

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Twenty-Fourth Sunday in O.T.
September 16, 2018

*The Lord GOD is my help,
therefore I am not
disgraced.*

— Isaiah 50:7

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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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

Parish Secretary
Carol Z. Smith

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Our Lady of Fatima Church is open
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Sunday: 5:00 PM (Vigil) Holy Days: 5:30 PM (Vigil) Weekdays: 6:45 AM

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Saturday: 8:00 AM

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12:00 Noon

Feast, September 15
The SEVEN SORROWS of our BLESSED MOTHER

(Cont'd from last Sunday)

Devotion to the sorrows of Mary should be practiced especially by souls who wish to rid themselves of sinful habits. This devotion nourishes the spirit of compunction, affords great consolation, strengthens confidence in God's mercy, draws down the special protection of the Blessed Mother in the hour of temptation and preserves the converted sinner from relapsing into sin. The Mother of God once said to her faithful servant St. Bridget: "No matter how numerous a person's sins may be, if he turns to me with a sincere purpose of amendment, I am prepared forthwith to receive him graciously, for I do not regard the number of sins he has committed, but look only upon the dispositions with which he comes to me; for I feel no aversion in healing his wounds, because I am called and am in truth the Mother of Mercy." One of the gifts granted to those who have a devotion to the Dolors of Mary is the grace of a good and holy death. In recompense for her fidelity in remaining near to Jesus as He died on the Cross, Our Lady of Sorrows has received from Him a special power to assist souls in their last agony and no doubt she will above all exercise this power in behalf of those who have wept with her and compassionated her.

Our Lord once said to Veronica of Binasco: "My daughter, the tears which you shed in compassion for My sufferings are pleasing to Me, but bear in mind that on account of My infinite love for My Mother, the tears you shed in compassion for her sufferings are still more precious."

Conversion of a Sinner Through the Intercession of Our Lady of Sorrows

In the revelations of St. Bridget we read that there was a rich man, as noble by birth as he was vile and sinful in his habits. He had given himself, by an express compact, as a slave to the devil; and for sixty successive years had served him, leading such a life as may be imagined, and never approached the sacraments. Now this prince was dying; and Jesus Christ, to show him mercy, commanded St. Bridget to tell her confessor to go and visit him and exhort him to confess his sins. The confessor went and the sick man said that he did not require confession, as he had often approached the sacrament of Penance. The priest went a second time; but this poor slave of hell persevered in his obstinate determination not to confess. Jesus again told the saint to have her confessor return. He did so; and of the third occasion told the sick man the revelation made to the saint, and that he had returned so many times because our Lord, who wished to show him mercy, had so ordered. On hearing this the dying man was touched, and began to weep: "But how," he exclaimed, "can I be saved; I, who for sixty years have served the devil as his slave, and have my soul burdened with innumerable sins?" "My son," answered the Father, encouraging him, "doubt not; if you repent of them, on the part of God I promise you pardon." Then, gaining confidence, he said to the confessor, "Father, I looked upon myself as lost, and already despaired of salvation; but now I feel a sorrow for my sins, which gives me confidence; and since God has not yet abandoned me, I will make my confession." In fact, he made his confession four times on that day, with the greatest marks of sorrow, and on the following morning received Holy Communion. On the sixth day, contrite and resigned, he died. After his death, Jesus Christ again spoke to St. Bridget, and told her that the sinner was saved; that he was then in purgatory, and that he owed his salvation to the intercession of the Blessed Virgin His Mother; for the deceased, although he had lead so wicked a life, had nevertheless always had a great love and compassion for His Blessed Mother's Sorrows.

The actual chaplet and how to pray it is on the last page

September 16, 2018
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
10:30 AM

OUR LADY OF FATIMA MASS INTENTIONS

Readings: Is 50:5-9, Jas 2:14-18, Mk 8:27-35

***Today's Intention - Clementine Kawtoski**

Readings: Wis 2:12, 17-20; Jas 3:16--4:3; Mk 9:30-37

***Sun., Sept. 23rd, Cont'd health for Father Dennis Kurdziel,
(Andrea Hildebrand)**

Cathedral Mass Intentions

September 17, Monday: Saint Robert Bellarmine, Bp. & Dr.

