

Third Sunday of Easter

April 5-6, 2008

Fatima Mirror

A weekly publication for the education and edification of parishioners and friends of Our Lady of Fatima Parish of the Catholic Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown in Altoona, Pennsylvania. Most Reverend Joseph V. Adamec, D.D. is the diocesan bishop. Father J.D. Zatalava, M.Div. is the pastor. Parishioners worship in the church building named after Saint Leo the Great, 2000 12th Ave. 16601. 814-942-0371.

Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown

Our Lady of Fatima Parish
Father James D. Zatalava
2010 12th Avenue
Altoona, PA, 16601

March 31, 2008

Dear Fr. Zatalava and the faith community of Our Lady of Fatima Parish,

In this Sunday's first reading from the Acts of the Apostles, Peter says, "*God raised this Jesus; of this we are all witnesses!*" I am writing today to ask for your participation in the 2008 Annual Catholic Appeal. As Catholic disciples, we are called upon to bear witness and follow in the footsteps of Jesus Christ.

The generous contributions received last year from Our Lady of Fatima Parish permitted our Diocesan Church to sustain a variety of ministries, programs, and services. This year, your parish goal will be **\$11,358**. All donations received in excess of the parish goal will be returned 100%, to use at the parish level, for your particular needs.

While you prayerfully reflect upon a gift according to your means, know that I will be grateful to you for whatever sacrifice your current situation permits. In making a generous gift to the Appeal, you do so, not for my benefit, but for the sake of your community, your families, friends, neighbors, and fellow Catholics — all who rely on the Church for spiritual enrichment or assistance with basic human needs.

You remain in my prayers always, trusting that I am in yours. May you continue to be abundantly blessed during your earthly pilgrimage into the Reign of God for your commitment to this Diocesan Church of Altoona-Johnstown.



Bishop of Altoona Johnstown



JACK CASHILL

Can a Catholic vote for XXXXXX ?

Those who accuse presidential aspirant XXXXXX of empty rhetoric must have missed XXX speech last July, recently made public, to the benefactors of the Planned Parenthood Action Fund. At that festive event, he was as sharp and specific as a scalpel." The audience cheered enthusiastically. And well they might. As NARAL enthuses on its website, this act would "codify Roe v. Wade's protections and guarantee the right to choose for future generations of women."

"The first thing I'd do as president," this candidate told a cheering audience, "is sign the Freedom of Choice Act. That's the first thing that I'd do."

In short, if we are to take XXXXXX at XXX word, this candidate's first priority as president would be to serve an early death sentence on millions of unborn Americans.

"I will not yield and Planned Parenthood will not yield," this candidate told supporters, before adding disingenuously, "but that doesn't mean that we can't find common ground."

Just what "common ground" a person who holds even the life of *certain* newborns cheap can find with people who believe all human life is sacred eludes those of us less visionary than this candidate.

Martin Luther King's niece, Alveda King, has an altogether different take on her uncle's legacy [than does this candidate.] As she says simply and logically, "How can the 'Dream' survive if we murder the children?" Unlike this candidate, Alveda King is sensitive to the fact that black babies are nearly three times more likely to be killed in the womb than white.

President Bush captured the spirit of the King legacy when he signed into law The Born Alive Infants Protection Act. "It is a step toward the day when the promises of the Declaration of Independence will apply to everyone, not just those with the voice and power to defend their rights," said Bush in signing the bill. "This law is a step toward the day when America fully becomes, in the words of Pope John Paul II, 'a hospitable, a welcoming culture.'" Indeed, the pope himself had earlier admonished America to honor its civil rights history by outlawing abortion.

From the perspective of the Catholic Church, **abortion is like no other social issue**. The Catholic Church allows for the possibility of a just war and even capital punishment under certain circumstances, **but there is no such thing as a "just" abortion**.

Anyone who has doubts about the Church's official position need only read the Pope John Paul II's 1999 revisiting of Pope Paul VI's historic encyclical, "Humanae Vitae." The pope does not mince words. (*inside back page*)

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After May 11, 2008 these precious and decorative prayer beads, rendered in the interior colors of our church, will be priced at thirty dollars a pair. Until that date you may order as many pairs as you wish at our Mothers' Day Sale price of \$20.00 a pair. Don't forget Grandmothers and Godmothers. *No promise of timely delivery on orders taken after April 30, 2008.*

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424 Wopsononock Avenue

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New secure playground and reading room

More than \$200,000 of recent renovations to our elementary school. School expansion talks have begun. Be part of something special at ACCS.

