

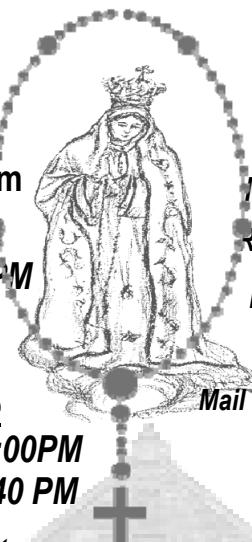
# TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Nativity of the  
Blessed Virgin  
Mary

September 8, 2017

*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.*



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**Monday – Friday 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM**

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## **Our Lady of Fatima Mass Schedule**

**Sunday: 10:30 AM - Holy Days: 6:00PM**  
**Rosary: 10:05 AM - Rosary: 5:40 PM**

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**OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH IS A RESULT OF THE  
MERGER BETWEEN THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCHES  
OF SS. PETER & PAUL AND ST. LEO THE GREAT IN 1995.**

**September 3, 2017**

*Be transformed by the renewal of  
your mind, that you may discern  
what is the will of God,  
what is good and pleasing and  
perfect.*

— Romans 12: 2

**Cathedral Church Office: 814-944-4603**

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**Reconciliation @ Cathedral: 7:00 PM Wednesday  
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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 3, 2017**  
**Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**FOLLOWING CHRIST**

*If you've ever had an unpleasant but somewhat amusing practical joke played on you, then you have some understanding of how Jeremiah feels today when he tells God "good one—you duped me." We can almost see him shaking his head with a bit of a rueful smile, but an angry undertone in his voice. In similar fashion, Peter thinks Jesus is "duping" him when Jesus starts to explain that being Messiah means suffering and dying, and being a follower of the Messiah means taking up a cross and doing the same. Jeremiah tries to deny God's will for him by trying to shut up; Peter—who has just been made the foundation of the church—out and out denies the teaching of Jesus, for which he is named "Satan" today. Fortunately for us, Jeremiah comes to realize that to have the word of God placed in your heart means that it will be futile to try and keep silent, even if it means scorn and derision from those around you. Luckily Peter ultimately returned to the faith he professed in last week's Gospel, and came to understand our need as baptized followers of Christ to follow in his way, even when it means following him to our very death.*

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**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

*It's interesting to imagine the scene when the changes in our liturgy were first tested. Choices for prayer texts were one thing, but responses from the people were another. In early 1967, secret test-drives of the new Mass were conducted in the Vatican. Pope Paul VI was present, and there was a handful of bishops, priests, a few laypeople and two sisters making up the assembly. Everyone had a booklet with every word of the songs, rubrics, and prayers, blank paper, and a pencil for notes. After each Mass, the ordained men in the group met in the pope's library to share their experiences. The laypeople and sisters met separately.*

*Over a week's time they tested what they called a "read Mass with singing," a "Mass entirely recited," and a "Sung Mass." While the ordained were generally in favor, the lay comments were very clear and insightful, and had great impact on the final result. This was a brilliant plan on the part of the pope, who got to see how the reform was going, and to recognize in this small trial run a growing consensus that reform was needed and welcome. Based on his observation, Pope Paul VI called for specific innovations, such as beginning the Mass with the sign of the cross. It's amazing that some of our most familiar rites are really quite new treasures of our tradition!*

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**HARD-EARNED LUCK**

*I'm a great believer in luck, and I find the harder I work, the more I have of it.*

Thomas Jefferson

**RELIGION DEFINED**

*I do not know how philosophers may ultimately define religion; but from Micah to James it has been defined as service to one's fellow human rendered by following the great rule of justice and mercy, of wisdom and righteousness.*

—Theodore Roosevelt

**September 3 Mt. 16:21-27**

*Relationships live in a careful balance. If a person changes, the balance is altered requiring a shift in the relationship. In today's gospel Jesus announced a change and Peter resisted. Sometimes those we count on for support may actually get in the way. Jesus told Peter: "You are an obstacle to me."*