Readings: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33; Lk 7:1-10

6:45 AM Maureen Martynuska Wolf (Family)

8:00 AM Kitty Bell Anniversary (Mary Ann Bell)

12:00 PM David Baronner (Cathedral Parish)

September 18, Tuesday: Weekday

Readings: 1 Cor 12:12-14; Lk 7:11-17

6:45 AM Butch Martz (Jim & Elaine Weaver)

8:00 AM Phyllis Cribari (Patty & Bear McCloskey)

12:00 PM Christina Flanagan (Mike & Sherry Byrne)

September 19, Wednesday: St Januarius, Bishop/ Martyr

Readings: 1 Cor 12:31--13:13; Lk 7:31-35

6:45 AM Joe Tomlinson (Marie & Bill Crawford)

8:00 AM Deceased Family & Friends (McNelis All Stars)

12:00 PM Derek Behe (Uncle Dave & Aunt Chris)

September 20, Thursday: Korean Martyrs

Readings: 1 Cor 15:1-11; Lk 7:36-50

6:45 AM Good Work of Sr. Paula's Food Kitchen (K&B. Winkler)

8:00 AM Bernie McLucas (Family)

12:00 PM M. Virginia Jones (Kevin & Jane Byrne)

September 21, Friday: St Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

Readings: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Mt 9:9-13

6:45 AM Rev. Paul E. Turnbull (Dave & Maureen Hanekamp)

8:00 AM Tom Welteroth (Brian and Tina Welteroth)

12:00 PM Thomas and Mary Irwin (Irwin Family)

September 15, Saturday: Weekday, Blessed Virgin Mary

Readings: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Lk 8:4-15

8:00 AM Jim Davidson (Eugene and Leann Ehredt)

12:00 PM Barbara Dively, Birthday (Family)

Vigil: Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Wis 2:12, 17-20; Jas 3:16--4:3; Mk 9:30-37

5:00 PM Edgar Anna (Jim and Mary Ellen Kelly)

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

*Please keep the sick folks of the parish in your
prayers!*

September 16, 2018
Scripture Reflection

This Sunday's Gospel reading is a crucial text in the divine "rescue mission" Mark outlines in his Gospel. Up to now, Mark has focused on the "rescuer," describing Jesus' messianic characteristics. From this point on, Mark focuses instead on the characteristics of the "rescued," those who wish to follow after Christ when he comes again. Any who wish to do so, Mark explains, must follow the example of Isaiah's suffering servant, the example that Jesus himself embodied on his way to the cross.

Jesus was working from a fuller reading of Isaiah than the disciples had imagined. They saw the deaf hear and the mute speak and the blind see, but they did not realize that only because Jesus had accepted the role of the suffering servant described in this Sunday's first reading was he able to perform these works.

Jesus' journeys took him past crucifixion sites on every Roman road. He identified with the criminals exposed there, recognizing that his own actions would lead to the same fate.

"Who do people say that I am?" Jesus poses this question to his disciples on his journey through Caesarea Philippi. It elicits Peter's acknowledgment that Jesus is the Messiah. For centuries Israel had looked forward to God fulfilling his promise to King David by raising up another great leader to restore Israel's kingdom. These hopes had become clouded in political and earthly expectations.

Peter's response, in unambiguous terms, "You are the Christ (or the Messiah)," gives Jesus the opportunity to offer a different understanding. Jesus says that he has come not to establish an earthly kingdom in power, but rather a spiritual kingdom in weakness. God's Kingdom will be established through Jesus' Death and Resurrection.

- How would you answer Jesus' question, "Who do you say that I am?" How have you taken up your cross and followed the Christ?

AT HOME with the WORD 2018, Archdiocese of Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications, pg. 127. AMERICAN MAGAZINE "How has Jesus restored your voice?" Michael R. Simone, S.J., August 24, 2018

2018 Catholic Ministries Drive..

Our goal of \$9602 has been met!

Healing Mass..

There will be a Healing Mass on Monday, October 8, 2018 at 7:00 PM, at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament. Fr. Bill Kiel, from the Diocese of Greensburg, will be the main celebrant. All are welcome, especially those in need of physical, emotional, or spiritual healing, and those who support and care for them as well. Music for the Mass will be led by the Cathedral Prayer Group Music Ministry. For more information, please call 814-941-3832.

FIRE: Sunday afternoon time changed to 2-4 PM. Parent meetings scheduled for Sunday, Sept 9, 2018. 9th Grade after 10:00 am Mass; 10th Grade after noon Mass; 11th grade after 5:00 PM Mass.

September 16th, 2018, 2 - 4PM

September 30th, 2018, 2 - 4PM

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN FUNERALS

Liturgical Reflection...

Although cremation is now permitted by the Church, it does not enjoy the same value as burial of the body. The Church clearly prefers and urges that the body of the deceased be present for the Funeral Mass, even when cremation follows. The presence of the human body better expresses the values which the Church affirms in the funerary rites. The body of Jesus was laid in the tomb and, on the third day, the Lord's body rose from the dead. When the Lord comes again in all his glory, our bodies will be reunited with our souls.

Order of Christian Funerals, Cremation, 1998, Numbers 413 and 414.

2018, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 S. Logan Blvd., Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania 16648



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. Please call your Parish Office for further information.