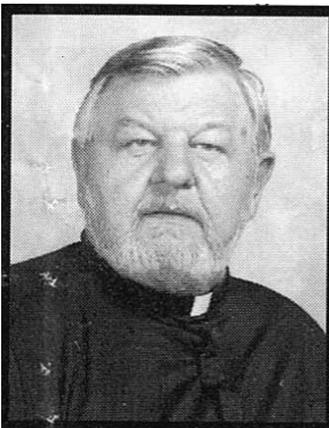
4-Year-Old Pre-Kindergarten Program

- Three days a week: \$100 per month for 9 months.
 - Five days a week: \$150 per month for 9 months.
- Cost to remain in school for full school day: \$5 extra per day.

Father Angelus M. Shaughnessy, Order of Friars Minor GIVING A PARISH MISSION

sponsored by
Our Lady of Lourdes Christian Mothers
April 6 through 9, 2008

- each morning holy mass will be offered with mission talk at 8:15 am.
- each evening there will be a mission conference with benediction at 7:00 pm
- each evening, there will be a conference and mass or benediction
- after each service confessions will be heard
- each afternoon at three o'clock there will be opportunity for confession



Fr. J. Kowalewski
Matjieskloof, S. Africa

Dear Father Zatalava:

This will confirm that Rev. John Kowalewski, OSFS will be at your parish for the weekend of April 19-20, 2008 in order to make a mission appeal on behalf of the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales.

We are most grateful for having this opportunity to make the work of the Oblate Missions better known. God Bless you and your parishioners. OREMUS PRO INVICEM!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

(Reverend) John J. Hurley, OSFS
Oblate Mission Procurator

MONEY MATTERS Second Sunday of Easter (March 30)

256 people Celebrated Liturgy at O.L.F. Contributing \$2,863.95 of which \$679.45 accounted for "loose" cash.

# Envelopes In Circulation	233	# Used	119	# Unused	114
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(continued from page two) Depriving an innocent human being of life, and life undeniably begins at conception, is "always morally evil." He adds, "This tradition is unchanged and unchangeable."

There can be no yielding, he continues, to "convenient compromises" or the "temptation of self-deception." How can there be? "We are dealing," says the pope bluntly, "with murder." In some Catholic [voting] circles, self-deception rules.

**The History of Eucharistic Adoration
Development of Doctrine in the Catholic Church
by John A. Hardon, S.J.**

The phenomenal growth of devotion to the Real Presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist has puzzled not a few sincere people. Nocturnal Adoration societies, Perpetual Adoration groups, national associations of the faithful promoting organized visits to the Blessed Sacrament, Holy Hours before the tabernacle, monthly, weekly and even daily exposition of the Eucharist in churches and chapels, in one country after another, have become commonplace.

What to make of all of this? Is this another form of pious eccentricity, or is it founded on authentic Catholic doctrine and grounded on the solid rock of Christian revelation?

It is authentic Catholic doctrine and it rests on the unchangeable truth of our revealed faith. But it needs to be explained, and the explanation is a classic example of what we call development of doctrine.

By development of doctrine, we mean that some divinely revealed truth has become more deeply understood and more clearly perceived than it had been before. Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, whom Christ promised to send to teach us, the Church comes to see more deeply what she had always believed, and the resulting insights find expression in devotion of the faithful that may have been quite uncommon in the Church's previous history. The whole spectrum of Christology and Mariology has witnessed such dogmatic progress. Adoration of the Eucharist, therefore, is simply another, though dramatic, example of doctrinal development.

Always implied in such progress is that, objectively, the revealed truth remains constant and unchanged. But through the light of the Holy Spirit, the subjective understanding of the truth becomes more clear, its meaning becomes more certain and its grasp by the believing mind becomes increasingly more firm.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR April 7 - 13, 2008

Monday	04/07	08:00 AM	Marcella Boslet, John Dorefice	<i>John Baptist de la Salle, priest</i>
Tuesday	04/08	08:00 AM	Joseph Cassarly, M/M Paul Cassarly	<i>Easter Weekday</i>
Wednesday	04/09	08:00 AM	John Highduch, M/M Stanley Krish & Family	<i>Easter Weekday</i>
Thursday	04/10	08:00 AM	Mary Wozniak, Walter & June Nadolsky	<i>Easter Weekday</i>
Friday	04/11	08:00 AM	Patrick P. Kenney, Sr., Theresa Kenney	<i>Stanislaus, bishop & martyr</i>
Saturday	04/12	04:30 PM	Health of Richard A. Welch, Mom Cheryl	<i>4th Sunday of Easter</i>
Sunday	04/13	09:00 AM	Frank Prorok, Marie Prorok	<i>4th Sunday of Easter</i>
Sunday	04/13	11:00 AM	Liv/Dec members of Our Lady of Fatima Parish	<i>4th Sunday of Easter</i>