

## O.L.F. Year For The Eucharist June 20, 2010 - June 19, 2011

### Born Again in Water Baptism

John 1:32 - when Jesus was baptized, He was baptized in the water and the Spirit, which descended upon Him in the form of a dove. The Holy Spirit and water are required for baptism. Also, Jesus' baptism was not the Christian baptism He later instituted. Jesus' baptism was instead a royal anointing of the Son of David (Jesus) conferred by a Levite (John the Baptist) to reveal Christ to Israel, as it was foreshadowed in 1 Kings 1:39 when the Son of David (Solomon) was anointed by the Levitical priest Zadok. See John 1:31; cf. Matt. 3:16; Mark 1:9; Luke 3:21.

John 3:3,5 - Jesus says, "Truly, truly, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God." When Jesus said "water and the Spirit," He was referring to baptism (which requires the use of water, and the work of the Spirit).

John 3:22 - after teaching on baptism, John says Jesus and the disciples did what? They went into Judea where the disciples baptized. Jesus' teaching about being reborn by water and the Spirit is in the context of baptism.

John 4:1 - here is another reference to baptism which naturally flows from Jesus' baptismal teaching in John 3:3-5.

Acts 8:36 - the eunuch recognizes the necessity of water for his baptism. Water and baptism are never separated in the Scriptures.

Acts 10:47 - Peter says "can anyone forbid water for baptizing these people..?" The Bible always links water and baptism.

Acts 22:16 - Ananias tells Saul, "arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins." The "washing away" refers to water baptism.

Titus 3:5-6 - Paul writes about the "washing of regeneration," which is "poured out on us" in reference to water baptism. "Washing" (loutron) generally refers to a ritual washing with water.

Heb. 10:22 - the author is also writing about water baptism in this verse. "Having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water." Our bodies are washed with pure water in water baptism.



**Meatless Lenten Food  
Entertainment**

**6:30 - 8:00 PM  
8:00 - 11:00 PM**

Our Lady of Fatima Parish brings  
**The Michael O'Brian Band**  
to  
**Saint Stan's Loft**

**This, Friday, April 8, 2011**

**\$25.00 Single (Open Bar) \$30.00 Couple**



*“... what a wonderful day in the neighborhood.”*

DAY	MONTH	DATE	TIME	EVENT
WED	APRIL	06	4 - 6	<b>Stuffed Shells full dinner for take-out</b>
FRI	APRIL	08	See Ad	Meatless Lenten Meal + Irish Entertainment

### **CHANGES - Third Edition of ROMAN MISSAL -- 2002 and on -**

#### Liturgical posture:

- I Confess: Church reminds us to strike our breast once at the words, "through my own fault."
- Creed: Church directs a profound bow at the words of the commemoration of the Incarnation, "by the power of the Holy Spirit he was born of the Virgin Mary and became man." (We genuflect at these words on the feasts of Christmas and the Annunciation.)
- Lord's Prayer: Church offers the option to pray the Our Father in the orans posture - holding both hands with palms outward.
- Reception of Holy Communion: Catholics in the United States stand to receive Holy Communion. The bishops have directed that the common gesture of reverence before receiving Holy Communion is a bow. The reverent gesture before receiving the Precious Blood is also a bow.
- When to stand at the Offertory: With all seated in the church, the presider, following the washing of his hands, returns to the center of the altar, and says, "Pray, brethren, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God the Almighty Father." With that invitation said, the Faithful then stand, and once standing, respond, "May the Lord accept this sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his Church." (Previously, we had waited to stand until after this response.)
- Eucharistic Prayer (Consecration): all kneel, including the deacon.