Tuesday, September 11th at 7:00 PM
Tuesday, September 25th at 7:00 PM

Sunday, September 16th at 1:00 PM
Sunday, September 30th at 1:00 PM

SEPTEMBER COLLECTIONS 2018

September 9, 2018	Env used	57/130
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Christmas Club		46.00
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Children's		7.00
Shrine		15.00
Music		15.00
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All Saints		2.00
All Souls		2.00

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DEVOTION TO THE SEVEN SORROWS OF THE VIRGIN MARY
The Blessed Virgin Mary grants seven graces to the souls who honor her daily by saying seven Hail Mary's and meditating on her tears and dolors. The devotion was passed on by St. Bridget. The following are the seven sorrows of Mary with a suggested reading for each sorrow from the Bible and from the visions of Venerable Anne Catherine Emmerich. These readings are only suggested, a person may make up their own mental meditations of the seven sorrows as they pray the seven Hail Marys. **SEVEN SORROWS OF THE VIRGIN MARY: THE PROPHECY OF SIMEON.** (St. Luke II, 34, 35); **THE FLIGHT INTO EGYPT.** (St. Matthew II, 13-14); **THE LOSS OF THE CHILD JESUS IN THE TEMPLE.** (St. Luke II, 43-45); **THE MEETING OF JESUS AND MARY ON THE WAY OF THE CROSS.**; **THE CRUCIFIXION.**; **THE TAKING DOWN OF THE BODY OF JESUS FROM THE CROSS.**; **THE BURIAL OF JESUS.** (John 19: 38-42) (continued on next page)



09/18 Judy Cheslock

09/18 John Potopa

09/20 Emma Kowalski

09/23 Bill Bravin

09/23 Jill Watters



09/19 Sherri & Mike Byrne

09/23 Marci & Dickie
Bradford

ARISE

Together in Christ

The **ARISE** Program will begin this October here at Our Lady of Fatima Parish and throughout the Diocese. Please take time to fill out the form below separate at dashes and place in the regular collection the next few weeks of September.

ARISE is designed to spiritually renew us while providing opportunities for us to develop a closer relationship with Jesus Christ, grow in our community, and reach out in Christian service. Reflection and discussion will be centered in Scripture.

This October small groups will meet for six weeks reflecting and growing in the theme, *Encountering Christ Today*. The Parish has several group leaders to guide each group in discussion and reflection.

Please choose a time that is convenient for you. If you have any questions needing further information, please call the Parish Office at 942-0371.

ARISE Together in Christ

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THE SEVEN GRACES GIVEN TO THOSE INDIVIDUALS THAT MEDITATE ON THE SEVEN SORROWS OF THE VIRGIN MARY

(As revealed to Saint Bridget by the Blessed Mother)

I will grant peace to their families. They will be enlightened about the divine mysteries. I will console them in their pains and I will accompany them in their work. I will give them as much as they ask for as long as it does not oppose the adorable will of my divine Son or the sanctification of their souls. I will defend them in their spiritual battles with the infernal enemy and I will protect them at every instant of their lives. I will visibly help them at the moment of their death, they will see the face of their Mother.

I have obtained (This Grace) from my divine Son, that those who propagate this devotion to my tears and dolors, will be taken directly from the earthly life to eternal happiness since all their sins will be forgiven and my Son and I will be their eternal consolation and joy.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH SIX (6) HOUR ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13TH .. 9AM - 2PM..

The SIXTH and FINAL Apparition of Our Lady of Fatima for 2018, is being honored by our parish with a SIX (6) hour Exposition, Adoration and Benediction. While Exposed, the Blessed Sacrament may never be alone. Call 942-0371 if there should be a problem. It can be a "silent adoration" with the praying of the Rosary for vocations to the priesthood, peace in the world and The Divine Mercy Chaplet for the Poor Souls in Purgatory.

Those who sign up as LEADERS may also lead the prayers aloud if they wish. The remainder of the hour will be in personal silent prayer.

Parishioner's and Non-Parishioner's are all welcome!

Columbus Day celebration in conjunction with a time of prayer. The affair will be held at the St. Michael the Archangel Basilica in Loretto, Pa on October 7, 2018. Rosary will be recited at 1:45 PM, and Bishop Bartchak will celebrate Mass at 2:00 PM. Immediately following Mass a dinner will be held in the Community Hall. Knights along with their family members, friends and all parishioners are invited to this social celebration. Cost of the dinner is \$15.00 Adults and \$7.50 Children 12 yrs and younger. Reservation must be in advance! No money transaction at the evening of the banquet. Please submit individual names for name tags (not M/M), along with your check to: Wm. Stasko, CPA; 8 Entrance Drive, Johnstown, Pa 15905



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September 16, 2018

LISTENING AND RESPONDING

There are three interwoven themes in today's readings: listening to God, faith vs. good works, and losing our life in order to find it. How are they related?

