, October 13th.

Holy Hours are from 6 to 8 PM.

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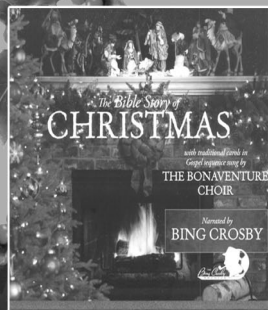
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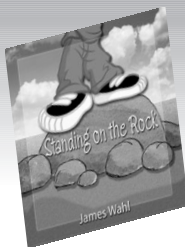
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