**22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (September 3)**

*Jesus calls on us to deny ourselves and follow him. Perhaps he is trying to help us see that everything we think we own is really a gift from God. Good stewards recognize this and strive to use all of their gifts responsibly.*

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 3, 2017

10:30 AM

**OUR LADY OF FATIMA MASS INTENTIONS**

Readings : Jer 20:7-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27

\*Today's Intention = Mary Durkin

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

September 10th, Twenty-Third Sunday in OT

All Students of Our Lady of Fatima, (Parishioners of OLF)

**CATHEDRAL MASS INTENTIONS**

**September 4, Monday: Weekday - Labor Day**

Readings: 1 Thes 4:13-18; Lk 4:16-30

9:00 AM Alice Ann Martynuska, Birthday (Family)

**September 5, Tuesday: Weekday**

Readings: 1 Thes 5:1-6,9-11; Lk 4:31-37

**\*6:45 AM Catherine Mincin (John & Pam Rice)**

8:00 AM Wanda Watkins (Marnetta Carlson Fam.)

12:00 PM Alma Reismeier (Ron & Jean Sheehan)

**September 6, Wednesday: Weekday**

Readings: Col 1:1-8; Lk 4:38-44

6:45 AM Tim Nagle (Cathedral Parish)

8:00 AM Billie Baker (John & Anita Jubas)

12:00 PM Msgr. George Flinn, Ann. (Sheila & Flinn Fam)

**September 7, Thursday: Anniv. Dedication Cathedral**

Readings: Is 56:1,6-7; 1 Cor 3:9-11,16-17; Jn 4:19-24

6:45 AM Bea Mannion (Tom & Patricia Forr)

8:00 AM Joyce McNeal (Kathy & Bob Ford)

12:00 PM Janet Tomlinson (Bill & Jen Crawford)

**September 8, Friday: Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Readings: Mi 5:1-4; Mt 1:1-16,18-23

6:45 AM Dan & Miriam Burns (M & D Hannekamp)

**\*8:00 AM George Dean Barry (Nikki Synder)**

12:00 PM Paul Tetanich, Anniv. (Paula, John, & Johnny)

**September 9, Saturday: Saint Peter Claver, Priest**

Readings: Col 1:21-23; Lk 6:1-5

8:00 AM Audrey Krause (Phyllis Sheetz)

12:00 PM Hannah Dively (Jean Koury)

**Vigil: Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

5:00 PM Jennnie Calabrese, Birth. (Nancy, Pat & Fam)

**Weekly Novena to Miraculous Medal at 8:45AM this Monday.**

*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 3, 2017**

**Scripture Reflection**

Last week we read of the greatness of Peter's confession of faith and Jesus's declaration that he is the rock on which the church is built. Today, in a scene that immediately follows upon last week's, Peter's faith wavers in the face of Jesus' prediction of his imminent suffering, death, and resurrection. Peter the rock goes from being a sure foundation for the church to being an obstacle, a stumbling block. He has not yet learned the events of Good Friday and Easter: the only way to gain your life is to lose it for the sake of Jesus.

Peter and most of his contemporaries were expecting a powerful messiah who would free Israel from Rome. When Peter insists that Jesus should not suffer, he responds by calling Peter Satan. In the temptations at the beginning of his ministry Satan encourages Jesus to be unfaithful to his role as the Suffering Servant of Isaiah (Matthew 4:1-11).

Peter, too, is tempting Jesus to abandon his proper role; the Rock is becoming a stumbling block, an obstacle. Jesus insists that his followers must be willing to accept the cross. Their lives must be Christ-centered, not self-centered. But today's Gospel ends with the promise of reward at the Last Judgment for those who are faithful.