#### Chalices and Purification:

- All chalices are filled with the wine brought to the altar at the presentation of the gifts. The Precious Blood of the Lord is never to be poured after the consecration. The Church has directed that the vessels holding the Body and Blood of Christ be made of precious metal.
- The Church directs that all vessels, ciboria and chalices, be purified following the reception of Communion. The vessels are purified by the priest, deacon or instituted acolyte. All Consecrated Elements remaining after distribution are brought back to the altar following Communion. There the consecrated Bread is placed in a ciborium and taken to the tabernacle. The particles from the remaining ciboria are placed in the presider's chalice. Also, at the altar, all remaining Precious Blood is consumed by the appropriate minister. The chalices and ciboria are taken to the credence table where water is poured into the chalices. The proper minister then drinks from the presider's chalice consuming the remaining particles of the Body of Christ Following Mass, the vessels having been purified, are ready to be washed by the Extraordinary Minister(s) of Holy Communion.

## The Sacrament of Baptism: Gateway to New Life

The sacrament of Baptism is the beginning of life—supernatural life.

Because of original sin, we come into the world with a soul which is supernaturally dead. We come into the world with only the natural endowments of human nature. The supernatural life which is the result of God's personal and intimate indwelling, is absent from the soul. Original sin is not, in the strict sense, a "blot" upon the soul. Indeed, original sin is not a "something" at all. It is the **absence** of something that should be there. It is a darkness where there ought to be light.

Jesus instituted the sacrament of **Baptism** to apply to each individual soul the atonement which He made on the Cross for original sin.

Jesus will not force His gift upon us, the gift of supernatural life for which He paid. He holds the gift out to us hopefully, but each of us must freely accept it. We make that acceptance by receiving the sacrament of Baptism.

When the sacrament of Baptism is administered, the spiritual vacuum which we call original sin disappears as God becomes present in the soul, and the soul is caught up into that sharing of God's own life which we call sanctifying grace.

### Original sin obliterated by grace

The point needs to be emphasized because many people remember the effects of Baptism only in negative terms: "It takes away original sin." Baptism does take away original sin, of course. Also, in the case of an adult, it takes away all mortal and venial sins & the punishment due for them, if the person baptized is truly sorry for them. Baptism makes a clean sweep of everything. But the "taking away" is not a negative removal, like the emptying of a trash can by the garbage collector. Sin and its consequences **disappear** when God comes into the soul, just as darkness disappears when the light is turned on.

Sin is a spiritual emptiness which is obliterated by the coming of grace.

### Some effects of original sin remain

Baptism does **not** restore the preternatural gifts which were lost for us by Adam: freedom from suffering and death, from ignorance, and inordinate inclinations of passion. We still are inclined to sin because of these effects, and our bodies will still die. But who cares? These are **insignificant** compared to the supernatural gifts which are restored.

Here is a newly baptized soul, beautiful with a beauty which even the most wild-eyed artist could not imagine, splendid with a splendor which ravishes the on looking angels and saints. Here is a soul that already is in heaven except for the formality of a few (even though they be numbered a hundred) quickly passing years. **That** is what matters!

### The mark of a Christian

Two big things happen to us when we are baptized.

We receive the supernatural life, called sanctifying grace, which dissipates the spiritual emptiness of original sin.

And there is imparted to the soul a permanent and distinctive quality which we call the character or the mark of Baptism.

If we commit mortal sin after Baptism, then we cut ourselves off from God and from the flow of His divine life, as a severed artery would cause an organ to be cut off from the flow of the heart's blood. We lose sanctifying grace. But we do not lose the baptismal character, by which the soul has been forever transformed.

Precisely because we possess the baptismal character, we have the right to receive the sacrament of Penance (Reconciliation, or Confession) and regain the grace that we have lost through our individual sins after Baptism. If our soul did not have that character, then we could go to confession a dozen times or a hundred times and nothing would happen.

## Baptism is necessary for salvation

Baptism is necessary for salvation **for anyone who has heard the Gospel of Christ and has the possibility of requesting Baptism.**

If a man has lived to be a hundred and had a healthy and "successful" life, it means nothing without Baptism. Once he dies, how could health or worldly success matter at all if this person has missed out on the one thing for which he was made—eternal union with God?

There is no escaping the absolute necessity of Baptism. "Unless a man be born again of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God," Jesus told Nicodemus (John 3:5). And His command to the Apostles was: "Go into the whole world and preach the Gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized shall be saved, but he who does not believe" (and, by inference, is not baptized) "shall be condemned" (Mark 16: 15-16).