The Suffering Servant of Isaiah undergoes much distress and ridicule, but is able to bear it because he has listened to the promptings of God day after day. The psalm tells us that God listens, too. God hears our prayers for help and is always ready to save us. As our faith deepens, so does our desire to do the works of justice and charity that build up the reign of God. God directs our actions in ways we often cannot see, and we don't always see the results. We are called upon in faith to trust that what we do is enough, and that willingness to listen to God's promptings will lead us in the right way.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In this country, we don't name our churches "The Fourth Avenue Catholic Church," but rather seek a patron saint or mystery of faith. We inherit this tradition from an old Roman custom via medieval England. Interestingly, that has not been the practice elsewhere, and parishes abroad often do carry just the name of the neighborhood. In Ireland, the Roman (English) practices didn't take hold, and so churches are known simply by the street they are on, or by a nickname. Saint Francis of Assisi in Dublin is often called "Adam and Eve" after a pub in the same street. The pub sign is an interesting carving of our first parents, so they become patrons by default.

Increasingly in the United States, we are seeing a familiar European pattern emerge when a few churches, each bearing the name of a patron saint or mystery, are gathered into one parish that bears a different name. Thus, we might hear of a parish of "Midvalley City" comprised of Saint Mary, Saint Francis, and Saint Ursula churches. Once a church has been consecrated, its name may not normally be changed. Therefore, when parishes are merged, a new name is given to the parish, which may or may not be that of a heavenly patron, but the church buildings retain their names. In the process, we have lost sight of some worthy patrons of old, but have also seen new parishes open dedicated to twentieth-century saints like Edith Stein, Katharine Drexel, and Mother Teresa.

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PROPER POSTURE

It is impossible for the Church to remain on its feet if it doesn't get on its knees.

—Anonymous

CHAPLET OF THE SEVEN SORROWS

Feast Day September 15

Here is how the Chaplet of Seven Sorrows is prayed:

Each group of seven is begun with an Our Father, as in the regular Rosary. Some people start with an Act of Contrition, since the devotion has a penitential aspect. Also like the regular Rosary, the groups of seven Hail Mary's are an occasion for meditation on "Mysteries" — in this case, the Seven Sorrows of Mary, listed below:

The First Sorrow

The Prophecy of Simeon

Reading: Luke 2:25-35.

When Mary and Joseph present the infant Jesus in the temple, Simeon predicts that a "sword" (of sorrow) will pierce Mary's soul.

The Second Sorrow

The flight into Egypt

Reading: Matthew 2:13-15.

When King Herod orders the death of all male children age two or younger, Mary and Joseph flee to Egypt with the infant Jesus.

The Third Sorrow

The Child Jesus Lost in the Temple

Reading: Luke 2: 41-50.

Mary and Joseph search for the child Jesus for three days, finding Him at last — after agonizing sorrow — in the temple.

The Fourth Sorrow

Mary meets Jesus carrying the cross

Reading: Luke 23: 27-29.

As Jesus makes His way to Calvary, condemned to crucifixion, He meets His mother, Mary. He is bruised, derided, cursed and defiled and her sorrow is absolute as Jesus drags His own cross up the hill of His crucifixion.

The Fifth Sorrow

Mary at the foot of the cross

Reading: John 19: 25-30.

Mary stands near her dying Son unable to minister to him as He cries "I thirst." She hears Him promise heaven to a thief and forgive His enemies. His last words, "Behold your mother," charge us to look on Mary as our mother.

The Sixth Sorrow

Mary receives the body of Jesus

Reading: Psalm 130.

Jesus is taken down from the cross and His body is placed in Mary's arms. The passion and death are over, but for His mother, grief continues. She holds His body in her arms.

The Seventh Sorrow

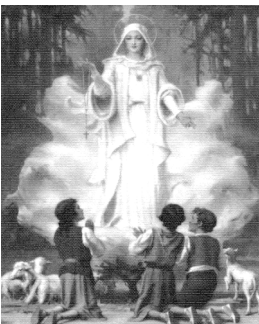
Mary witnesses the burial of Jesus

Reading: Luke 23: 50-56.

The body of Jesus is laid in the tomb. The most tragic day in history ends, Mary alone in sorrow, awaiting the Resurrection.

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time (September 16)

When we truly believe that all we have is a gift from God, then we must be willing to give up some things so that we can share our blessings as God intended. Living a stewardship lifestyle means not only being responsible for our own life, but the lives of others as well.



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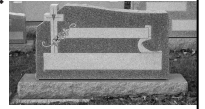
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