"Why do bad things happen. . . to me, to those I love, to good people?" We prefer life without suffering, sadness, or hardship, an ultra-gentle baby-shampoo, a no-tears life. However, life does include hardship. "It is what it is," as some say. Jesus proclaims that suffering, pain, evil, and death do not have the last word: the Son of Man will come with his angels in his Father's glory and repay all according to their conduct. How do we conduct ourselves to share in this promise? We take up our cross. We accept life's mortifications, afflictions, contradictions, and troubles and find God right there. To find life we need to be willing to lose it as we know it. There is no way around that reality. Peter, firm rock and stumbling stone, learned this only after he failed and even denied Jesus.

- What cross or crosses have I taken up in my life? How have I found God to be present by embracing them?
- How do I serve as a rock or a stumbling stone in the lives of others?

### Liturgical Reflection...

Monday, September 4, is a Day of Prayer in the Diocese of Altoona - Johnstown. On Labor Day the local church will observe the intention for Human Rights and Equality. Please pray the following for all who seek just and rewarding work:

God, full of compassion and love,

watch over our brothers and sisters who seek work to meet the needs of their families.

Provide labor that offers just wages and dignity of life so all may live comfortably in our day.

We pray for employers and employees. On this Labor Day we ask your blessings through Christ our Lord. Amen.



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

## ORDER OF CELEBRATING MATRIMONY

### Liturgical Reflection ...

The Order of Celebrating Matrimony offers three distinct rituals for celebrating the Sacrament of Matrimony. First, there is the order of celebrating Matrimony with Mass; second, there is the order of celebrating Matrimony without Mass; and the Church presents a third ritual for celebrating Matrimony between a Catholic and a Catechumen or a Non-Christian. All three orders contain: scripture and homily, questions of intent addressed to the bride and groom, consent between the man and woman, blessing and giving of rings, universal prayer, Our Father, and Nuptial Blessing. It is the usual custom to have two Catholics married within Mass. Order of Celebrating Matrimony , Chapters I, II, and III, 2016.

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

Bishop Mark is urging all the people of our Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown to pray for those affected by the storm. And he is asking that everyone offer financial support. A SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR HURRICANE HARVEY RELIEF is to be taken up at every parish, church, and chapel in our diocese as soon as possible. A SECOND COLLECTION will be taken up on Sunday, Sept. 10th, at Our Lady of Fatima. All monies will go to Catholic Charities USA, which is already assisting in the areas affected by this storm. All dioceses throughout the country are participating in this special collection.

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Total Dep		1528.00

### 2017 Catholic Ministries Drive

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The Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Altoona is conducting tours during the month of September. This is the month in which the Cathedral was formally dedicated in 1931. Parishes and groups from throughout the Diocese are invited to come for a one-hour guided tour. Plan to take part in one of these tours during September. Our Lady of Fatima will go as a group on Sunday, Sept 17th at 1:00 PM. Please call the Parish Office, 942-0371 to sign up to attend with the OLF group.  
Deadline for sign-up is Friday, Sept. 8th.

Collection for Catholic University of America will be taken up next Sunday, Sept 10th. Collection envelopes are on tables in the back of the church..

St. Joseph Parish in Williamsburg will host a Chicken BBQ on Sunday, September 10, 2017. It will be held at Riverside Park in Williamsburg and will be prepared by Troy Everhart. Meal time is 11:00am to 1:00pm and the cost is \$8.50 per person. Menu is Half Chicken, Baked Potato, Cole Slaw, Applesauce, Roll & Butter, and a Cookie. For more information and/or for tickets call Jim Foreso at 832-2139 or Dee Verbonitz at 832-2723.



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OUR LADY URGES US TO PRAY AND OFFER SACRIFICES  
BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE!

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*is commemorating the*

*Centennial of the Apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima  
by scheduling*

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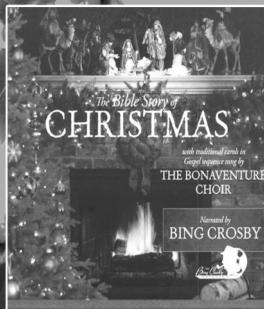
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