There is no "if" or "maybe" about those two statements; no way around them.

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## The Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown

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## MONEY MATTERS

### Third Sunday of Lent (March 27, 2011)

221 people Celebrated Liturgy at O.L.F. contributing \$2,442.68 of which \$169.68 accounted for visitor contributions.

# Envelopes In Circulation 218 # Used 99 # Unused 119

2011 ACA Goal = \$15,636

(see honor roll in vestibule)

Pledges to Date \$ ,995.00

**Mon. 4/4**

*Feast*

8:00 AM Mass

4:00 PM

**A Day of Prayer for Victims of Cancer and their Caregivers**

St. Isidore, bishop and doctor of the Church

Cora Ivory (Birthday), Paul & Adaline Cassarly

**New Time for The Fatima Rosary for Peace**

**Tues. 4/5**

*Feast*

8:00 AM Mass

4:00 PM

**A Day of Prayer for Victims of Heart Diseases and their Caregivers**

St. Vincent Ferrer, priest

Rocco Misciagna, Ester Doragio

**New Time for The Fatima Rosary for Peace**

**Wed. 4/6**

*Feast*

8:00 AM Mass

4:00 PM

**A Day of Prayer for Victims of Arthritis and their Caregivers**

Lenten Weekday

Frances Kasun, Sara Quinlan

**New Time for The Fatima Rosary for Peace**

**Thur. 4/7**

*Feast*

8:00 AM Mass

4:00 PM

**A Day of Prayer for Victims of Nervous Disorders and their Caregivers**

St. John the Baptist de la Sale, priest

Cory R. Smith, Sr. (Ann), Carol Smith

**New Time for The Fatima Rosary for Peace**

**Fri. 04/08**

*Feast*

8:00 AM Mass

4:00 PM

**A Day of Prayer for Victims of Emotional Disorders and their Caregivers**

Lenten Weekday

Theresa McCall, M/M David Keslyak

**New Time for The Fatima Rosary for Peace**

6:00 PM

Stations of the Cross

**Sat. 04/09**

*Feast*

4:30 PM Mass

5:30 PM

**A Day of Prayer for Victims of Diabetes and Obesity and their Caregivers**

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Josephine DeLeo, Keagy Family

**The Fatima Rosary for Peace**

**Sun. 04/10**

*Feast*

9:00 AM Mass

11:00 AM Mass

5:30 PM

**A Day of Prayer for Victims of Addictions and Obesity and their Caregivers**

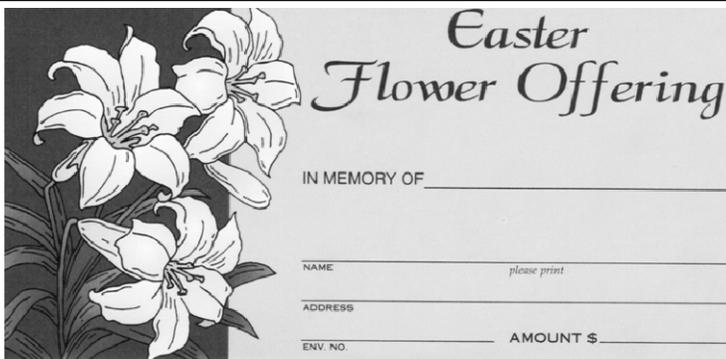
Fourth Sunday of Lent

Joseph P. Galant, Stanley & Family

Living and deceased members of Our Lady of Fatima Parish

**The Fatima Rosary for Peace**

*Our Lady of Fatima Pleaded That we pray the Holy Rosary Daily  
At O.L.F. before each Mass and at 4:00 P.M., Mon - Fri*



**The Easter Flower Offering** is an annual parish fundraiser. Not all the money raised goes for the purchase of flowers for Easter. When the decorations for the Holy Week/Easter season have been paid, the excess cash is placed in the regular account for use in general church expenditures.

Parishioners giving \$10 or more may give their contribution in memory of, or in the name of a single person, or a single family. We don't want to have to print your "list" in such a small font that no one will be able to read it easily.